

# Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 JULY, 1866.

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 6th day of June, 1866; the Speaker took the Chair. The Clerk then, by direction of the Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows :—

“ PROCLAMATION.

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ Whereas the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twelfth day of June instant: Now I, SIR JOHN YOUNG, 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 twenty-fourth day of July next ensuing; and I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-fourth day of July next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ (L.S.) JOHN YOUNG.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. Return of Writ :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him at the close of the last Session for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of The Williams, in room of Frederick Julian Manton, Esquire, Insolvent, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of John Robertson Nowlan, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. Message from His Excellency the Governor :—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message, “ That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”
- The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock, This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

4. Ordnance Land Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Martin 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.

5. Papers :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Lunatic Asylums," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 16th March, 1866.
  - (2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Approaches to Gundagai Bridge," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Macleay, on 21st February, 1866.
  - (3.) Return to Order, in reference to "Improvement of Navigation of River Murray and its Tributaries," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Landale, on 12th May, 1865.
- Ordered to be printed.
6. 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 at as early a period after the close of the late arduous and protracted Session as was considered practicable, due regard being had to your convenience, and to the preparation necessary to enable the Government to submit its measures for your consideration with as little delay as possible.

2. The increased taxation to which you gave your sanction for the purpose of maintaining the public credit, has proved fully as productive as was anticipated. The public income is now considerably in excess of the ordinary public expenditure; and when the Loans which have been authorized are negotiated, there is no reason to doubt that, by a due regard to economy, the late deficits will be discharged within the time prescribed by law for that purpose.

3. The failure to negotiate our securities in London has arisen, it is believed, not from any doubt entertained respecting the willingness or ability of this Colony to meet all its engagements, but from other causes, a statement of which, and of the steps which have been taken to remove them, will be submitted to you at an early opportunity.

4. The numerous large failures which have taken place in England may be expected to disturb commerce, to some extent, in all parts of the world; but as yet there exists no reason to apprehend that that disturbance will be of any serious moment amongst ourselves.

5. Bad seasons, and a failure of crops in different parts of the Colony, have been productive of much distress, to alleviate which the Government felt itself called upon to make loans to the more necessitous in different districts, for the purchase of seed wheat. The details of that expenditure will be laid before you, and your sanction for it will be invited.

6. Notwithstanding the advanced period of the year when the late disastrous drought broke up, and the partial floods with which we have since been visited, there is every reason to expect that the next season will be a favourable one, and that those who have been aided by the Government will be enabled to repay the advances which have been made to them.

7. The threatening aspect assumed by some of the Powers of Europe, and the probability of hostilities arising in which England may become involved, renders it necessary that steps should be promptly taken to fortify Port Jackson. Some heavy guns, with the necessary ammunition, have recently arrived, and surveys have been made and are now in progress, with a view to the commencement of some of the Fortifications, to which parliamentary sanction has been already given. These surveys and the proposed plans will shortly be laid before you.

8. During the recess the attention of the Government has been directed to the necessity of increased accommodation in the Gaols, Lunatic Asylums, and Benevolent Institutions of the Colony, and statements connected therewith will be submitted to you without delay.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. The Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year will shortly be laid before you, and it is hoped that you will concur in the retrenchments which will be then proposed. It is a matter of congratulation that no new taxation will be necessary to meet the expenditure for the ensuing year.

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

10. At as early a period as practicable, various measures of importance will be submitted to you, and amongst them, Bills for dealing with Juvenile Destitution—for establishing Juvenile Reformatories—for amending the Law with respect to Lunatics—for the better enforcing Prison Discipline—for the extension of Municipal Institutions—for regulating Public Education—for amending the Law regulating the Police Force—and for amending, in some particulars, the Land Laws.

11. Your attention to these important matters is earnestly invited, in the full confidence that, under Divine Providence, your deliberations will result in a proper settlement of them, and generally in the adoption of measures which will tend to preserve the public credit, and promote, with equal regard, the welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

Mr.

Mr. Joseph then moved, and Mr. Macleay 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-in-Chief, on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Terry, Mr. Walker, Mr. White, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Joseph 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 SIR JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, Knight  
“ Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross  
“ of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain  
“ General and Governor-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, the Members of the  
“ Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to  
“ express to Your Excellency our affection and loyalty to the person and Govern-  
“ ment of our Most Gracious Sovereign ; and to offer our respectful thanks for  
“ Your Excellency’s Speech.

“ 1. It affords us much gratification to be informed that the public income  
“ is in excess of the ordinary public expenditure.

“ 2. We agree with Your Excellency in regarding it as a matter of con-  
“ gratulation that no new taxation will be necessary to meet the expenditure for  
“ the ensuing year.

“ 3. The numerous and important measures which are about to be sub-  
“ mitted to us shall receive our careful consideration ; and we trust, with Your  
“ Excellency, that, under Divine Providence, we may be enabled to assist in the  
“ adoption of measures tending to preserve the public credit, and to promote the  
“ welfare of all classes of Her Majesty’s subjects.”

Mr. Joseph then moved, and Mr. Macleay seconded the Motion,—That the Address, in reply to the Governor-in-Chief’s Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. Adjournment :—Mr. Martin,—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,—and taking that opportunity of making a Ministerial Statement,—moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at three o’clock ; 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Six o’clock, until To-morrow, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 25.

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

## NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN 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.
2. MR. MARTIN to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.
3. MR. MARTIN 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.
4. MR. MARTIN 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.
5. MR. MARTIN 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.
6. MR. MARTIN 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.
7. MR. MARTIN 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.
8. MR. MARTIN 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 initialed on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
9. MR. MARTIN 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.
10. MR. MARTIN 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.
11. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Lang, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Windeyer, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
12. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wisdom, and Mr. Piddington, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses 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.

13. MR. MARTIN to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forlonge, and Mr. Brown, 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.
14. MR. BROWN to move, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
15. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act of 1866."
16. MR. DRIVER 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, shewing the number of cases in which writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum* have been granted by the Metropolitan and Coast District Court, Sydney, since the first day of January last, against Members of the Civil Service, specifying the name of each plaintiff and defendant, the amount of judgment debt, and amount of salary received by each defendant.
17. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner.
18. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to empower three-fourths of Juries of Twelve or Four to bring in verdicts in Civil or Criminal Cases.
19. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to require Confirmation of the Evidence of an Accomplice.
20. MR. EGAR to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.

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THURSDAY, JULY 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. WALKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it be the intention of the Government to effect any improvements to the Railway Stations at Mulgrave, Windsor and Richmond, as desired by the Inhabitants of these places; and if so, when will such improvements be carried out?
2. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1867, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains; if not, for what reason?
3. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Lachlan River at Nannemy, with as little delay as possible, in compliance with the vote of this House,—plans and specifications being completed, and the amount voted?

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TUESDAY, JULY 31.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the names and residences of the persons to whom Seed Wheat or Seed Oats have been supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.
  - (3.) Copy of the form of security or bond, if any, from the persons to whom such Seed Wheat or Oats have been supplied.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the management of the Customs Department, and upon the circumstances relating to the recent suspension of the Collector and other Officers of that Department.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Forster, Mr. Egar, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smart, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
  - (4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.
  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.
  - (7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.
  - (8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.
  - (9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.
2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY, 1866.

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

Address in Reply to the Governor-in-Chief's Opening Speech :—On motion of Mr. Martin (*at twenty minutes after Three o'clock*), the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor-in-Chief their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech :—

And, being returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had proceeded to Government House, and there presented to the Governor-in-Chief their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer thereto :—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I acknowledge with much satisfaction the expressions of your affection and loyalty to the person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, and rely with confidence on your exertions for the public advantage.

JOHN YOUNG.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 25th July, 1866.*

2. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Returns under District Courts Act of 1858, section 103.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
    - (1.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales for the Year 1865.
    - (2.) Abstract of Returns of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for Quarter ended 31 March, 1866.
    - (3.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1 April, 1865, to 31 March, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
  3. Vacant Seat (*Question of Privilege*) :—Mr. Martin (*without notice*) moved, That the Seat of Charles Cowper, junior, Esquire, held by him as Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the said Charles Cowper, junior, Esquire, having absented himself from this House during an entire Session without permission of the Assembly entered upon its journals.  
Question put and passed.
  4. Papers :—
    - (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
      - (1.) Return (in part) to Address, in reference to "Letters of Registration of Inventions," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 10th May, 1861, A.M.
      - (2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Lunatic Asylums," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on 14th November, 1865.
      - (3.) Annual Ordnance Returns, Nos. 1 and 2, dated 1 April, 1866.
      - (4.) Report on Condition of Church of England Cemetery at Newtown.

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- (5.) University of Sydney. (Report for 1865.)  
 (6.) Vaccination. (Report for 1865.)  
 (7.) Denominational School Board. (Report for 1865.)  
 (8.) National Education. (Report for 1865.)  
 (9.) Sydney Grammar School. (Report for 1865.)  
 (10.) Further Despatch, dated 26 February, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting Troops for Defence of the Colony.  
 (11.) Return to Order, in reference to "Literary or Scientific Institutions," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Dalgleish, on 21 April, 1864.  
 (12.) Return to Address, in reference to "University of Sydney," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Dr. Lang, on 13 March, 1866.  
 (13.) Returns of Electors for 1865-6.  
 (14.) Return to Order, in reference to "Electoral Returns," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Burns, on 18 March, 1864.  
 (15.) Australian Museum. (Report for 1865.)  
 Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Report of Commission on Harbour of Port Jackson.  
 Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Report from Chief Inspector of Sheep respecting Scab in Sheep, dated 14 July, 1866.  
 Ordered to be printed.
5. Business Days (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Dispatch of Business at Three o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.  
 Question put and passed.
6. Days for precedence of Government Business (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.  
 Question put and passed.
7. Days for precedence of Private Business, and relative precedence of Private Orders (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.  
 Question put and passed.
8. Formal Motions and Orders of the Day (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—  
 (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.  
 (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.  
 (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders, but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.  
 (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.  
 Question put and passed.
9. Resumption of Committee of Supply (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
 Question put and passed.
10. Resumption of Committee of Ways and Means (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as, of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.  
 Question put and passed.
11. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.  
 Question put and passed.

12. Balloting for Select Committees (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 initialed on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
- Question put and passed.
13. Entry of Questions and Answers on Votes (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings, the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.
- Question put and passed.
14. Vote of Chairman of Select Committees on Private Bill (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
- Question put and passed.
15. Library Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Lang, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Hart, and Mr. Windeyer, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
- Question put and passed.
16. Standing Orders Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hart, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wisdom, and Mr. Piddington; with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
- Question put and passed.
17. Refreshment Room Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forlonge, and Mr. Brown, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
- Question put and passed.
18. Chairman of Committees of the Whole House:—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Garrett made his acknowledgments to the House.
19. Game Preservation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act of 1866."
- Question put and passed.
20. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 16 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
21. Office of Coroner Abolition Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner.
- Question put and passed.
22. Verdicts Amendment Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to empower three-fourths of Juries of Twelve or Four to bring in Verdicts in Civil or Criminal Cases.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, intituled, "A Bill to empower three-fourths of Juries of Twelve and Four to bring in Verdicts in Civil and Criminal Cases,"—read a first time;—
- Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Friday fortnight.
23. Accomplices Evidence Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to require Confirmation of the Evidence of an Accomplice.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, intituled, "A Bill to require Confirmation of the Evidence of an Accomplice,"—read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday fortnight.

24. Customs Validation Bill:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

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THURSDAY, JULY 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. WALKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it be the intention of the Government to effect any improvements to the Railway Stations at Mulgrave, Windsor and Richmond, as desired by the Inhabitants of these places; and if so, when will such improvements be carried out?
2. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1867, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains; if not, for what reason?
3. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Lachlan River at Nannemy, with as little delay as possible, in compliance with the vote of this House,—plans and specifications being completed, and the amount voted?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Validation Bill; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.
  - (2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligan, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.
2. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the safe keeping of Petroleum.

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FRIDAY, JULY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
  - (1.) A Return of the quantity and value of Gold brought to the Mint by Escort from the several Gold Fields of the Colony during the year 1865.
  - (2.) A Return of Coinage at the Mint, and quantity of Gold exported during the year 1865.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the various sums expended by the Government, in accordance with the Vote of this House, as Rewards for the Discovery of new Gold Fields within the Colony, and specifying in whose favour, and in regard of what Gold Fields, the several appropriations have been made.
  - (4.) A Return of Departures from the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle to the various Ports of New Zealand for the past twelve months.
  - (5.) A Return of Arrivals to Ports in New South Wales from the Ports of New Zealand for the same period.
  - (6.) A Return of all Leases of Auriferous Grounds granted under the Regulations of February, 1864.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 31.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the names and residences of the persons to whom Seed Wheat or Seed Oats have been supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.
  - (3.) Copy of the form of security or bond, if any, from the persons to whom such Seed Wheat or Oats have been supplied.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Management of the Customs Department, and upon the circumstances relating to the recent suspension of the Collector and other Officers of that Department.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Forster, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smart, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.
3. MR. TUNKS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this House upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, with power to send for persons and papers, and to visit orchards, accompanied by a short-hand writer.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Pemell, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed during the last Session to inquire into, and report upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, be laid upon the Table of this House, with the view of being referred to such Committee.
4. MR. TUNKS to move,—
  - (1.) That it be referred to a Select Committee to consider whether the piece of land known as the "Reserve," at the head of Lavender Bay, North Shore, should be permanently reserved as a place of public recreation, and as a site for public baths.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay," laid on the Table of this House last Session, be referred to this Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
  - (4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.
  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.

(7.)

(7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.

(8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.

(9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.

2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
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New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1866.

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

Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 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

“ William Macleay, Esquire,  
“ Thomas Garrett, Esquire,  
“ James Hart, Esquire,  
“ William Richman Piddington, Esquire,  
“ John Caldwell, Esquire,  
“ Hugh Gordon, Esquire, and  
“ Stephen Campbell Brown, 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 26th day of July, in the  
“ year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

“ W. M. ARNOLD,  
“ *Speaker.*”

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

(1.) Railway Stations, Mulgrave, Windsor and Richmond :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If it be the intention of the Government to effect any improvements to the Railway Stations at Mulgrave, Windsor and Richmond, as desired by the Inhabitants of these places ; and if so, when will such improvements be carried out ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. Instructions have already been given for carrying out part of the works by the department, and plans and specifications have been prepared, and tenders will be invited for carrying out the others without delay.

(2.) Bridge over Fish River, at O'Connell Plains :—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1867, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains ; if not, for what reason ?

Mr.

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to place any sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Bridge in this locality; nor has any representation, so far as I am aware, been made to the Government that a Bridge is required.

(3.) Bridge over Lachlan River at Nannemy:—Mr. Cumings asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Lachlan River at Nannemy, with as little delay as possible, in compliance with the vote of this House,—plans and specifications being completed, and the amount voted?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No. After the sum of £5,000 was voted in 1862 for the erection of a bridge at Nannemy, the gold was discovered at Forbes, and under the pressure of the rush there, a bridge was constructed over the Lachlan at Forbes. An amount was then voted for a bridge over the Lachlan at Cowra, and tenders have been invited, but no eligible tender received within the amount voted. Under these circumstances it is not considered desirable to incur so large an expenditure for a third bridge within 100 miles, over a river which, for the greater part of the year, is passable at the fords, so much so as to render it useless to put a toll on the bridges in the present state of the law.

3. Fisheries Act of 1865:—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from certain Residents on the Hunter River who obtain their living as Fishermen, praying for the repeal of certain provisions of the said Act.  
Petition received.

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

(1.) Abstracts of Crown Lands (marked Nos. 5 and 6, 1866), authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.

(2.) Additional Regulations (dated 17 July, 1866) under the Scab in Sheep Act of 1863.

(3.) Return to Address, in reference to "Crown Lands Sold and offered for Sale in 1864 and 1865," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Wilson, on 9 January, 1866.

(4.) Return to Order, in reference to "Conditional Purchases of Land which have reverted to the Crown," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 1 March, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wilson, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 1.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends the Legislative Assembly to make provision to prevent the introduction or propagation of infectious or contagious diseases amongst Cattle and other animals, and for the necessary expenses connected therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th July, 1866.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject referred to.

6. Petroleum Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the safe keeping of Petroleum.  
Question put and passed.

7. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney*,"—read a first time.

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

8. Petroleum Bill:—Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the safe keeping of Petroleum*,"—read a first time.

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

9. Registration of Brands Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wilson, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

*Message, No. 2.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends the Legislative Assembly to make provision for the "Registration of Brands," and for the necessary expenses connected therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 26th July, 1866.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject referred to.

10. Customs Validation Bill :—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.  
The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said resolution be received to-morrow.
11. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Macpherson withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.  
The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 27.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of any letters or other documents in connection with the case of David Gibson, who recently died in the Sydney Infirmary?
2. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to erect a Telegraph Office at Adelong, and if so, when?
3. MR. RODD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to regulate the present high charges that exist for Minting Gold, and if so, when?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol and other Prisons allowed Tobacco?
  - (2.) What quantity of Tobacco is consumed per week by Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol?
  - (3.) What is the allowance of Tobacco per man per day?
  - (4.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison declined to use the Tobacco served out to them by the authorities, in consequence of their being of opinion that it is of inferior quality?
  - (5.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, demanded a superior quality of Tobacco than that served out to them by the authorities?
  - (6.) Has any of the Tobacco objected to by any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, been returned to the contractor who supplies the article in consequence of said objections?
  - (7.) Are any of the prisoners in any of our Prisons supplied with other luxuries besides Tobacco, such as Spirits, Wine, or Beer?
  - (8.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware of any other Prisons in the World where prisoners under sentence are allowed the use of Tobacco?
  - (9.) Were a number of prisoners, sailors by profession, at present confined in Maitland Gaol, offered their liberty the other day, on condition that they would ship as sailors from the Port of Newcastle, at the current rate of wages?
  - (10.) How many sailors are at the present moment imprisoned in Maitland Gaol?
  - (11.) Did any of them accept the offer contained in Question No. 9?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Petroleum Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
  - (1.) A Return of the quantity and value of Gold brought to the Mint by Escort from the several Gold Fields of the Colony during the year 1865.
  - (2.) A Return of Coinage at the Mint, and quantity of Gold exported during the year 1865.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the various sums expended by the Government, in accordance with the Vote of this House, as Rewards for the Discovery of new Gold Fields within the Colony, and specifying in whose favour, and in regard of what Gold Fields, the several appropriations have been made.
  - (4.) A Return of Departures from the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle to the various Ports of New Zealand for the past twelve months.
  - (5.) A Return of Arrivals to Ports in New South Wales from the Ports of New Zealand for the same period.
  - (6.) A Return of all Leases of Auriferous Grounds granted under the Regulations of February, 1864.



2. MR. WISDOM to move, That the Petition, presented by him on the 26th July, from certain Fishermen on the Hunter River, praying for certain amendments in the Fisheries Act of 1865, be printed.
3. MR. FORSTER 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 remove restrictions upon distillation.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Destitute Children.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Juvenile Reformatories.
4. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Validation Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

TUESDAY, JULY 31.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask the COLONIAL TREASURER :—
  - (1.) Has any amount been transferred or borrowed from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to supplement the Loan Fund?
  - (2.) If so, how much?
  - (3.) What amount has been realised by the sale of Government Debentures since the last accounts were laid before the House?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was a person named Flinn, lately employed or commissioned by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, or by the Government, in command of, or association with a party, with the object of capturing the Bushranger Clarke, or any other Bushranger?
  - (2.) In such case, what was the nature of the instructions communicated, or the authority entrusted, to the said Flinn?
  - (3.) Was the said Flinn so employed or commissioned with or without the knowledge of the Police Authorities, or of any other Members of the Government than the Colonial Secretary?
  - (4.) Was any authority over the said Flinn or his associates, entrusted to any Member of the Legislature not holding an Office of emolument under the Government; and if so, to whom?
  - (5.) What was the total cost of the transaction?
  - (6.) What were the results in regard to the presumed object of capturing Clarke or any other Bushranger?
  - (7.) Did any collision, or any occurrence in the nature of a collision with the Police, take place, on the part of the said Flinn, or his associates?
3. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of Government to bring in any Bill, or to adopt any other measure, during the present Session of Parliament, to afford additional facilities for the encouragement and promotion of Immigration from the Mother Country, and for the settlement of respectable families and individuals on the Waste Lands of the Colony?
4. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it is true that there is a Government Reserve of twenty-five feet frontage to Darling Harbour, in the vicinity of the Market Wharf, for the accommodation of boatmen plying in that harbour, of whom there are some of not less than twenty-eight years standing?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the names and residences of the persons to whom Seed Wheat or Seed Oats have been supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.
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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 Management of the Customs Department, and upon the circumstances relating to the recent suspension of the Collector and other Officers of that Department.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Forster, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smart, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

3. MR. TUNKS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this House upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, with power to send for persons and papers, and to visit orchards, accompanied by a short-hand writer.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Pemell, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed during the last Session to inquire into, and report upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, be laid upon the Table of this House, with the view of being referred to such Committee.
4. MR. TUNKS to move,—
- (1.) That it be referred to a Select Committee to consider whether the piece of land known as the "Reserve," at the head of Lavender Bay, North Shore, should be permanently reserved as a place of public recreation, and as a site for public baths.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay," laid on the Table of this House last Session, be referred to this Committee.
5. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
6. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.
  - (2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
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  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.
  - (7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.
  - (8.)

(8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.

(9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.

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That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 JULY, 1866.

1. There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—  
Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hurley, Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Sutherland,  
and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock,  
until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, JULY 31.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* the COLONIAL TREASURER :—
  - (1.) Has any amount been transferred or borrowed from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to supplement the Loan Fund?
  - (2.) If so, how much?
  - (3.) What amount has been realised by the sale of Government Debentures since the last accounts were laid before the House?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was a person named Flinn, lately employed or commissioned by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, or by the Government, in command of, or association with a party, with the object of capturing the Bushranger Clarke, or any other Bushranger?
  - (2.) In such case, what was the nature of the instructions communicated, or the authority entrusted, to the said Flinn?
  - (3.) Was the said Flinn so employed or commissioned with or without the knowledge of the Police Authorities, or of any other Members of the Government than the Colonial Secretary?
  - (4.) Was any authority over the said Flinn or his associates, entrusted to any Member of the Legislature not holding an Office of emolument under the Government; and if so, to whom?
  - (5.) What was the total cost of the transaction?
  - (6.) What were the results in regard to the presumed object of capturing Clarke or any other Bushranger?
  - (7.) Did any collision, or any occurrence in the nature of a collision with the Police, take place, on the part of the said Flinn, or his associates?

3. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of Government to bring in any Bill, or to adopt any other measure, during the present Session of Parliament, to afford additional facilities for the encouragement and promotion of Immigration from the Mother Country, and for the settlement of respectable families and individuals on the Waste Lands of the Colony?
4. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it is true that there is a Government Reserve of twenty-five feet frontage to Darling Harbour, in the vicinity of the Market Wharf, for the accommodation of boatmen plying in that harbour, of whom there are some of not less than twenty-eight years standing?
5. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of any letters or other documents in connection with the case of David Gibson, who recently died in the Sydney Infirmary?
6. MR. RODD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to erect a Telegraph Office at Adelong, and if so, when?
7. MR. RODD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to regulate the present high charges that exist for Minting Gold, and if so, when?
8. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol and other Prisons allowed Tobacco?
  - (2.) What quantity of Tobacco is consumed per week by Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol?
  - (3.) What is the allowance of Tobacco per man per day?
  - (4.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison declined to use the Tobacco served out to them by the authorities, in consequence of their being of opinion that it is of inferior quality?
  - (5.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, demanded a superior quality of Tobacco than that served out to them by the authorities?
  - (6.) Has any of the Tobacco objected to by any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, been returned to the contractor who supplies the article in consequence of said objections?
  - (7.) Are any of the prisoners in any of our Prisons supplied with other luxuries besides Tobacco, such as Spirits, Wine, or Beer?
  - (8.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware of any other Prisons in the World where prisoners under sentence are allowed the use of Tobacco?
  - (9.) Were a number of prisoners, sailors by profession, at present confined in Maitland Gaol, offered their liberty the other day, on condition that they would ship as sailors from the Port of Newcastle, at the current rate of wages?
  - (10.) How many sailors are at the present moment imprisoned in Maitland Gaol?
  - (11.) Did any of them accept the offer contained in Question No. 9?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the names and residences of the persons to whom Seed Wheat or Seed Oats have been supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.
  - (3.) Copy of the form of security or bond, if any, from the persons to whom such Seed Wheat or Oats have been supplied.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Management of the Customs Department, and upon the circumstances relating to the recent suspension of the Collector and other Officers of that Department.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Forster, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smart, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.
3. MR. TUNKS to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this House upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, with power to send for persons and papers, and to visit orchards, accompanied by a short-hand writer.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Pemell, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed during the last Session to inquire into, and report upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, be laid upon the Table of this House, with the view of being referred to such Committee.
4. MR. TUNKS to move,—
  - (1.) That it be referred to a Select Committee to consider whether the piece of land known as the "Reserve," at the head of Lavender Bay, North Shore, should be permanently reserved as a place of public recreation, and as a site for public baths.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay," laid on the Table of this House last Session, be referred to this Committee.

5. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
6. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.
  - (2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.
7. MR. RODD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
  - (1.) A Return of the quantity and value of Gold brought to the Mint by Escort from the several Gold Fields of the Colony during the year 1865.
  - (2.) A Return of Coinage at the Mint, and quantity of Gold exported during the year 1865.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the various sums expended by the Government, in accordance with the Vote of this House, as Rewards for the Discovery of new Gold Fields within the Colony, and specifying in whose favour, and in regard of what Gold Fields, the several appropriations have been made.
  - (4.) A Return of Departures from the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle to the various Ports of New Zealand for the past twelve months.
  - (5.) A Return of Arrivals to Ports in New South Wales from the Ports of New Zealand for the same period.
  - (6.) A Return of all Leases of Auriferous Grounds granted under the Regulations of February, 1864.
8. MR. WISDOM to move, That the Petition, presented by him on the 26th July, from certain Fishermen on the Hunter River, praying for certain amendments in the Fisheries Act of 1865, be printed.
9. MR. FORSTER 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 remove restrictions upon distillation.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Petroleum Bill ; second reading.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Destitute Children.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Juvenile Reformatories.
4. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs Validation Bill ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

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 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill ; second reading.

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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

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1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 JULY, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had received, on the 27th instant, a letter from John Connell Laycock, Esquire, (dated 21st July, 1866), resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence,—which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—

“ Yamba, Clarence River Heads,  
 “ July 21st, 1866.

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

“ Sir,

“ I now resign my Seat as Member for The Clarence, in the Legislative  
 “ Assembly of N. S. W.

“ I have the honor to be,  
 Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,  
 “ JNO. CONNELL LAYCOCK.”

Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That the Seat of John Connell Laycock, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Connell Laycock, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Consolidated and Loan Funds—Debentures:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any amount been transferred or borrowed from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to supplement the Loan Fund?

(2.) If so, how much?

(3.) What amount has been realised by the sale of Government Debentures since the last accounts were laid before the House?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I regret that I am unable to answer my Honorable friend's Questions pending the “ Financial Statement,” antecedently to which it would not be for the public advantage to disclose a portion only of the facts bearing on our financial position.

(2.) Bushranger Clarke.—*Employè* Flinn:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was a person named Flinn, lately employed or commissioned by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, or by the Government, in command of, or association with a party, with the object of capturing the Bushranger Clarke, or any other Bushranger?

(2.) In such case, what was the nature of the instructions communicated, or the authority entrusted, to the said Flinn?

(3.) Was the said Flinn so employed or commissioned with or without the knowledge of the Police Authorities, or of any other Members of the Government than the Colonial Secretary?

(4.) Was any authority over the said Flinn or his associates, entrusted to any Member of the Legislature not holding an Office of emolument under the Government; and if so, to whom?

(5.) What was the total cost of the transaction?

(6.) What were the results in regard to the presumed object of capturing Clarke or any other Bushranger?

(7.) Did any collision, or any occurrence in the nature of a collision with the Police, take place, on the part of the said Flinn, or his associates?

Mr.



Mr. Parkes answered,—I hope I shall not be deemed disrespectful if I decline answering these questions. The outlaw Clarke and some of his companions are still at large. That being so, I think the House will see the impropriety of the Government saying what steps have or have not been adopted to effect their apprehension.

- (3.) Immigration—Settlement of Waste Lands :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of Government to bring in any Bill, or to adopt any other measure, during the present Session of Parliament, to afford additional facilities for the encouragement and promotion of Immigration from the Mother Country, and for the settlement of respectable families and individuals on the Waste Lands of the Colony?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has under its consideration a Bill to effect the objects stated in the Honorable and Reverend Member's question.

- (4.) Reserve, Market Wharf, Darling Harbour :—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is true that there is a Government Reserve of twenty-five feet frontage to Darling Harbour, in the vicinity of the Market Wharf, for the accommodation of boatmen plying in that harbour, of whom there are some of not less than twenty-eight years' standing?

Mr. Wilson answered,—I shall be most happy to give the Honorable and Reverend Member all the information in my power on the subject. There is no such Government Reserve. The Market Wharf has been handed over to the Municipal Council. By reference to the 6th clause of the Bye-laws of the Council, dated 21st November, 1857, it appears that "Lot No. 1 shall be reserved and appropriated for, and to the use of, licensed watermen and the owners of ferryboats, for the purpose of landing and taking off passengers, and for persons bringing by boat fish or fruit for sale in the City, and shall be used by them free from charge."

*Mr. Piddington not asking the Question standing in his name, No. 5, it dropped.*

*Mr. Rodd withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 6.*

- (5.) Charges for Minting Gold :—Mr. Rodd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Is it the intention of the Government to regulate the present high charges that exist for Minting Gold, and if so, when?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (6.) Allowances of Tobacco and other Luxuries in Darlinghurst and other Prisons :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Are the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol and other Prisons allowed Tobacco?

(2.) What quantity of Tobacco is consumed per week by Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(3.) What is the allowance of Tobacco per man per day?

(4.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison declined to use the Tobacco served out to them by the authorities, in consequence of their being of opinion that it is of inferior quality?

(5.) Have any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, demanded a superior quality of Tobacco than that served out to them by the authorities?

(6.) Has any of the Tobacco objected to by any of the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol or other Prison, been returned to the contractor who supplies the article in consequence of said objections?

(7.) Are any of the prisoners in any of our Prisons supplied with other luxuries besides Tobacco, such as Spirits, Wine, or Beer?

(8.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware of any other Prisons in the World where prisoners under sentence are allowed the use of Tobacco?

(9.) Were a number of prisoners, sailors by profession, at present confined in Maitland Gaol, offered their liberty the other day, on condition that they would ship as sailors from the Port of Newcastle, at the current rate of wages?

(10.) How many sailors are at the present moment imprisoned in Maitland Gaol?

(11.) Did any of them accept the offer contained in Question No. 9?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I shall deem it necessary to state a number of facts in answering these questions, beyond those embraced in the questions themselves. I shall first answer the several questions in the order in which they stand upon the Paper.

(1.) It is the practice in the Gaols at Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Maitland, and Bathurst, to allow prisoners, who are working, Tobacco; and it was done on the recommendation of the overseers appointed to direct their work.

(2.) The weekly average Tobacco consumption in the Gaol at Darlinghurst is 25  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. The number of prisoners is over 500.

(3.) The Tobacco allowed is from one to two ounces per week, according to the conduct and industry of the prisoners.

(4.) The prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol did not refuse, but complained of the Tobacco.

(5.) The prisoners in Parramatta Gaol, on one occasion, refused the Tobacco on account of the quality supplied, which was replaced by the quality they had hitherto received. There were very special circumstances attending this occurrence. Those special circumstances were these :—The late Gaoler, Mr. Allen, was then lying dead, and the prison was in a very disordered state, being without any proper head, and it was therefore deemed proper rather to comply with the request of the prisoners than to run the risk of disorganization in the imperfect state of the gaol.

(6.)

(6.) The Tobacco complained of by the prisoners was found not to be according to the terms of the contract (which requires every article to be the best of its class), and the contractor exchanged it. The matter was dealt with rather in relation to the right of the Government to receive the article of the quality paid for, than in reference to the complaint of the prisoners.

(7.) There is no allowance of the kind.

(8.) Tobacco is or was allowed in some of the Irish prisons. I am also informed by a gentleman in Sydney, that it is generally allowed in the prisons of the United States.

(9.) I find, on inquiry at Maitland, that the Shipping Master of Newcastle did visit the Maitland Gaol and inquire whether sailors then under confinement would, if their sentences were remitted, ship at the current rate of wages. But the Shipping Master had no authority to make any such inquiry; and the Government will cause an investigation into his conduct for visiting the gaol, and putting the questions he is stated to have asked, without any authority whatever.

(10.) The number of sailors now in Maitland Gaol is 29.

(11.) One person only was desirous of accepting the offer which was made in the unauthorized manner I have spoken of. The supposed reason of the others refusing was, that by serving their sentences they imagined they would evade their agreement for long voyages which they were under, and thus get into the inter-colonial trade where wages were far higher. I may state, that these sailors who were confined for infractions of the Shipping Laws, could scarcely be considered as coming within our criminal class. I wish to add a few remarks in reference to the condition of Darlinghurst Gaol, because statements have been made in no way founded on truth, as to the state of that Gaol. At this time I think the Gaol at Darlinghurst is in reality one of the best managed Gaols in these Colonies. I think also that the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol are employed in a more remunerative way than the prisoners of any other Gaol in those Colonies. I deem it right that these facts should be known, as the credit of these, if there be any credit, belongs, not to me, but to the Honorable Member for East Sydney. I would like to read a few figures, illustrative of what really has been done in this Gaol. By these it will be seen that the profit upon the prisoners' work during the last year amounted to £6,718 4s. This amount is composed of these several items:—

Matmaking ... ..	£363	4	8
Shoemaking ... ..	166	4	3
Tailoring ... ..	104	9	7
Bookbinding ... ..	68	8	0
Oakum picking ... ..	103	3	0
Needlework (Females) ... ..	232	13	5
Stone cutting ... ..	1,100	17	4
Carpentering ... ..	540	7	6
Masons ... ..	214	14	6
Painters ... ..	153	18	0
Cooper ... ..	22	4	0
Blacksmith ... ..	463	4	0
Tinsmith ... ..	42	12	0
Value of labour of Prisoners employed as Labourers, Cooks, &c. ... ..	3,142	3	9

Making a Total of ... .. £6,718 4 0

as the value of the prisoners labour, or as profit upon the labour done after the material has been paid for. Now this gives a result, I believe, beyond that of any other prison in the Australian Colonies; and it is right that these facts should be known to the credit of the very efficient officer in charge of the Gaol. I may state, that, in the Pentonville Prison, during one year, the Government actually paid £800 to employ the prisoners; that is to say, the work performed by the prisoners did not re-imburse the Government for the expenditure they incurred, by the sum of £800. It should be borne in mind that this Gaol at Darlinghurst is in a condition such as probably no other Gaol in the Colonies is in, and that this naturally impairs the chance of efficient and proper management. Although originally intended for 414, it has now in it considerably more than 500 prisoners. This crowded state of the Gaol must interfere with the management, and render it less efficiently conducted than it otherwise would be; but I have reason to believe that this Gaol is a credit to the Colony so far as the efficient management of it goes, and the profitable way in which the prisoners are employed. I have laid before the House these facts, because statements have been made inconsistent with them, which would tend to reflect discredit upon the officers of this establishment. I have in no way interfered with the regulations or economy of the Gaol, except to enforce stricter discipline than I found existing.

### 3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Crown Lands Statistics, Electorate of The Clarenc," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Laycock, on 9th January, 1866, (*being Return to Order (1) recorded in Entry 10 of the Votes and Proceedings of that day.*)  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Customs Receipts, River Murray—Exports *via* that River," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Phelps, on 27th March, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Gold Fields Act Amendment Act:—Mr. Rodd presented a Petition from certain Miners and others, assembled in Public Meeting at Adelong, praying for the rescission of a certain provision of the said Act.  
Petition received.
5. Customs Validation Bill:—Mr. Caldwell presented the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of the said Bill:—  
(1.) From James Cawley Tucker and William Duncan Stewart, of Sydney, trading together as Wine and Spirit Merchants under the style and firm of "Tucker and Co."  
(2.) From John Brown, Thomas Brown, William Brown, and Edward Wyld, carrying on business as General Merchants at Spring-street, Sydney, under the style and firm of "Brown and Co."  
Petitions received.
6. Mr. B. H. M'Cann (deceased):—Mr. Alexander presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Goulburn, representing that the late Mr. B. H. M'Cann, Inspector of National Schools for the Southern District, and formerly of the Western District, was drowned in crossing the Wollondilly River while in the execution of his duty, leaving a widow and four young children entirely unprovided for, and precluded from the advantages of the Public Service Superannuation Act; and praying relief for the said widow and children.  
Petition received.
7. Mr. N. L. Kentish:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Nathaniel Lipscomb Kentish, gentleman, relative to his dismissal from the Civil Service of the Crown.  
Petition received.
8. Library Committee—Standing Orders Committee (*Sessional Orders*):—Mr. Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That Mr. Martin, the mover for the appointment of the undermentioned Select Committees, on the 25th July, be discharged from attendance upon the said Committees:—  
(1.) Library Committee.  
(2.) Standing Orders Committee.  
Question put and passed.
9. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Districts bordering on the Murray, Edward, Murrumbidgee, and others interested in the Commercial and Social Advancement of these parts of the Colony, setting forth their want of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and the advantages which would accrue from the construction of such Railway; and praying favourable consideration of the premises.  
Petition received.
10. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
11. Disease in Fruit Trees:—  
(1.) ("*Formal Motion*") Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this House upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, with power to send for persons and papers, and to visit orchards, accompanied by a short-hand writer.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Graham, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Pemell, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Proceedings of, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed during the last Session to inquire into, and report upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, be laid upon the Table of this House, with the view of being referred to such Committee.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) The Clerk having laid the said documents upon the Table,—  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Tunks, that the said documents be referred to the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees now appointed.
12. Reserve, Lavender Bay ("*Formal Motion*") :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That it be referred to a Select Committee to consider whether the piece of land known as the "Reserve," at the head of Lavender Bay, North Shore, should be permanently reserved as a place of public recreation, and as a site for public baths.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lucas, and the Mover.  
(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay," laid on the Table of this House last Session, be referred to this Committee.  
Question put and passed.
13. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ("*Formal Motion*") :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.  
Question put and passed.

14. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Macpherson withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
15. Fisheries Act of 1865 (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by Mr. Wisdom, on the 26th July, from certain Fishermen on the Hunter River, praying for certain amendments in the Fisheries Act of 1865, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
16. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to remove restrictions upon distillation.  
Question put and passed.
17. Gold Fields Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields.  
Question put and passed.
18. Industrial Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Destitute Children.  
Question put and passed.
19. Reformatory Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Juvenile Reformatories.  
Question put and passed.
20. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.  
Question put and passed.
21. Registration of Brands Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.  
Question put and passed.
22. Industrial Schools Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for the relief of Destitute Children,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday week.
23. Reformatory Schools Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to establish Juvenile Reformatories,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday week.
24. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill:—Dr. Lang having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
25. Seed Wheat and Oats:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.  
(2.) A Return shewing "the names and residences of the persons to whom" Seed Wheat or Seed Oats "have been" supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.  
(3.) Copy of the form of security or bond, if any, from the persons to whom such Seed Wheat or Oats have been supplied.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended, in section (2), by omitting the words "the names and residences of the persons to whom," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the quantity of."  
Debate continued.  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Garrett.

Tellers.

Mr. Caldwell,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Farnell,	Tellers.
Mr. Osborne,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. White,	Mr. Donnelly.

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

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The Question having been further amended in the same section, on motion of Mr. Martin, by omitting the words "have been,"—

Question,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any person or persons with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats during the present year.

(2.) A Return shewing the quantity of Seed Wheat or Seed Oats supplied by the Government; specifying the districts, the quantity supplied, and the prices charged.

(3.) Copy of the form of security or bond, if any, from the persons to whom such Seed Wheat or Oats have been supplied,—

Put and passed.

26. Management of the Customs Department :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Management of the Customs Department, and upon the circumstances relating to the recent suspension of the Collector and other Officers of that Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Forster, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Smart, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Gordon, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

*Interruption.*

27. Member Sworn :—John Robertson Nowlan, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Williams.

28. Management of the Customs Department :—The Debate on Mr. Samuel's motion, recorded in Entry 26 above, resumed and continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Garrett,	

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Mr. Martin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Donnelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. White,	Mr. De Salis.

29. Statistics connected with Gold :—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the quantity and value of Gold brought to the Mint by Escort from the several Gold Fields of the Colony during the year 1865.

(2.) A Return of Coinage at the Mint, and quantity of Gold exported during the year 1865.

(3.) A Return shewing the various sums expended by the Government, in accordance with the Vote of this House, as Rewards for the Discovery of new Gold Fields within the Colony, and specifying in whose favour, and in regard of what Gold Fields, the several appropriations have been made.

(4.) A Return of Departures from the Ports of Sydney and Newcastle to the various Ports of New Zealand for the past twelve months.

(5.) A Return of Arrivals to Ports in New South Wales from the Ports of New Zealand for the same period.

(6.) A Return of all Leases of Auriferous Grounds granted under the Regulations of February, 1864.

Question put and passed.

30. Petroleum Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Driver,—on the ground that as the Bill related to Trade, it ought to have originated in a Committee of the Whole.

31. Customs Validation Bill :—

(1.) The Chairman of Committees reported, from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.

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

(2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865*," read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Ten 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, AUGUST 1.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of any letters or other documents in connection with the case of David Gibson, who recently died in the Sydney Infirmary?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields Bill ; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields.
3. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.
4. Registration of Brands Bill ; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.
5. Customs Validation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CALDWELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st of July, from Messrs. Brown and Co., against the passing of the Customs Validation Bill, be printed.
2. MR. CALDWELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st of July, from Messrs. J. C. Tucker and W. D. Stewart, against the passing of the Customs Validation Bill, be printed.
3. MR. GARRETT to move, That leave of absence be given to Mr. Pickering for one month, on account of serious illness.
4. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition respecting Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Inhabitants of Districts bordering on the Murray, be printed.
5. MR. RODD to move, That the Petition respecting the Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill, presented by him from certain Miners and others assembled in Public Meeting at Adelong, be printed.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.

*Question :—*

1. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether any contract has yet been taken for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the railway line from Singleton to Muswellbrook?  
(2.) If not, when is it likely such contract will be taken?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

*Question :—*

1. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) If it is the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Act?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the Impounding Act this Session?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to remove restrictions upon distillation.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER 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, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between their Honors the Judges, and any other persons, respecting the performance of the duties of the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and the Master in Equity by one individual, and the increase of salary to the Chief Clerk in the Master in Equity's Office, consequent upon Mr. Deffell having undertaken to fill the office of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates jointly with that of Master in Equity, together with any subsequent correspondence having reference to the late appointment of a Master in Equity separate from the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates. Also, of any Rules of Court made for the conduct of the business of the Master's Office when it was determined to unite the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and Master in Equity.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
  - (4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.
  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.
  - (7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.
  - (8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.
  - (9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.
2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition on behalf of the Widow and Children of Mr. B. H. McCann (deceased), presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Inhabitants of Goulburn, be printed.
5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.
  - (2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.
6. MR. COWPER 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, Copies of all Correspondence having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Walgett.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Industrial Schools Bill; second reading.
2. Reformatory Schools Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
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New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1866.

There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—  
Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cowper, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—  
the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at  
Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether any contract has yet been taken for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the railway line from Singleton to Muswellbrook?  
(2.) If not, when is it likely such contract will be taken?
2. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of any letters or other documents in connection with the case of David Gibson, who recently died in the Sydney Infirmary?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill; second reading.
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3. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.
4. Registration of Brands Bill; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.
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OTHER

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

## Question :—

1. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) If it is the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Act?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the Impounding Act this Session?

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1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to remove restrictions upon distillation.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
  - (4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.
  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.

(7.)

(7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.

(8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.

(9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.

2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition on behalf of the Widow and Children of Mr. B. H. McCann (deceased), presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Inhabitants of Goulburn, be printed.
5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.  
(2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.
6. MR. COWPER 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 having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Wallgett.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Industrial Schools Bill ; second reading.
2. Reformatory Schools Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

## New South Wales.

No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
 (1.) Railway Line from Singleton to Muswellbrook :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
 (1.) Whether any contract has yet been taken for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the railway line from Singleton to Muswellbrook?  
 (2.) If not, when is it likely such contract will be taken?  
 Mr. Byrnes answered,—  
 (1.) No.  
 (2.) Probably in November next. The works on No. 3 Contract will not be finished before December next, and the contract for the approaches to the Singleton Bridge on the south side of the Hunter, will be completed about the same time. The ballast for the extension—Singleton to Muswellbrook—having to be procured from the River Hunter, and on the south side, the ballasting cannot be commenced until the approaches are finished.  
 (2.) David Gibson (died in Infirmary) :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If the Government will have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of any letters or other documents in connection with the case of David Gibson, who recently died in the Sydney Infirmary?  
 Mr. Parkes answered,—Some correspondence has taken place in respect to the death of this youth, and I see no objection to laying the papers upon the Table.
2. William Burton :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from William Burton, representing that, having, in September, 1865, selected certain land at Mooney Creek, and paid the prescribed deposit thereon, he settled on the said land, and expended upon it upwards of £100; but that he has since been called upon, by notice from the Surveyor General's Office, to give up the said land, on the ground that it is on a Government Reserve—under which circumstances, being a poor man, he finds himself ruined; and praying relief.  
 Petition received.
3. Customs Validation Bill (*"Formal" Motions*) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Caldwell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st of July, from Messrs. Brown and Co., against the passing of the Customs Validation Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Caldwell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st of July, from Messrs. J. C. Tucker and W. D. Stewart, against the passing of the Customs Validation Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Leave of Absence (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be given to Mr. Pickering for one month, on account of serious illness.  
 Question put and passed.

5. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin (*"Formal" Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition respecting Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Inhabitants of Districts bordering on the Murray, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Gold Fields Act Amendment Act (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition respecting the Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill, presented by him from certain Miners and others assembled in Public Meeting at Adelong, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
And Bill read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain 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 to-morrow.
8. Gold Fields Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields.  
The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.
9. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious and Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.  
The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.
10. Registration of Brands Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.  
The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.
11. Customs Validation Bill:—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dignam,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Farnell,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Garrctt,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Neale.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twelve 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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) If it is the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Act?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the Impounding Act this Session?
2. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Government has entered into any arrangement with the Savings Bank for obtaining a part of the Funds of that Institution to meet the public Expenditure; if so, what are the particulars of the arrangement; and if he will lay upon the Table of the House, any Documents or Correspondence on the subject?
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) What sum of money was received by the Government from the Sureties of Mr. Perry, late Official Assignee?  
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to divide whatever sum was thus received proportionately among the creditors who were defrauded by Mr. Perry's defaultions?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to remove restrictions upon distillation.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *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 which has taken place between their Honors the Judges, and any other persons, respecting the performance of the duties of the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and the Master in Equity by one individual, and the increase of salary to the Chief Clerk in the Master in Equity's Office, consequent upon Mr. Deffell having undertaken to fill the office of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates jointly with that of Master in Equity, together with any subsequent correspondence having reference to the late appointment of a Master in Equity separate from the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates. Also, of any Rules of Court made for the conduct of the business of the Master's Office when it was determined to unite the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and Master in Equity.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That the Petition from N. L. Kentish, presented by him on Tuesday, July 31, be printed.
3. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Return setting forth, in round numbers, the actual amount paid or due for the construction of the Great Southern Line of Railroad since the 31st December, 1864, to the 31st July, 1866, including all cost and charges connected therewith.  
(2.) A similar Return, containing similar information relative to the Great Northern and Western Lines.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill; third reading.
2. Gold Fields Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
4. Registration of Brands Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
5. Customs Validation Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Are the Government aware that several of the streets in the Township of Raymond Terrace are incorrectly aligned?  
(2.) Will the Government make inquiry, with a view to rectify any deviation from the original survey on which the lands in that Township were sold?
2. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If the Government intend to propose to Parliament during the present Session, any measure for carrying out the views of the Colonial Secretary, as stated by him to Deputations during his recent tour to the Southern Districts and Victoria, respecting the Border Customs Duties?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Returns ordered on the 16th March last, respecting Lunatic Asylums and Gaols, will be laid upon the Table?

4. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund?
  - (2.) Loans Account?
  - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund?
  - (4.) Assessment on Sheep?
  - (5.) Police Reward Fund?
  - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund?
  - (7.) Special Receipts Account?
  - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account?
5. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to propose, during the present Session, a Bill for amending the Volunteer Act, and making better provision for regulating the Volunteer Corps?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
- (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
  - (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.
  - (4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.
  - (5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.
  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.
  - (7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.
  - (8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.
  - (9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.
2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—
- That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition on behalf of the Widow and Children of Mr. B. H. M'Cann (deceased), presented by him on the 31st July, from certain Inhabitants of Goulburn, be printed.

5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
 (1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.  
 (2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.
6. MR. COWPER 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 having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Wallgett.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Agent in London, respecting the heavy Guns ordered from England, in compliance with the Address of the House, on the 16th June, 1865, adopting the Report of the Select Committee on Defences.
8. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865?  
 (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?  
 (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?  
 (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?  
 (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill ; second reading.
2. Reformatory Schools Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Minor Roads Bill—Impounding Bill:—Mr. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. Roberts, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If it is the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Act?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to repeal or amend the Impounding Act this Session?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) A Bill to amend the Minor Roads Act is prepared, and is about to be laid before the House.

(2.) The Government are aware that the Impounding Act requires amendment, and it will be attended to as soon as possible.

- (2.) Arrangement with Savings Bank to meet Public Expenditure:—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether the Government has entered into any arrangement with the Savings Bank for obtaining a part of the Funds of that Institution to meet the public Expenditure; if so, what are the particulars of the arrangement; and if he will lay upon the Table of the House any Documents or Correspondence on the subject?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I must respectfully decline to answer the question of the Honorable Gentleman, pending the Financial Statement, in making which, the fullest information will be afforded to the House in reference to the entire Financial arrangements and policy of the Government.

*Mr. Buchanan not asking the Question standing in his name, No. 3, it dropped.*

2. Sydney Burial Grounds 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 prohibit Burials within 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 prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 3rd August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill:—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to remove restrictions upon distillation.

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The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received on Tuesday next.

4. Offices of Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and Master in Equity (Administration of Justice) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between their Honors the Judges, and any other persons, respecting the performance of the duties of the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and the Master in Equity by one individual, and the increase of salary to the Chief Clerk in the Master in Equity's Office, consequent upon Mr. Deffell having undertaken to fill the office of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates jointly with that of Master in Equity, together with any subsequent correspondence having reference to the late appointment of a Master in Equity separate from the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates. Also, of any Rules of Court made for the conduct of the business of the Master's Office when it was determined to unite the offices of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates and Master in Equity.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. Mr. N. L. Kentish :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from N. L. Kentish, presented by him on Tuesday, July 31, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Smart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Brown,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Nowlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. White,	Mr. Roberts.
Mr. Gordon,	

6. Railways :—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return setting forth, in round numbers, the actual amount paid or due for the construction of the Great Southern Line of Railroad since the 31st December, 1864, to the 31st July, 1866, including all cost and charges connected therewith.
- (2.) A similar Return, containing similar information relative to the Great Northern and Western Lines.
- Question put and passed.
7. Gold Fields Bill :—
- (1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the Gold Fields.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
8. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill :—
- (1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of infectious and contagious diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the introduction or propagation of infectious and contagious diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. Registration of Brands Bill :—
- (1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of Brands*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. Customs Validation Bill :—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Joseph,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Nowlan,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Brown.

Bill thereupon read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Eagar, *passed.*

Mr. Eagar then moved that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Eagar 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 render valid certain payments made under the Customs Act of 1865,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 3rd August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Deputy Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission under the Seal of the Colony, dated 3rd August, 1866, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Young, empowering Thomas Garrett, 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 Commission the following is a copy:—

"By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain General and Governor-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, Sir John Young, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorise Thomas Garrett, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly, to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

"Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, this third day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the thirtieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"JOHN YOUNG.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"HENRY PARKES."

The House adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that several of the streets in the Township of Raymond Terrace are incorrectly aligned?
  - (2.) Will the Government make inquiry, with a view to rectify any deviation from the original survey on which the lands in that Township were sold?
2. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If the Government intend to propose to Parliament during the present Session, any measure for carrying out the views of the Colonial Secretary, as stated by him to Deputations during his recent tour to the Southern Districts and Victoria, respecting the Border Customs Duties?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Returns ordered on the 16th March last, respecting Lunatic Asylums and Gaols, will be laid upon the Table?
4. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
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5. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to propose, during the present Session, a Bill for amending the Volunteer Act, and making better provision for regulating the Volunteer Corps?
6. MR. LEE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to expend the sum voted by this House in 1865 for the extension of the Maitland and Morpeth Railway, with a view of making the amount already expended upon this work productive?
  - (2.) And if not, for what reason?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to move*, That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—
  - (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving "That the Question be now put;" and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.
  - (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words "Original Question" shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.
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  - (6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.
  - (7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.
  - (8.)

(8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.

(9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.

2. DR. LANG to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
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5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865 ?  
(2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle ?  
(2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle ?  
(3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors ?  
(4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Industrial Schools Bill ; second reading.
2. Reformatory Schools Bill ; second reading.
3. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill ; second reading.
4. Registration of Brands Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
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New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1866.

The Speaker, at half-past Three o'clock, counting only Nineteen Members present besides himself, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Lee, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Tuks, and Mr. Wilson,—declared that there was not a Quorum present, and adjourned the House until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Industrial Schools Bill ; second reading.
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 THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; second reading.

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 FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. Forlonge, on behalf of Mr. Forster, withdrew the Questions Nos. 1 and 2.*

- (1.) Streets of Township of Raymond Terrace :—Mr. Samuel asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that several of the streets in the Township of Raymond Terrace are incorrectly aligned?

(2.) Will the Government make inquiry, with a view to rectify any deviation from the original survey on which the lands in that Township were sold?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The streets of Raymond Terrace have never been aligned. No application can be traced in the office, either in reference to the wish of inhabitants for an alignment, or as to any deviation from the original plan of Raymond Terrace. It has always been the practice of the Survey Department to interfere to prevent encroachments; but in order to do so representation must first be made.

- (2.) Border Customs Duties :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If the Government intend to propose to Parliament during the present Session, any measure for carrying out the views of the Colonial Secretary, as stated by him to Deputations during his recent tour to the Southern Districts and Victoria, respecting the Border Customs Duties?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Government would be glad to concur in any arrangement which would relieve those who are suffering inconvenience from the collection of the Border Duties; but such relief cannot be afforded, except by agreement between the Governments of this Colony and Victoria. No proposals have been submitted to this Government by, or on behalf of, the Government of Victoria, and until some arrangement can be made between the two Governments, this Government will not be in a position to submit any measure to Parliament respecting the Border Duties.

- (3.) Returns respecting Lunatic Asylums and Gaols :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When the Returns ordered on the 16th March last, respecting Lunatic Asylums and Gaols, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Return respecting Lunatic Asylums was laid on the Table on the 24th of last month. The Return respecting Gaols will be laid on the Table in the course of this week.

- (4.) Cash Balances in various Banks :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund?
- (2.) Loans Account?
- (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund?
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- (5.) Police Reward Fund?
- (6.) Police Superannuation Fund?
- (7.) Special Receipts Account?
- (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I must respectfully decline to furnish the information required until the Financial Statement is made.

(5.)

- (5.) Bill to amend Volunteer Act, &c. :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Whether the Government intend to propose, during the present Session, a Bill for amending the Volunteer Act, and making better provision for regulating the Volunteer Corps?  
Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has under its consideration a Bill to make better provision for regulating the Volunteer Corps.  
*Mr. Lee not asking the question standing in his name, No. 8, it dropped.*
2. Papers :—  
(1.) Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Rules of Supreme Court, from 7 April to 31 July, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, The Blue Book for the year 1865.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Reserve, Lavender Bay :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from James Milson, the elder, of Sydney, Esquire, praying for leave to appear before the Select Committee now sitting on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay," either in person or by Counsel or Attorney; and to produce and give evidence before such Committee, with reference to the matters in the said Petition referred to.  
Petition received.  
Mr. Cowper then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Reserve, Lavender Bay."  
Question put and passed.
4. Browns Collieries Railway Bill :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from James Brown and Alexander Brown of Newcastle, Merchants, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Petitioners to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway. (*Gazettes and Newspapers cited as containing the prescribed Advertisements not produced.*)  
Petition received.
5. Papers :—  
(1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
(1.) Correspondence respecting "David Gibson, (died in Infirmary)." (*In reference to Mr. Piddington's Question (2) in Votes and Proceedings, No. 7, of 2 August, 1866.*)  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Return of all Prisoners in Gaol on 1st June, 1866, shewing name, age, nation, sentence, offence, trade, physical condition, education, conduct, and character.  
(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table Amended Regulations (dated 31 July, 1866) under Gold Fields Act of 1861.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—  
(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported* :—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 26th July, 1866, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for dispatch 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 William Macleay, Thomas Garrett, James Hart, William Richman Piddington, and Hugh Gordon, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
7. Papers :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—  
(1.) Minutes of Treasury and Executive Council, respecting exemption of Widowers from operation of Stamp Duties Act.  
(2.) Despatches, dated respectively 5 May and 14 May, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Presbyterian College Bill :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Presbyterians, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College,—  
And Dr. Lang having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Empire* newspaper, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of July last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
9. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalising Bill :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Elders and Committee of Management of the Scots' Church, Sydney, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church, Sydney,—  
And Dr. Lang having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Empire* newspaper, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks, in the month of July last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.

10. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—  
 (1.) (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Dr. Lang having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, *“A Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years,”* read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
11. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Rodd, withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
12. Reserve, Lavender Bay (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, have power to report upon the subject referred to them, and also to send for persons and papers.  
 Question put and passed.
13. Industrial Schools Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed,—  
 And Bill read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
14. St. John's Parsonage Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—  
 MR. SPEAKER,  
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, *“An Act to authorize the erection of a Parsonage on a portion of the land granted for Saint John's Church Darlinghurst in the City of Sydney,”* presents the same to the Legislative Assembly, for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.  
 Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,  
 Sydney, 1st August, 1866. President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
15. Reformatory Schools Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
16. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, *and had also made an Amendment in the Title*, 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 Friday next.
17. Registration of Brands Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
18. Proposed Rules respecting Debate :—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
 That it be a Sessional Order of this House,—  
 (1.) That, in future, after a Debate on any Question, whether an amendment of the same, or any motion for adjournment, shall have been proposed or not, shall have continued for *twelve* consecutive hours, or for *thirty-two* hours accumulated from adjournments, (in either case including the time occupied in debating such amendments or motions for adjournment) it shall be in the power of any Member who has not spoken, to intercept the Debate by moving *“That the Question be now put;”* and that on such motion being seconded, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall put immediately such intercepting Question without Debate; and on its being decided in the affirmative, the original Question, as well as any amendment or amendments proposed, shall be put from the Chair in their due order, and decided without further Debate.  
 (2.) That in Committees of the Whole House, the words *“Original Question”* shall be held to mean the whole Question originally submitted to the consideration of the Committee, together with such amendments as may have been determined on during the discussion in Committee.  
 (3.) That no Member, except the mover of a Question or an Amendment shall be permitted (except by permission of the House) to address the House for a longer period than *sixty* minutes on such Question or Amendment.

(4.) That no Member shall be permitted to address a Committee of the Whole House more than *once* on each Amendment moved in Committee, nor more than *fifteen* minutes on each occasion of his addressing the Committee, except by permission of the Committee.

(5.) On a Question of adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate, no Member shall be permitted to address the House more than *ten* minutes, except by permission of the House.

(6.) No Member shall be permitted to move the adjournment of the House, or the adjournment of a Debate more than *once* during the same sitting.

(7.) In a Committee of the Whole House, no Member shall be permitted to move "That the Chairman leave the Chair," with or without additional words more than *once* during the same sitting in Committee, and no member shall be permitted to address the Committee upon this Question for a longer period than *five* minutes.

(8.) At any time during a Debate in the House, or during a discussion in Committee of the Whole, it shall be competent for any Member *once* to move that the whole or any part of the foregoing order be suspended for a given number of hours, and on the motion being seconded, it shall be put from the Chair without Debate, and if carried, the order, or any portion of it, shall be suspended for the number of hours specified.

(9.) No portion of the foregoing order shall apply to discussions in Committees of Ways and Means and of Supply, or to Debates on the Question that the House do resolve itself into such Committees.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. De Salis, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Hay,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lucas,

Main Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Piddington.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dignam,	

19. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Alexander not making the motion standing in his name, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

20. Pecuniary Transactions between certain Road Contractors and Storekeepers:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. A. Weber, of Braidwood, with reference to a Store Account, due to Mr. William Jones, by a Road Contractor named J. Backhouse.

(2.) A Copy of all Correspondence between any Officer or Officers in the Department of Public Works and Mr. William Cooper, of Nelligen, respecting a debt due by a Road Contractor named — Stout to said William Cooper.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

21. Motions Dropped:—Mr. Cowper not making the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 6 and 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.

22. Postponement:—Mr. Macpherson, on behalf of Mr. Forster, postponed the Motion No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.

23. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill:—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to remove restrictions upon Distillation.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Macpherson (on behalf of Mr. Forster), read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government received any communication from the British Government in reference to the Resolution of this House, passed last Session, maintaining the principle of religious equality, and objecting to any section of the Clergy taking precedence, on public occasions, over any other section of the Clergy, and which Resolution was ordered by this House to be forwarded to the British Government for its approval?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; second reading.
2. Industrial Schools Bill ; third reading.
3. Reformatory Schools Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HANNELL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steam-ship "Cawarra," and the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference to the wreck and life-boat.
2. DR. LANG *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College.
3. DR. LANG *to move*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church, Sydney.
4. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.
3. St. John's Parsonage Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FARNELL *to move*, That the Report of the Select Committee in the matter of "William Goodin," brought up on the 22nd December last, be now adopted, and communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865?
  - (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That this House approves of the Plans and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Morpeth Railway from the present terminus to Bell's paddock, laid before this House on the 20th March, 1866, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collicries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Precedence of certain Clergy on Public Occasions :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the Government received any communication from the British Government in reference to the Resolution of this House, passed last Session, maintaining the principle of religious equality, and objecting to any section of the Clergy taking precedence, on public occasions, over any other section of the Clergy, and which Resolution was ordered by this House to be forwarded to the British Government for its approval?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No answer whatever has been received on this subject.

2. The Clerk Summoned :—The Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had been just now summoned, on the part of the Defendants, to attend at the Supreme Court, in King-street, Sydney, at Ten o'clock to-morrow, in a case pending between David Buchanan, Plaintiff, and William Hanson and Samuel Bennett, Defendants, then and there to produce "the Oath taken by the said David Buchanan upon taking his Seat as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Morpeth, and also the Oath taken by him upon taking his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie,"—and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons, personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House;—which Question passed in the affirmative.

3. Tableland and Timbarra Gold Fields—Removal of Gold Commissioner :—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners and others, resident on the Tableland and Timbarra Gold Fields, setting forth the disadvantages likely to arise from the proposed abolition of the Office of Gold Commissioner to the said Gold Fields; and praying that the matter may be reconsidered before the removal of such Officer,—or that, if his retention be impossible, some provision may be made by which properly qualified residents may legally carry out the then existing Gold Field Regulations,—and that, in the event of a Local Board of Management being established, the decision of such Board may be subject to a further appeal to the District Commissioner.

Petition received.

4. Industrial Schools Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the relief of Destitute Children.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. 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 for the relief of Destitute Children,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th August, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.



5. Reformatory Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to establish Juvenile Reformatories*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. 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 establish Juvenile Reformatories*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 9th August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Presbyterian College Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College.

Question put and passed.

7. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

8. Gold Fields Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

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

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

9. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Hannell postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

(2.) Mr. Macpherson, on behalf of Mr. Forster, postponed the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

*Question:—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Was the Resolution of this House, passed last Session, maintaining the principle of religious equality, and objecting to any section of the Clergy taking precedence on public occasions over any other section of the Clergy, and which Resolution was ordered by this House to be forwarded to the British Government for its approval, forwarded as directed?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Verdicts Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.
3. St. John's Parsonage Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Report of the Select Committee in the matter of "William Goodin," brought up on the 22nd December last, be now adopted, and communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, in reference to the removal of the Gold Commissioner from the Table Land and Timbarra Gold Fields, be printed.
3. DR. LANG to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College*," for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.

4. DR. LANG to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the Allotment of the Scots Church Sydney*," for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to establish Work-houses.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill ; third reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. COWPER 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 having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Wallgett.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Agent in London, respecting the heavy Guns ordered from England, in compliance with the Address of the House, on the 16th June, 1865, adopting the Report of the Select Committee on Defences.
4. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from certain inhabitants of Goulburn, on behalf of the Widow and Children of B. H. M'Cann, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865 ?
  - (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle ?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors ?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general ?
3. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
  - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund ?
  - (2.) Loans Account ?
  - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund ?
  - (4.) Assessment on Sheep ?
  - (5.) Police Reward Fund ?
  - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund ?
  - (7.) Special Receipts Account ?
  - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That this House approves of the Plans and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Morpeth Railway from the present terminus to Bell's paddock, laid before this House on the 20th March, 1866, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HANNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steam-ship "Cawarra," and the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference to the wreck and life-boat.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Precedence of certain Clergy on Public Occasions:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Was the Resolution of this House, passed last Session, maintaining the principle of Religious equality, and objecting to any section of the Clergy taking precedence on public occasions over any other section of the Clergy, and which Resolution was ordered by this House to be forwarded to the British Government for its approval, forwarded as directed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly was forwarded in due course to the Secretary of State, by Mail of November last. An acknowledgment of its receipt has been returned, but no Despatch on the subject has been received.

2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order in reference to "Runs, Squattages, and Public Lands, held by Members of Parliament," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 28 March, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Table Land and Timbarra Gold Fields:—Removal of Gold Commissioner ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, in reference to the removal of the Gold Commissioner from the Table Land and Timbarra Gold Fields, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Claims against Government Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.  
Question put and passed.
5. Workhouse Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to establish Workhouses.  
Question put and passed.
6. Verdicts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Tighe moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "be," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and Report, with power to send for persons and papers."  
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Farnell, Dr. Lang, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Lucas, and the "Mover."  
Debate continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Egan,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Tighe,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Macpherson,	

Original

Original Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Kemp.
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Hay,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Farnell,	

7. Workhouse Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, intitled “*A Bill to establish Workhouses,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Accomplices Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the St. John’s Parsonage Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.
9. William Goodin:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee in the matter of “William Goodin,” brought up on the 22nd December last, be now adopted, and communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Motions Dropped:—Dr. Lang not making the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 3 and 4 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, they dropped.
11. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time and *passed*.  
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals.*”  
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, intitled “*An Act to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals,*” presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Eight o’clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. COWPER 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 having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Wallgett.

3. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Agent in London, respecting the heavy Guns ordered from England, in compliance with the Address of the House, on the 16th June, 1865, adopting the Report of the Select Committee on Defences.
4. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from certain inhabitants of Goulburn, on behalf of the Widow and Children of B. H. M'Cann, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865 ?
  - (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle ?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors ?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general ?
3. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
  - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund ?
  - (2.) Loans Account ?
  - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund ?
  - (4.) Assessment on Sheep ?
  - (5.) Police Reward Fund ?
  - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund ?
  - (7.) Special Receipts Account ?
  - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BYRNES to move, That this House approves of the Plans and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Morpeth Railway from the present terminus to Bell's Paddock, laid before this House on the 20th March, 1866, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Workhouse Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HANNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steam-ship "Cawarra," and the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference to the wreck and life-boat.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
3. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. St. John's Parsonage Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause the removal of the Bathurst Gaol from its present position to a more convenient site, its sanitary condition evidently being injurious to the health and lives of the residents of Bathurst.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Macpherson withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. Church of England Property Management Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Bishops, Clergy, and Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Members of the said Church to manage the property of that Church,—  
And Mr. Cowper having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, Newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of July and August, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order in reference to "Gaol Statistics," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 16 March, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Mrs. Eliza Lockyer:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Eliza Lockyer, of Sydney, Widow of the late Major Edmund Lockyer, referring to a former Petition from herself, presented to this House, and printed by its order, in 1861; re-iterating that she is a Widow with three young children totally unprovided for; and praying favorable consideration.  
Petition received.
5. Mr. B. H. M'Cann (deceased) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from certain inhabitants of Goulburn, on behalf of the Widow and Children of B. H. M'Cann, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Mr. Thomas Betteridge, Police Magistrate at Wallgett:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence having reference to the appointment of Mr. Thomas Betteridge to the office of Police Magistrate at Wallgett.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
7. Harbour Defences:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Agent in London, respecting the heavy Guns ordered from England, in compliance with the Address of the House, on the 16th June, 1865, adopting the Report of the Select Committee on Defences.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. Chinese Immigration Repeal Bill:—Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

Question



Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Josephson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Forlonge.
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Morrice,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Kemp,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Donnelly.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

*Questions :—*

- MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal, of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865?
  - (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject?
- MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?
- MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
  - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund?
  - (2.) Loans Account?
  - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund?
  - (4.) Assessment on Sheep?
  - (5.) Police Reward Fund?
  - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund?
  - (7.) Special Receipts Account?
  - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

- MR. BYRNES to move, That this House approves of the Plans and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Morpeth Railway from the present terminus to Bell's Paddock, laid before this House on the 20th March, 1866, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.
- MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for paving certain streets in the City of Sydney.
- MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the Regulation of Slaughter-houses.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- Registration of Brands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- Workhouse Bill; second reading.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return shewing the total amount received per month for all Passenger Traffic on Great Southern, Western, and Richmond Lines, from 1st January, 1865, to date of Return.
  - (2.) A Return shewing the daily total of Tickets issued by each Station (distinguishing single from return) from the 1st July, 1866, to date of Return, and during the corresponding days of the years 1864 and 1865.
  - (3.) A Return shewing the total amount received per month for all Passenger Traffic between Sydney and each of the four Suburban Stations, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood; and between each and the other of the said Suburban Stations, from 1st January, 1865, to date of Return.
2. DR. LANG to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College,*" for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.
3. DR. LANG to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the Allotment of the Scots Church Sydney,*" for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.
4. MR. COOPER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

## Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HANNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steam-ship "Cawarra," and the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference to the wreck and life-boat.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

## Questions :—

1. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the Government intend having the Township surveyed at Cannonbar?
2. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it be the intention of the Government to proclaim any Reserves for Water Supply in the Wellington and Bligh Districts, seeing all those already applied for and granted have been cancelled?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
3. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. St. John's Parsonage Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause the removal of the Bathurst Gaol from its present position to a more convenient site, its sanitary condition evidently being injurious to the health and lives of the residents of Bathurst.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of Mr. Sub-Inspector Dwyer to the National Board of Education, in reference to the state of the National School at Carcoar.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RIDD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

## New South Wales.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) Stamp Duties Act—Customs Act—Package Act:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the amendment of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, or for the amendment, limitation, or repeal of the Customs Act of 1865, or the Package Act of 1865 ?
    - (2.) If the Government object to answering the above question, when will they be prepared to give any information on the subject ?
 Mr. Eagar answered,—The information required by my Honorable Friend will be given when the Financial Statement is made.  
*Mr. Forster withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 2.*
  - (2.) Cash Balances in various Banks :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What is the amount of the Cash Balances at the credit of the following Accounts in the various Banks, on the first day of August, 1866, specifying separately,—
    - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund ?
    - (2.) Loans Account ?
    - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund ?
    - (4.) Assessment on Sheep ?
    - (5.) Police Reward Fund ?
    - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund ?
    - (7.) Special Receipts Account ?
    - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account ?
 Mr. Eagar answered :—I must again respectfully decline to furnish the information required by the Honorable Member until the Financial Statement is made.
2. Railway Plans, &c. (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plans and Book of Reference of a proposed extension of the Morpeth Railway from the present terminus to Bell's Paddock, laid before this House on the 20th March, 1866, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.  
 Question put and passed.
3. Sydney Paving Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney.  
 Question put and passed.
4. Slaughter-house Regulation Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the Regulation of Slaughter-houses.  
 Question put and passed.
5. Presbyterian Collège Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Collège,*" for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.  
 Question put and passed.

6. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—  
Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the Allotment of the Scots Church Sydney,*" for the introduction of which leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
7. Church of England Property Management Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church.  
Question put and passed.
8. Sydney Paving Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney,*" read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Church of England Property Management Bill:—Mr. Cowper 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 Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the Property of the said Church,*" read a first time.
10. Registration of Brands 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
11. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—John Caldwell and Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquires, were severally sworn at the Table by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
12. Workhouse Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
And Bill read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
13. Railways:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—  
(1.) A Return shewing the total amount received per month for all Passenger Traffic on Great Southern, Western, and Richmond Lines, from 1st January, 1865, to date of Return.  
(2.) A Return shewing the daily total of Tickets issued by each Station (distinguishing single from return) from the 1st July, 1866, to date of Return, and during the corresponding days of the years 1864 and 1865.  
(3.) A Return shewing the total amount received per month for all Passenger Traffic between Sydney and each of the four Suburban Stations, Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, and Burwood; and between each and the other of the said Suburban Stations, from 1st January, 1865, to date of Return.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration?
2. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Financial Statement of the Government be made to this House?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the more effectual punishment of Drunkards.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Sydney Paving Bill ; second reading.
3. Workhouse Bill ; third reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HANNELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steam-ship "Cawarra," and the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference to the wreck and life-boat.
2. MR. COWPER to move,—
  - (1.) That the Church of England Property Management Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Forster, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smart, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the Government intend having the Township surveyed at Cannonbar?
2. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it be the intention of the Government to proclaim any Reserves for Water Supply in the Wellington and Bligh Districts, seeing all those already applied for and granted have been cancelled?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
3. Accomplices Evidence Bill ; second reading.
4. St. John's Parsonage Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

*Question :—*

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that the Punt plying at Bedlam Ferry is so old and worn as to be dangerous to passengers?
  - (2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening for traffic the Road to Gladesville *via* Balmain and Five Dock ; and when will the same be opened to the public?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22.

## Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
*Mr. Forster withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 1.*  
 Financial Statement :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Financial Statement of the Government be made to this House?  
 Mr. Eagar answered,—The Financial Statement will be made in the early part of next month. A fortnight's notice of the intention of the Government to make such statement will be given to the House.
2. Drunkards Punishment Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the more effectual punishment of Drunkards.  
 Question put and passed.
3. Workhouse Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to establish Workhouses.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon, Mr. 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 establish Workhouses,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16th August, 1866.* Speaker.  
 Question put and passed.
4. Papers :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers (*presented in accordance with 5th Clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861*) :—  
 (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the said Act (made out from 23rd January to 31st July, 1866).  
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, as Sites for future Villages, in accordance with the 4th Section of the said Act (made out from 23rd January to 31st July, 1866).  
 (3.) Abstracts, marked respectively "No. 7" and "No. 8," "1866," of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the said Act.  
 Ordered to be printed.
5. Newcastle Life-boat ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Hannell moved, pursuant to Notice, (*as amended with the concurrence of the House.*) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the management of the Newcastle life-boat, together with a copy of the evidence, and all correspondence received by the Government and the Commission, with reference thereto.  
 Question put and passed.



6. Church of England Property Management Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Church of England Property Management Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Forster, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smart, Mr. White, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. Drunkards Punishment Bill :—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the more effectual punishment of Drunkards*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
9. Gold Fields 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. Customs Validation 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 render valid certain Payments made under the Customs Act of 1865*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 16 August, 1866.*
- T. A. MURRAY,  
President.
11. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Paving Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next. The House adjourned, at two minutes before Seven 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, AUGUST 17.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. LORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the Government intend having the Township surveyed at Cannonbar?
2. MR. LORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it be the intention of the Government to proclaim any Reserves for Water Supply in the Wellington and Bligh Districts, seeing all those already applied for and granted have been cancelled?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
3. Accomplices Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. St. John's Parsonage Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause the removal of the Bathurst Gaol from its present position to a more convenient site, its sanitary condition evidently being injurious to the health and lives of the residents of Bathurst.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

## Questions :—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that the Punt plying at Bedlam Ferry is so old and worn as to be dangerous to passengers ?
  - (2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening for traffic the Road to Gladesville *via* Balmain and Five Dock ; and when will the same be opened to the public ?
2. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether the Government Astronomer has been authorized by the Minister for Lands to enclose a portion of the Reserve on the Flagstaff Hill, which it is presumed by certain Aldermen of the City, had been set apart for the use of the Citizens ?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22.

## Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle ?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle ?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors ?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Drunkards Punishment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Fields Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Paving Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
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New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
 (1.) Township of Cannonbar :—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When the Government intend having the Township surveyed at Cannonbar?  
 Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Surveyor Campbell was instructed, on the 20th July last, to report on the best Site for a Village at Cannonbar, and to prepare a design embracing allotments of each class.  
 (2.) Reserves for Water Supply, Wellington and Bligh :—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether it be the intention of the Government to proclaim any Reserves for Water Supply in the Wellington and Bligh Districts, seeing all those already applied for and granted have been cancelled?  
 Mr. Wilson answered,—The Commissioner of this District is under instructions to recommend any further reservations that may be necessary. Of the Reserves already proclaimed, a large proportion have not been revoked, and in lieu of those which have been revoked, upon further examination, many additional Reserves have been at the same time proclaimed.
2. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract, made out from 23rd January to 31st July, 1866, 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 Victoria, No. 1 (*presented in accordance with the 5th Clause of the said Act*).  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Triennial Parliaments Bill postponed, on motion of Dr. Lang, until this day fortnight.
4. Claims against Government Bill :—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government. The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received on Tuesday next.
5. Accomplices Evidence Bill :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

*Tellers.*

Mr. Donnelly,  
 Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Fagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hannell.
Mr. Egan,	

6. St. John's Parsonage Bill, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
7. Postponements :—  
(1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burns, postponed the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday week.  
(2.) Mr. Cummings postponed the Motion, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.  
(3.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, postponed the Motion, No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before Five 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, AUGUST 21.

*Questions :—*

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
2. St. John's Parsonage Bill; third reading.

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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Drunkards Punishment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Fields Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Paving Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

## New South Wales.

No. 17.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Punt, Bedlam Ferry—Road to Gladesville, *via* Balmain and Five Dock :—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Punt plying at Bedlam Ferry is so old and worn as to be dangerous to passengers ?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in opening for traffic the Road to Gladesville *via* Balmain and Five Dock ; and when will the same be opened to the public ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) It was known that the Punt in question was not a new one, but no special representation as to its state has been made to the Government.

(2.) The Road was formally opened on the 13th instant, as notified in the *Gazette* of the 17th instant. The principal cause of delay was the obstruction offered by persons through whose lands the road passes.

- (2.) Government Astronomer—Reserve, Flagstaff Hill.—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether the Government Astronomer has been authorized by the Minister for Lands to enclose a portion of the Reserve on the Flagstaff Hill, which it is presumed by certain Aldermen of the City had been set apart for the use of the Citizens ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The fence erected at Flagstaff Hill is to protect the Magnetic Observatory, for the erection of which a sum of money was voted by Parliament. I may add, that this portion of land has not been reserved for any purpose.

2. Papers :—

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

(1.) Returns, for 1865, under Real Property Act.

(2.) Further Correspondence respecting “David Gibson (died in Infirmary),” in continuation of that laid on Table on 8th instant (*see Votes and Proceedings. No. 10, Entry 5 (1).*)

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to “Railways,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Cummings, on 3rd August, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Rewards for Discovery of New Gold Fields :—Mr. Rodd presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners of Jembaicumbene, in the Braidwood District, praying that, in any legislation which may be contemplated respecting the Gold Fields, the existing Regulations relative to rewards for the discovery of new Gold Fields may be modified in certain particulars, as proposed in the said Petition.  
Petition received.

4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Donnelly withdrew the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. St. John's Parsonage Bill (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to authorize the erection of a Parsonage on a portion of the Land granted for Saint John's Church “Darlinghurst in the City of Sydney.”*”

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the erection of a Parsonage on a portion of the land granted for "Saint John's Church Darlinghurst in the City of Sydney," returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st August, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. National School, Carcoar:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report of Mr. Sub-Inspector Dwyer to the National Board of Education, in reference to the state of the National School at Carcoar.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. Bathurst Gaol:—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause the removal of the Bathurst Gaol from its present position to a more convenient site, its sanitary condition evidently being injurious to the health and lives of the residents of Bathurst.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. Sydney Paving Bill:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, under the Signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, representing that they concur in the said Bill, and desire to be regarded by this House as the Promoters thereof; and praying, as such Promoters, that this House will deal with the said Bill, and that the same may be deemed and taken to be a Public Bill.

Petition received.

9. Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has taken place respecting the appointments made in the Customs Department since the month of March last, including the following documents, viz:—The Treasurer's Minute of 14 April, 1866, recommending the appointment of Messrs. Augustus Berney, Edward Jones, A. J. Ormsby, W. Kelly, J. B. Fraser, Charles Willis, Thomas Slattery, and John Baxter to new places in the Customs; and of all Correspondence between that date and the 18th May inclusive, in reference to those appointments, and especially Mr. Slattery's case. Also, all Correspondence between the Treasurer and Collector, from the 24th April to the 13th July last in Mr. Llewellyn's case. Also, all Correspondence between the Treasurer and Collector, from the 25th April to the 14th May last, respecting the Newcastle smuggling case. Also, all Correspondence in Mr. McDermott's case. Also, all Correspondence beginning on the 11th May last, and Minutes of the Treasurer, respecting Mr. Duncan's suspension, including the Collector's appeal to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Femell,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

10. Claims against Government Bill:—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, read a second time, and aged to.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*



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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?
  - (2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?
  - (3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?
  - (4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration?
3. MR. DE SALIS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Have the Government accepted a tender for the flooring of the Queen's Bridge at Queanbeyan? If so, what time was specified for the completion of the work?
  - (2.) Is the Minister for Works aware that this Bridge is dangerous to cross, and if the contractor or contractors (if any) are going to proceed with the work.
  - (3.) Whether there is a proper officer appointed to superintend the progress of the work; and if the timber for some time lying near the Bridge, which is said to be warped and unfit for that purpose, is to be used in the Bridge?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What is the extent of the Reserves made by the late Government last year, specifying the number of square miles; also, the number of acres reserved?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum of money was recovered from the sureties of Mr. Perry, late Official Assignee?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to divide whatever sum was thus recovered proportionately among the creditors who suffered by Mr. Perry's defalcations?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Drunkards Punishment Bill; second reading.
3. Gold Fields Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Paving Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.

*Question :—*

1. MR. HART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government intend to take measures to protect the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Woolloomooloo Bay, and the Citizens of Sydney who bathe therein, from the noxious effects arising from the continual pollution of the water in that Bay by the daily inflowing of the City sewage?
  - (2.) If no such intention is entertained, whether the Government is prepared to provide a suitable place or places in which the Citizens of Sydney may have the benefit of pure and wholesome baths?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. BURNS *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collicries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation

reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), it will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.

4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.
5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
6. MR. HART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.
7. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Systematic Reduction of Official Salaries :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to effect a systematic reduction of Official Salaries at any fixed rate, or upon any particular principle?

(2.) If so, at what rate, or upon what principle?

(3.) Is it intended to include in such, or in any other plan of reduction, the salaries of Ministers, or of future Governors?

(4.) If the Government object to answer the above questions, when will they be prepared to give any information upon the subject, or upon that of retrenchment in general?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to state what are the intentions of the Government on the several matters embraced by the Honorable Member's questions. When the Colonial Treasurer makes his statement to the House, the information asked for will be afforded.

- (2.) Alteration of the Law for Registration of Voters :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration of the Law relating to the Registration of Voters for the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the establishment of a system of self-registration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any measure of the kind this Session.

- (3.) Queen's Bridge at Queanbeyan :—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Have the Government accepted a tender for the flooring of the Queen's Bridge at Queanbeyan? If so, what time was specified for the completion of the work?

(2.) Is the Minister for Works aware that this Bridge is dangerous to cross, and if the contractor or contractors (if any) are going to proceed with the work?

(3.) Whether there is a proper officer appointed to superintend the progress of the work; and if the timber for some time lying near the Bridge, which is said to be warped and unfit for that purpose, is to be used in the Bridge?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; three months.

(2.) The Government are not aware that the floor is dangerous; if so, the contractor is liable.

(3.) Yes; the Road officer at Yass is the superintendent. All the timber on the ground was condemned a fortnight since.

- (4.) Reserves of Land :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What is the extent of the Reserves made by the late Government last year, specifying the number of square miles; also, the number of acres reserved?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Perhaps the Honorable Member will be satisfied with the number of acres. I am not, at this moment, in a position to tell him the number of square miles. The number of acres reserved from sale pending survey is 2,603,455.

Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question standing in his name, No 5.

2. Pitnacree Road :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Bolwarra, complaining of the bad state of the road from Pitnacree, East Maitland, and that although certain moneys are understood to have been appropriated for maintaining and repairing the said road, nothing whatever has been done for the last three years to protect or repair it; and praying inquiry with a view to redress.  
Petition received.
3. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table Return to Order in reference to "Mrs. Susan Oakes," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 27 February, 1866.
4. Registration of Brands 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 that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain 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 to-morrow.
5. Drunkards Punishment Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
And Bill read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Customs Validation Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Martin and read by the Speaker :—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message No. 3.

Governor.

A Bill intituled "An Act to render valid certain Payments made under the Customs 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, 22nd August, 1866.

7. Claims against Government Bill :—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, intituled "A Bill to enforce Claims against the Government," read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
8. Gold Fields 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 that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain 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 Friday next.
9. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Sydney Burial Grounds Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 22 August, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

SYDNEY BURIAL GROUNDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "An Act to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 22nd August, 1866.

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, lines 3 to 6. Omit "and whereas a suitable and convenient place has been provided situate at Haslem's Creek where the bodies of those who shall die in Sydney or its vicinity can be conveniently buried."  
" Clause 1, line 16. Omit "Municipal Council of the City of Sydney," insert "Colonial Secretary."  
" " line 17. Omit "them," insert "him."  
" " " Omit "their," insert "his."  
" " line 20. Omit "such Council," insert "he."

Examined—

GEORGE ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

(2.) Industrial Schools Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the relief of Destitute Children*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22 August, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Paving Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at half-past Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker*.

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

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What sum of money was recovered from the sureties of Mr. Perry, late Official Assignee?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to divide whatever sum was thus recovered proportionately among the creditors who suffered by Mr. Perry's defalcations?
2. MR. PICKERING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether the buildings at the deserted camp on the Rocky River Gold Fields are to remain unoccupied, or is it the intention of the Government to remove them, or sell them by public auction?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government that troopers shall be stationed in the mining township near Mount Welsh Gully, for the protection of the miners and other residents?
3. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has any contract been accepted for the construction of the approaches to the Pitnacree Bridge, which has been completed some time ago; and for the opening of which, for traffic, considerable inquiry is made by the public?
4. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is the Government aware that nearly half a mile of the road leading from East Maitland to Largs is so encroached upon by the River Hunter, that it is positively dangerous for traffic—being unfenced—so dangerous that on one recent occasion an accident occurred which nearly caused the loss of three lives, a horse and cart and a female having been precipitated into the river, over a depth of bank of twenty feet?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Registration of Brands Bill; third reading.
2. Drunkards Punishment Bill; third reading.
3. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Sydney Paving Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return shewing the state of the Balances in the Treasury, on the 1st August, at the credit of the following Accounts, viz. :—
    - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
    - (2.) Loans Account.
    - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund.
    - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
    - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
    - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
    - (7.) Special Receipts Account.
    - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
  - (2.) Also, the amount of Debentures reported to have been sold in London, by the Oriental Bank, by the last Mail, with the particulars of such sales.

2. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the Savings Bank, and any other Banks in the City, respecting the borrowing of any moneys for the public expenditure, or withdrawing deposits from them.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.

Question :—

1. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government intend to take measures to protect the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Woolloomooloo Bay, and the Citizens of Sydney who bathe therein, from the noxious effects arising from the continual pollution of the water in that Bay by the daily inflowing of the City sewage?
  - (2.) If no such intention is entertained, whether the Government is prepared to provide a suitable place or places in which the Citizens of Sydney may have the benefit of pure and wholesome baths?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; third reading.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), it will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.
5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.

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6. **MR. HART** to move,—  
 (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.
7. **MR. HART** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. RODD** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
 That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. DONNELLY** to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
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## New South Wales.

No. 19.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Perry, late Official Assignee:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What sum of money was recovered from the sureties of Mr. Perry, late Official Assignee?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to divide whatever sum was thus recovered proportionately among the creditors who suffered by Mr. Perry's defalcations?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) The sum is £1,200.

(2.) This money was paid by the Government to Mr. Sempill, who succeeded Mr. Perry as Official Assignee, and upon this gentleman solely rests the responsibility of distributing it among the creditors. The Government have no control whatever in the matter.

- (2.) Rocky River Gold Fields—Mount Welsh Gully:—Mr. Pickering asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether the buildings at the deserted camp on the Rocky River Gold Fields are to remain unoccupied, or is it the intention of the Government to remove them, or sell them by public auction?

(2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government that troopers shall be stationed in the mining township near Mount Welsh Gully, for the protection of the miners and other residents?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The buildings at the Rocky River Gold Fields are in the charge of a Gold Commissioner, the Government not having yet determined what is to be done with them, but there is no intention of either removing or selling them.

(2.) There is a Police Station on the Rocky River Gold Field, and no application has been made to the Government for additional police protection.

- (3.) Approaches to Pitnacree Bridge:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Has any contract been accepted for the construction of the approaches to the Pitnacree Bridge, which has been completed some time ago; and for the opening of which, for traffic, considerable inquiry is made by the public?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No contract has been taken, Government not having as yet obtained possession of the land for the approaches, nor can possession be obtained till it has been notified in the *Gazette* for one month. The Surveyor General states that the notice of the resumption of the land will be gazetted immediately.

- (4.) Road from East Maitland to Largs:—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is the Government aware that nearly half a mile of the road leading from East Maitland to Largs is so encroached upon by the River Hunter, that it is positively dangerous for traffic—being unfenced—so dangerous that on one recent occasion an accident occurred which nearly caused the loss of three lives, a horse and cart and a female having been precipitated into the river, over a depth of bank of twenty feet?

Mr. Wilson answered,—There has been no notification or application whatever made to the Government upon this subject, and they were not aware of the facts stated by the Honorable Member; but I will cause inquiries to be made as to the state of the road.



2. Registration of Brands 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 provide for the Registration of Brands.*"  
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 provide for the Registration of Brands,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 23rd August, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
3. Drunkards Punishment 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 for the more effectual punishment of Drunkards.*"  
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 for the more effectual punishment of Drunkards,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 23rd August, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
4. Sydney Paving Bill:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain Residents of Parramatta-street in the City of Sydney, in favour of the said Bill, and of the extension of its provisions to Parramatta-street.  
Petition received.
5. Papers:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—  
(1.) Abstract of Returns of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 30th June, 1866.  
(2.) Despatch, dated 8th March, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting Treaty of Navigation between Her Majesty and the King of Prussia.  
(3.) Despatch, dated 9th March, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting Treaty of Commerce between Her Majesty and the Emperor of Austria, with the Final Protocol.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Motions Withdrawn:—Mr. Cowper withdrew the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 1 and 2, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Sydney Burial Grounds Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.  
Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 23rd August, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Return to Address in reference to "Offices of Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, and Master in Equity (Administration of Justice)" adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 3rd August, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Sydney Paving Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Terry requesting the opinion of the Speaker as to whether this Bill ought not to have been introduced as a Private Bill,—  
The Speaker said that, in the House of Commons (May, 4th Edition, page 612 and seq.) similar Bills concerning a Metropolis were treated as Public Bills;—that our own 49th Standing Order recognized as Public Bills such Bills as the present one, provided they were "promoted" by the Municipal Authorities of the City, Town, or District proposed to be affected thereby;—and that, as the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney had petitioned to be regarded as the "Promoters" of the Bill in question, he could not but consider it to be properly before the House.  
Debate continued.  
Question put and passed,—  
And Bill read a second time. Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported, that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill :—Mr. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to remove Restrictions upon Distillation,*” read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow fortnight.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government intend to take measures to protect the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Woolloomooloo Bay, and the Citizens of Sydney who bathe therein, from the noxious effects arising from the continual pollution of the water in that Bay by the daily inflowing of the City sewage?
  - (2.) If no such intention is entertained, whether the Government is prepared to provide a suitable place or places in which the Citizens of Sydney may have the benefit of pure and wholesome baths?
2. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What was the amount of each tender received by the Government for the erection of a Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra?
  - (2.) Were any of the tenders received by the Government within the amount voted by this House last Session?
  - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra, without delay?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £200, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of all future Governors of this Colony to £5,000 a year.
3. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd August, from certain residents of Parramatta-street, praying that the provisions of the Paving Bill be extended to Parramatta-street, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Bill ; third reading.
2. Sydney Paving Bill ; third reading.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. BUENS *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.
5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
- (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
6. MR. HART to move,—
- (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.
7. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.
8. MR. COWPER to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the state of the Balances in the Treasury, on the 1st August, at the credit of the following Accounts, viz. :—
    - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
    - (2.) Loans Account.
    - (3.) Clergy and School Lands Fund.
    - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
    - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
    - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
    - (7.) Special Receipts Account.
    - (8.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
  - (2.) Also, the amount of Debentures reported to have been sold in London, by the Oriental Bank, by the last Mail, with the particulars of such sales.
9. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Colonial Treasurer and the Savings Bank, and any other Banks in the City, respecting the borrowing of any moneys for the public expenditure, or withdrawing deposits from them.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
  2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Woolloomooloo Bay,—Sewage—Baths :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether the Government intend to take measures to protect the inhabitants in the neighbourhood of Woolloomooloo Bay, and the Citizens of Sydney who bathe therein, from the noxious effects arising from the continual pollution of the water in that Bay by the daily inflowing of the City sewage ?

(2.) If no such intention is entertained, whether the Government is prepared to provide a suitable place or places in which the Citizens of Sydney may have the benefit of pure and wholesome baths ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It does not appear to me that this is a question which I can be expected to answer in its present form. It is rather a question which should be put to one of the Aldermen of the City who has the honor to hold a seat in this House.

- (2.) Bridge over Lachlan River at Cowra :—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What was the amount of each tender received by the Government for the erection of a Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra ?

(2.) Were any of the tenders received by the Government within the amount voted by this House last Session ?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Lachlan River, at Cowra, without delay ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) It is not usual to state the amounts of tenders for works not yet let, as it would hardly be fair to those who tendered.

(2.) Tenders were twice called for. On the first occasion, a tender just within the amount voted was received, but one of the sureties having declined to act, and the other not being considered eligible, fresh tenders were invited. On the second occasion, no tender within the amount voted was received for the work so specified. One offered to complete the work with a different species of timber, at a trifle under the amount, but not being in accordance with specification, the tender could not be accepted.

(3.) It is not the intention of the Government to place any amount upon the Estimate. The sum of £8,000, at present available, is considered sufficient.

2. Papers :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table Return (*in part*) to Order, and Further Return to Order, in reference to "Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 21 August, 1866 (*being Correspondence in Mr. Llewellyn's Case, and Correspondence respecting the Newcastle Alleged Smuggling Case*).  
Ordered to be printed.

3. Keiran Rigney ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £200, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.  
Question put and passed.
4. Sydney Paving Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd August, from certain residents of Parramatta-street, praying that the provisions of the Paving Bill be extended to Parramatta-street, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table Abstracts (numbered 1 to 24 consecutively) 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 Victoria, No. 1.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report of Astronomer, for 1865, on Government Observatory.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of all future Governors of this Colony to £5,000 a year.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Gordon.
Mr. Dodds,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Smart,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Alexander,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Macpherson.

- (2.) Mr. Buchanan having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of all future Governors,*" read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
7. Gold Fields Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.  
Mr. Donnelly 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, 20

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Eagar,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Nowlan,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Donnelly.

Original Question then put and passed,—

And Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, *passed.*Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields.*"

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 Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,**Sydney, 24th August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Sydney Paving Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a third time.

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Mr. Martin then moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Forlonge,	
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Nowlan,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Forster,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Brown.

Mr. Martin then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. 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 provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 24th August, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at half-past Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.

4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.
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  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
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8. MR. COWPER to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return showing the state of the Balances in the Treasury, on the 1st August, at the credit of the following Accounts, viz. :—
    - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
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## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Keiran Rigney :—Consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £200, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.
2. MR. WILSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit Burials in the Newtown Cemetery, and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd August, from certain residents at Bolwarra and others in the District of Hunter River, respecting the Pitnacree Road, be printed.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Papers:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Further Return to Order, in reference to "Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 21 August, 1866, (*being Correspondence in Mr. MacDermott's Case.*)

(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Newcastle Life Boat," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Hannell, on 16th August, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had received, on the 25th instant, a letter from Patrick Hill Osborne, Esquire, (dated 24th August, 1866,) tendering the resignation of his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Illawarra,—which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—

"Sydney, 24th August, 1866.

"To the Honorable

"The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,

"Sir,

"I do myself the honor to tender you the resignation of my Seat in the Legislative Assembly as Member for the District of Illawarra.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"P. H. OSBORNE."

Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That the Seat of Patrick Hill Osborne, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Illawarra, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Patrick Hill Osborne, Esquire.  
Question put and passed.

3. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Eleventh Annual Report on the Post Office Department, being for the year 1865.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill:—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wilson, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message, No. 4.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends the Legislative Assembly to make provision "for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases (scab and catarrh) in Sheep," and for the necessary expenses connected therewith.

Government House,  
Sydney, August, 1866.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject referred to.

5. Newtown and Randwick Cemeterics Bill:—  
(1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit Burials in the Newtown Cemetery, and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prohibit Burials in the Newtown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. State Aid to Religion:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion made by Mr. Lloyd, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Hurley,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Caldwell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Pemell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Hannell.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Dodds,	

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cummings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day "fortnight."

Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question for the proposed adjournment be amended by omitting the word "fortnight," with a view to inserting in its place the words "three months."

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Pickering.
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Hannell,	
Mr. Oatley,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker, in order that the House might be enabled to arrive at a decision for itself, gave his vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have been negatived.

Mr. Garrett then moved, That in the place of the word omitted the word "to-morrow" be inserted.

Debate continued.

And

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1866, A.M. :—

Question put, That the word "to-morrow" be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,		Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Egan,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Driver.	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Kemp.

The numbers being reported equal, the Speaker, for the same reason as on the occasion of the last Division, gave his vote with the Ayes, and declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

Question then put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Egan,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Forlonge,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,		Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Macpherson,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Driver.	Mr. Graham,	Mr. De Salis.

The numbers being again equal, the Speaker gave his vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have been negatived.

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Josephson, and Question put (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Buchanan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Egan,	Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Macpherson,	Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. De Salis.	Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Cummings,		Mr. Dodds,	

7. Motions Withdrawn :—The undermentioned Motions, on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, were withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named :—

(1.) No. 2 by Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burns.

(2.) Nos. 3 and 4 by Mr. Buchanan.

(3.) Nos. 5, 6, and 7 by Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Hart.

8. Motions Dropped :—Mr. Cowper not making the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 8 and 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.

9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What is the amount of Postage charged by the postal authorities of New South Wales for the conveyance of a single letter from Sydney to England *via* Panama?
  - (2.) What is the amount of Postage which the people of New South Wales have to pay out of the ordinary revenue for every such letter?
  - (3.) Has any contract been made and signed, or is there any intention of making or signing any contract, between the Government of this Country, and the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company, for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Government any recent information respecting the state of the roads in the district and neighbourhood of Port Macquarie?
  - (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to render these roads available for vehicles?
3. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government have appointed a Committee or Commission to inquire into the wreck of the steamship "Cawarra?"
  - (2.) Whether, if they have, the said Committee or Commission have given in their report?
  - (3.) If they have, whether the Government will lay the said report upon the Table of this House?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—Consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.
2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd August, from certain residents at Bolwarra and others in the District of Hunter River, respecting the Pitnacree Road, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Keiran Rigney :—Consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £200, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

*Question :—*

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent the serious encroachments which have for many years been taking place in the waters of the Harbour by silting?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.
3. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
4. MR. HART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.
5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
*Mr. Macleay withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 1.*
  - (1.) Roads, Port Macquarie :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
    - (1.) Has the Government any recent information respecting the state of the roads in the district and neighbourhood of Port Macquarie ?
    - (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to render these roads available for vehicles ?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—
    - (1.) Yes ; the report of the road overseer, dated 5th July.
    - (2.) The greater part of the works on the roads—Port Macquarie to Kempsey, Port Macquarie to Armidale, and Kempsey to Armidale—have been let as far as the amounts voted would admit. Amongst other works, a bridge at Hyndman's Creek, and the metalling of streets in Port Macquarie. The road overseer reports want of progress on account of wet and scarcity of labour.
  - (2.) Wreck of steamship "Cawarra."—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
    - (1.) Whether the Government have appointed a Committee or Commission to inquire into the wreck of the steamship "Cawarra ?"
    - (2.) Whether, if they have, the said Committee or Commission have given in their report ?
    - (3.) If they have, whether the Government will lay the said report upon the Table of this House ?
 Mr. Eagar answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member, I beg to state that some delay has arisen in this matter, from a doubt as to whether the Steam Navigation Board have power under the 16th Victoria, No. 46, to conduct an inquiry in the case of a total loss, to determine which point required a reference to the Crown Law Officers, who advise that no such power exists, and arrangements are now being made to conduct the inquiry by means of a Commission.
2. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Customs Statistics" made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Landale, on 12th May, 1865.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Pitnacree Road (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd August, from certain residents at Bolwarra and others in the District of Hunter River, respecting the Pitnacree Road, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.

4. Catherine Rigney :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from Catherine Rigney, of Maitland, widow, representing that her late husband was for several years in the service of the Sheriff, and ultimately promoted to the office of Turnkey in the Maitland Gaol, which office he was compelled to resign on account of failing health ; that, had his resignation been deferred by five months, he would have been entitled to a retiring allowance under the Superannuation Act, from the advantages of which his premature resignation debarred him ; and that she is left with six children unprovided for ;—and praying relief.  
Petition received.
5. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from Randolph John Want, of Sydney, Esquire, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the said Company. And Mr. Driver having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* Newspaper, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of July, and the *Bathurst Free Press* Newspaper, containing such Notices in the months of July and August, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
6. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.  
The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Resolution be received to-morrow.
7. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to this Bill with certain 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 to-morrow.
8. Keiran Rigney :—On motion of Mr. Buchanan, 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £200, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30.

*Question :—*

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent the serious encroachments which have for many years been taking place in the waters of the Harbour by silting ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—Reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.  
2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.  
2. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited.*"

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FRIDAY.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

*Question :—*

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What is the amount of Postage charged by the postal authorities of New South Wales for the conveyance of a single letter from Sydney to England *via* Panama ?
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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
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  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
4. MR. HART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
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5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.

ORDER

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collicries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

## New South Wales.

No. 23.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Encroachments on Harbour by Silting :—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent the serious encroachments which have for many years been taking place in the waters of the Harbour by silting?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government has not fully considered the subject of encroachments which have been made, and are being made, on the Harbour by silting, but, being impressed with the importance of the subject of the preservation of our Harbour, will introduce a measure, for the consideration of the Assembly, for that purpose, should Legislative action be considered necessary. The Report and Evidence taken before the Commission which was appointed to examine into this matter has been printed, and laid on the Table of the House.

2. Church of England Property Management Bill :—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 Bill was referred on the 16th instant, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Whereupon, Mr. Cowper moved, That the second reading of this Bill, *as amended in Select Committee*, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.

Question put and passed.

3. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill :—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited.*"

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Driver 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 Incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited.*"—read a first time.

4. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—

(1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

*Resolved*, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.

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

(2.) Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Wilson, having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the Prevention and Cure of Diseases in Sheep.*"—read a first time.

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

5. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.

6. Bathurst Civil Jury List:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the gentlemen forming the Civil Jury List at Bathurst.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. Reformatory Schools 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 establish Juvenile Reformatories,*" with the Amendments indicated by the Accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 29 August, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to establish Juvenile Reformatories," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 29th August, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 2.	<i>After "conviction" insert "by imprisonment for the period of fourteen days or any longer period"</i>
„ „ line 5.	<i>After "sentence" insert "or instead of passing upon such person the sentence prescribed by law for such offence direct such offender to be sent forthwith"</i>
„ „ lines 8 to 11.	<i>Omit "Provided always that no such offender shall be directed to be so sent and detained as aforesaid unless the sentence passed as a punishment for his offence shall be one of imprisonment for fourteen days at the least"</i>
„ „ line 11.	<i>Omit "further"</i>

Examined—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered,* on motion of Mr. Martin, 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 at twenty-two minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.

TUESDAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

*Question:—*

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What is the amount of Postage charged by the postal authorities of New South Wales for the conveyance of a single letter from Sydney to England *via* Panama?
  - (2.) What is the amount of Postage which the people of New South Wales have to pay out of the ordinary revenue for every such letter?
  - (3.) Has any contract been made and signed, or is there any intention of making or signing any contract, between the Government of this Country and the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company, for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interest of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.
3. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
4. MR. HART to move,—
  - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.
5. MR. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £210, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warder in Maitland Gaol.

ORDER

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; second reading.
2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill ; third reading.
3. Reformatory Schools Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill ; second reading.
2. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition, signed by Alfred Stephen, J. S. Willis, and others, praying, for reasons therein set forth, with reference to the said Bill, as follows, viz.:—That, whatever regulations this House may think it proper to establish for the public welfare, the Petitioners may not be deprived of the unfettered use of the portions of ground enclosed by them as burial places, nor be compelled to disturb the remains of beloved departed-relatives interred there, in violation of those feelings which, throughout all ages, have been regarded as sacred ; and that the right of the Petitioners and their representatives to use those burial places for interments shall not be subject to the discretion of any stranger, whatever his character or position.  
 Petition received.  
 Mr. Cowper then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved (without Notice), That the said Petition be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Question put and negatived.
3. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Martin 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.  
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
 Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Martin, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Tighe,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-eight 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, SEPTEMBER 4.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What is the amount of Postage charged by the postal authorities of New South Wales for the conveyance of a single letter from Sydney to England *via* Panama?
  - (2.) What is the amount of Postage which the people of New South Wales have to pay out of the ordinary revenue for every such letter?
  - (3.) Has any contract been made and signed, or is there any intention of making or signing any contract, between the Government of this Country and the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company, for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama?
2. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he will have any objection to lay on the Table of this House, any Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the New Board of Visitors to the Lunatic Asylums or the President of the Board, and any Reports made by the Board, not already upon the Table, upon the subject of the general management of the Asylums, and improved accommodation for the inmates?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the enormous Reserves that have taken place under the Land Law of 1861 have rendered that law, as far as the bulk of the people is concerned, in a great measure a dead letter; that under the present law the principle of Free Selection is crippled in so serious a degree as to render it almost extinct, and consequently to deprive the people of all chance of settling permanently on the Waste Lands of the Crown; that, under these circumstances, it is desirable to secure to the people every advantage which the Land Law of 1861 pretended to confer upon them, but which the power of reservation contained in it completely and effectually defeats. For the purpose, therefore, of affording the people a readier and easier access to, and settlement on, the Waste Lands of the Crown, it is desirable that the present law, as utterly inimical to the advancement and best interests of the people, should be so altered and improved as to embody the principle of clearly-defined agricultural areas, incapable of stultification by any power of reservation whatever, and by the adoption of which principle large tracts of the finest agricultural lands in the country shall be set aside in every district for the purpose of free selection, and in such quantities as to meet all the demands of the people; that the embodiment in law of such a principle as this, while it will enable the free selector to get whatever land he requires with the greatest ease and facility (which under the present law is nearly impossible), will also confer upon the country the very great advantage of witnessing both the agricultural and the pastoral interests flourishing alongside of each other, but never exposed to the possibility of injuring each other by collision.
3. MR. HART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—
  - (1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.
  - (2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.
  - (3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.
4. MR. HART *to move*,—
  - (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.



5. Mr. HART to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the opening up and appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery.
6. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1866, a sum of money not exceeding £210, to be appropriated for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Keiran Rigney, head warden in Maitland Gaol.
7. Mr. GARRETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between any person or persons and the Government of New South Wales, on the subject of the transmission of Telegraphic Press Messages, on the arrival of the English Mail at Adelaide, from May, 1859, to the present time—together with all letters and minutes in reference thereto.
  - (2.) All Correspondence between the Government of New South Wales and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia on the same subject, and for the same period.
8. Mr. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make better provision for Public Education.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill; third reading.
3. Reformatory Schools Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.

## New South Wales.

No. 25.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Edwin Daintrey, of Randwick, praying that, before the said Bill be passed, further enquiry may be made in reference to points indicated in the said Petition.  
Petition received.  
Mr. Cowper then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved (without Notice), That the said Petition be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Lewis Rymer :—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from Lewis Rymer, of Three Rivers, representing that he became the purchaser of a certain allotment of Land at a Crown Land Sale in 1862, upon which he settled and expended a considerable sum of money in Buildings, &c. ; but that he has been ejected from the said land, in consequence of a mistake of the Surveyor General's Department ;—and praying relief.  
Petition received.
4. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Donnelly presented a Petition from Frederick Griffin, of Pitt-street, praying for certain modifications of the said Bill.  
Petition received.  
Mr. Donnelly then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved (without Notice), That the said Petition be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) Postage on Letters to England, *via* Panama :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) What is the amount of Postage charged by the postal authorities of New South Wales for the conveyance of a single letter from Sydney to England *via* Panama ?
    - (2.) What is the amount of Postage which the people of New South Wales have to pay out of the ordinary revenue for every such letter ?
    - (3.) Has any contract been made and signed, or is there any intention of making or signing any contract, between the Government of this Country and the Panama, New Zealand, and Australian Royal Mail Company, for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama ?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—In reply to the first and third questions, I may state that the rate charged for letters under half an ounce is sixpence ; and that articles of agreement between the Governments of New Zealand and New South Wales, for carrying on the monthly Steam Postal Service between Panama and Sydney, have been interchanged by the two Governments, but not yet executed. With regard to the second question, it does not appear to the Government that it can be fairly answered without more extended data than at present exist. On an early day the whole correspondence on the subject shall be laid before the House.

(2.)

(2.) Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether he will have any objection to lay on the Table of this House, any Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the New Board of Visitors to the Lunatic Asylums or the President of the Board, and any Reports made by the Board, not already upon the Table, upon the subject of the general management of the Asylums, and improved accommodation for the inmates?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There can be no objection to laying on the Table of the House any of the correspondence referred to, but the utility of its production is not very apparent. Perhaps the Honorable Member will state more definitely what particular paper or document he desires to have produced.

6. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Return shewing the estimated number of Electors entitled to vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts for 1866-7.

(2.) Return shewing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales for 1866-7.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Proposal to dispense with the 65th Standing Order in respect of two Private Bills—Suggestion to amend the said Standing Order:—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee:—

“The Standing Orders Committee having had under consideration the “questions referred to them, (See entries 5 and 6 of Votes and Proceedings No. “14) as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order of the House “in so far as regards two Private Bills, intituled respectively,—‘*A Bill to legalize “the exchange of a portion of the Allotment of the Scots Church Sydney,*’—and, “*A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College,*’—and having taken evidence “thereon, are of opinion that the requirements of the said Standing Order in the “cases now referred to should not be dispensed with.

“The facts, as to the costs incident to these Bills, which were presented in “Evidence to the Committee, clearly shew, that, not only in the cases above “referred to, but in the majority of other cases of Private Bills, the fees, “contrary to the apparent intention of the 65th Standing Order, are insufficient “to meet the expenses attendant on such Bills.

“The Committee are therefore further of opinion, that, in order to equalize the “fees payable with the actual expenses incurred in case of Private Bills, an “Amendment of the 65th Standing Order is required.”

W. M. ARNOLD, Speaker,  
Chairman.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 31st August, 1866.*

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

8. Issue and Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported,—That, consequent upon the Vote of this House on the 25th July last, declaring vacant the Seat of Charles Cowper, Junior, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy so created, and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of Edward George Brown, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

9. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Rodd, withdrew the Motion standing No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

10. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill:—(“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

12. Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act:—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return specifying—

(1.) The number of furnaces within the Metropolitan District, liable to the provisions of the Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act, together with the several localities in which they are situate, and the names of their proprietors.

(2.) The number of such furnaces which have been brought under the operation of the said Act since the 1st July last.

(3.) A statement of the steps (if any) which have been taken by the Police or by the Inspector of Nuisances for the City of Sydney to enforce the provisions of the said Act since it came into operation.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. Mrs. Callaghan:—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, laid upon the Table of this House on the 15th day of June, 1865, recommends the claim of Mrs. Callaghan to the favourable consideration of the Government.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing recommendation.

Debate

Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Macleay.	Mr. Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Hay,	Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lloyd.	Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Macpherson.	Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. White,			

14. Cemetery at Haslem's Creek:—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons respecting the appropriation of the land at Haslem's Creek as a General Cemetery. Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
15. Motion ruled out of Order:—The Speaker ruled that the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Buchanan, No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, was out of order on the ground that substantially the same Question therein proposed had been already decided by this House during the current Session. The Motion therefore dropped.
16. Telegraphic Press Messages:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House,—  
(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between any person or persons and the Government of New South Wales, on the subject of the transmission of Telegraphic Press Messages, on the arrival of the English Mail at Adelaide, from May, 1859, to the present time—together with all letters and minutes in reference thereto.  
(2.) All Correspondence between the Government of New South Wales and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia on the same subject, and for the same period.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
17. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return (in part) to Order, in reference to "Statistics connected with Gold," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Rodd, on 31st July, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
18. State Aid to Religion:—The Adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Macpherson,—That this House will, on "Friday next," resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of public worship,—resumed and continued.  
Motion made by Mr. Farnell, and Question put (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,	Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cowper,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas.	Mr. White,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Oatley,		Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Alexander,		Mr. Terry,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Neale,		Mr. Pickering,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Caldwell,		Mr. Gordon,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Pomell,		Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Ryan,		Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Macleay,	

- Main Question stated.  
Motion made by Mr. Oatley and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.  
Main Question stated.  
Mr. Tighe moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the words "Friday next," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this day six months."  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Macpherson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.  
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1866, A.M. :—

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Forlonge,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Pemell,  
Mr. Neale,  
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Mr. Caldwell,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Forster,

Mr. Ryan,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Garrett,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Walker.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Eckford,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Hurlcy,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Cuuneeen,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Josephson,

*Tellers.*

Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Donnelly.

19. Postponements:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday week.
- (2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after 12 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, SEPTEMBER 5.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, in accordance with the intimation made in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to Crown Lands?
  - (2.) If so, when?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Have the Government received any special information, or made any special inquiry, relative to the disturbances on Sunday last, in Hyde Park?
  - (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to punish the disturbers, and to prevent the recurrence of such disturbances?
3. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government aware that a number of disorderly persons have caused considerable disturbance in Hyde Park during the last two Sunday afternoons, to the great danger of the lives and limbs of the Citizens?
  - (2.) If so, do the Government intend to adopt any measures for preventing similar dangerous and disorderly scenes in future?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to make better provision for Public Education.
2. MR. MARTIN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another year.
3. MR. PARKES *to move*, That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, in reference to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order in the matter of two Private Bills proposed to be introduced this Session by Dr. Lang, brought up and laid upon the Table on the 4th September, be now adopted by this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; second reading.
2. Newtown and Raudwick Cemeteries Bill; third reading.
3. Reformatory Schools Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EGAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, and Minutes of the Executive Council, also, all Correspondence with any other Department, together with all Plans, Estimates, Specifications, and Contracts respecting a Claim made by John Sutherland, Esq., M.P., on the Government, for work alleged to have been done in the years 1853-4 and 5, and all Vouchers relating thereto.
2. DR. LANG to move, That the Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Triennial Parliaments Bill, which lapsed on Friday last, from the counting out of the House, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 14th instant.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House will, on "Friday next," resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship,—upon which Mr. Tighe had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of the words "Friday next," with a view to insert in their place the words "this day six months."

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

## Question :—

1. MR. LORD to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If the Government intend appointing a Police Magistrate, to act also as Clerk of Petty Sessions, at Cannonbar?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
2. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th September, from Lewis Rymer, be printed.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. FORSTER 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 place upon the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the navigation of the River Manning.
5. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House; copies of all Correspondence between the Government and their local officers, and Messrs Kirk and Goldsborough, and Mr. John J. Main, relating to the disputed claim of the said John J. Main to his Free Selection of forty acres, and the right to which it entitled him of an additional portion of one hundred and twenty acres.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—
    - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cork at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
    - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
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## New South Wales.

No. 26.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Laws relating to Crown Lands :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, in accordance with the intimation made in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to Crown Lands?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention, during the present Session, to introduce such a Bill as that alluded to, but it is out of my power to inform the Honorable Gentleman on what day it will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Sunday Disturbances on Hyde Park :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the Government received any special information, or made any special inquiry, relative to the disturbances on Sunday last, in Hyde Park?

(2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to punish the disturbers, and to prevent the recurrence of such disturbances?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government has observed with considerable regret the statements in the Newspapers respecting the disturbance referred to. It is thought that persons ought not to use language in public places calculated to lead to a breach of the peace, such as has on several occasions been used by the persons who have undertaken to preach on the Race Course. The Rev. Mr. Westwood was spoken to during the last week, and requested to abstain from using this exciting language—language calculated to give great offence to a very considerable section of the community. Mr. Westwood promised to abstain from preaching on the Race Course on Sunday; and there being no reason to apprehend that the other persons who had been in the habit of preaching there in a very inoffensive manner would be interfered with, no unusual steps were taken to provide for the occurrence which was not expected. I have in my hand the reports of the police who were stationed on Hyde Park last Sunday. From these reports I gather that the accounts published in the daily Newspapers are much exaggerated; they state that no violence occurred such as is spoken of; but that, if violence did occur, it occurred on the part of one of these preachers, who, one of the policemen said, actually challenged any of the spectators to fight him.

(2.) The necessary instructions have now been given, and such precautions will be taken, as will effectually prevent any further disturbance; and if any attempt at disturbance is made next Sunday, or on any future Sunday, the parties so attempting to break the peace will be immediately arrested.

*Mr. Neale withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 3.*



2. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Brown presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, praying that this House will pass the said Bill. Petition received.  
Mr. Brown then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved (without Notice), That the said Petition be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Maitland Road Trust Act :—Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Morpeth Electorate, praying for such Alteration of the said Act as will admit of a separate Trust for the Electorate of Morpeth.  
Petition received.
4. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to make better provision for Public Education.  
Question put and passed.
5. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another year.  
Question put and passed.
6. Proposal to Dispense with the 65th Standing Order in respect to two Private Bills (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, in reference to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order in the matter of two Private Bills proposed to be introduced this Session by Dr. Lang, brought up and laid upon the Table on the 4th September, be now adopted by this House.  
Question put and passed.
7. Claim of John Sutherland, Esq., M.P., (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, and Minutes of the Executive Council, also all Correspondence with any other Department, together with all Plans, Estimates, Specifications, and Contracts respecting a Claim made by John Sutherland, Esq., M.P., on the Government, for work alleged to have been done in the years 1853-4 and 5, and all Vouchers relating thereto.  
Question put and passed.
8. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill :—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another year*," read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson (after Debate), read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
10. Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Bill re-committed, on an Amendment of that motion by Mr. Martin.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to this Bill with certain further Amendments, and had also made an Amendment in the Title, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, 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. Reformatory Schools Bill :—On motion of Mr. Martin 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. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish Juvenile Reformatories*."  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th September, 1866.* Speaker.
12. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Triennial Parliaments Bill, which lapsed on Friday last, from the counting out of the House, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 14th instant.  
Question put and passed.
13. State Aid to Religion :—The adjourned Debate on Motion of Mr. Macpherson,—That this House will, on "Friday next," resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship,—upon which Mr. Tighe had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of the words "Friday next," with a view to insert in their place the words "this day six months,"—resumed and continued.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
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The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Graham,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Caldwell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Dodds,	

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. White,	Mr. Macpherson.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ryan,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Caldwell,	

14. Workhouse 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 establish Workhouses,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 5th September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

#### WORKHOUSE BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "An Act to establish Workhouses," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 5th September, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* " words ' disorderly person ' as used in this " Act shall be held to mean ;" *insert* " provisions of this Act shall apply to " and in respect of "
- " 2, clause 4, line 5. *After* " thereto " *insert* " and for the conduct " of the proceedings of the visitors to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned "
- " clause 5, line 12. *Omit* " disorderly "
- " " " *After* " person " *insert* " within either of the " classes hereinbefore mentioned "
- " " line 14. *Omit* " on the conviction of the person so " charged ;" *insert* " in case the Justices shall adjudge such charge to be " established "
- " " line 15. *Omit* " the Justices ;" *insert* " them "
- " " line 16. *Omit* " disorderly person and ;" *insert* " drunkard " or "
- " " lines 18 and 19. *Omit* " instead of ordering such person to be " imprisoned or punished according to any existing law other than this " Act "
- " " line 22. *Before* " custody " *insert* " charge or "
- " *After* clause 9 *insert* the following new Clause:—

" 10. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall " and may appoint some fit and proper persons not less than three nor " more than six to be the visitors of each such Workhouse And some " two or more of the respective visitors for each such Workhouse shall " visit the Workhouse of which they are visitors at least once in every " month and shall inquire into the behaviour condition and circumstances " of the persons in such Workhouse in the charge or custody of the " Superintendent thereof and shall make such other inquiries respecting " such persons as they shall deem requisite for the purpose of ascertain- " ing if it is expedient and proper that any of such persons should be " discharged from such Workhouse And the said visitors shall report " to the Clerk of the Executive Council for the information of the " Governor and the said Council the results of all such inquiries."

Visitors to be appointed and to report as to expediency of discharging inmates.

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Page 3, schedule A, line 2. *Omit* "convicted before"; *insert* "found by"  
 " " line 3. *Omit* "of being a disorderly"; *insert* "to be a"  
 " " lines 4 and 5. *Omit* "disorderly person and"; *insert*  
 " " "drunkard" [or]  
 " " line 7. *Before* "custody" *insert* "charge and"

Examined—

GEO. ALLEN,  
 Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for Public Education*," read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

16. Drunkards Punishment 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 for the more effectual Punishment of Drunkards*," with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 5th September, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
 President.

#### DRUNKARDS PUNISHMENT BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Drunkards," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 5th September, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Clause 4, line 4. *After* "days" *insert* "and in cases of conviction under the second section"

Examined—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
 Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, 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.

17. Adjournment:—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Martin,  
 Mr. Eagar,  
 Mr. Parkes,  
 Mr. Wilson,  
 Mr. Dodds,  
 Mr. Forster,  
 Mr. Terry,  
 Mr. Isaacs,  
 Mr. Walker,  
 Dr. Lang.

*Tellers.*

Mr. Buchanan,  
 Mr. Lee.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Oatley,
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Mr. Graham,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Alexander.
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Macpherson,	

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Fourteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at a quarter 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, SEPTEMBER 6.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. OATLEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he has received any settlement of Accounts, or Vouchers, shewing how the following sums, placed at the credit of Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body, Road Trustees, have been expended, viz. :—
 

16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	£550	0	0	
" " " " " " " "	Campbell's Creek Bridge	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	400	0	0	
12th Nov., 1862—Bridges on Punch-Bowl Road	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	120	0	0	
							£1,070	0	0

And if he will lay the information upon the Table of this House?

2. MR. LEE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—
  - (1.) Has any General Survey been made by the Government, of the Hunter River, in and around Maitland and Morpeth, with a view of ascertaining what measures would be effectual for preventing, as much as possible, the extensive injury to those Districts by Floods?
  - (2.) If the Government are in possession of any such Survey, will they have any objection to lay the same on the Table of the House, together with any Plan or Report that may accompany the said Survey?
3. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862?
4. MR. WALKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant the piece of land known as the Church Green, Windsor, to Trustees, for the use of the Inhabitants, as a place of recreation?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
3. Workhouse Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill (*originally designated " Newtown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill "*); third reading.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

*Question :—*

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2. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), second reading.
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4. State Aid to Religion; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

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6. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that, before any Articles of Agreement between the Government of this Colony and the Government of New Zealand, or any Company for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama, shall be signed or determined on, the terms of such agreement should be laid before Parliament for its approval.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Schools Bill ; second reading.
3. Drunkards Punishment Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—  
(1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cork at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.  
(2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.

## New South Wales.

No. 27.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

*Mr. Tighe, on behalf of Mr. Oatley, withdrew Question No. 1.*

- (1.) Prevention of Injuries by Floods, Hunter River:—Mr. Leo asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2.—

(1.) Has any general survey been made by the Government, of the Hunter River, in and around Maitland and Morpeth, with a view of ascertaining what measures would be effectual for preventing, as much as possible, the extensive injury to those Districts by Floods?

(2.) If the Government are in possession of any such Survey, will they have any objection to lay the same on the Table of the House, together with any Plan or Report that may accompany the said Survey?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) A general survey has been made for the above purpose.

(2.) The Government will have no objection to lay the Papers, &c., upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act:—*Mr. Tighe*, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862?

Mr. Martin answered,—The subject is now under the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Church Green, Windsor:—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant the piece of land known as the Church Green, Windsor, to Trustees, for the use of the Inhabitants, as a place of recreation?

Mr. Wilson answered,—This piece of ground is a piece of upwards of twenty acres in the centre of the town of Windsor, and the Government have not as yet determined to what purpose to appropriate this land.

2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill:—

- (1.) (*Petition*):—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition signed by M. Metcalfe, as Chairman, on behalf of the Shareholders of the Sydney Church of England Cemetery Company, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the said Bill may be referred to a Select Committee, and that the Petitioners may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House.

Petition received.

- (2.) (*Formal Order of the Day*):—This Bill, 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 prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon,

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 prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, Mr. Martin moved, That this Report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tigue,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Nowlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Windeyer.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Rodd,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Buchanan.

*Ordered,* on motion of Mr. Martin, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

4. Workhouse Bill:—On motion of Mr. Martin, 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. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish Workhouses.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th September, 1866.*

Speaker.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight 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, SEPTEMBER 7.

*Question :—*

1. MR. LORD to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If the Government intend appointing a Police Magistrate, to act also as Clerk of Petty Sessions, at Cannonbar?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill; second reading.
2. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. State Aid to Religion; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Messrs. James and Alexander Brown to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from M. Metcalfe, relative to the Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

*Question :—*

1. MR. OATLEY to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he has received any settlement of Accounts, or Vouchers, shewing how the following sums, placed at the credit of Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body, Road Trustees, have been expended, viz. :—

16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge	...	...	...	...	£550	0	0	
" Campbell's Creek Bridge	...	...	...	...	400	0	0	
12th Nov., 1862—Bridges on Punch-Bowl Road	...	...	...	...	120	0	0	
						£1,070	0	0

And if he will lay the information upon the Table of this House?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
2. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th September, from Lewis Rymer, be printed.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. FORSTER 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 place upon the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the navigation of the River Manning.
5. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and their local officers, and Messrs Kirk and Goldsborough, and Mr. John J. Main, relating to the disputed claim of the said John J. Main to his Free Selection of forty acres, and the right to which it entitled him of an additional portion of one hundred and twenty acres.
6. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that, before any Articles of Agreement between the Government of this Colony and the Government of New Zealand, or any Company for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama, shall be signed or determined on, the terms of such agreement should be laid before Parliament for its approval.

WEDNESDAY,



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Public Schools Bill; second reading.
  3. Drunkards Punishment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
  4. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill; third reading.
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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
  2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—
    - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
    - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.
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New South Wales.

No. 28.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Issue and Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported,—That, consequent upon the Vote of this House on the 31st July last, declaring vacant the Seat of John Connell Laycock, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Clarenc, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy so created, and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of John Robertson, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
2. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
Police Magistrate for Cannonbar:—Mr. Lord asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—If the Government intend appointing a Police Magistrate, to act also as Clerk of Petty Sessions, at Cannonbar?  
Mr. Martin answered,—It is the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of defraying the salary of a Clerk of Petty Sessions at the place to which the Honorable Member refers.
3. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burns, withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition from M. Metcalfe, relative to the Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Claims of Tenants of the Crown—Case of Mr. William Cummings:—Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from certain resident Inhabitants of the Town and District of Tambaroora, setting forth certain injuries alleged to have been sustained by Mr. William Cummings, in consequence of the discovery of Gold on his rented Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Tambaroora; and praying for favourable consideration and justice in the premises.  
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.
6. Removal of Restrictions upon Distillation Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Cummings,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. White,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Donnelly,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Buchanan.

7. Church of England Property Management Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*):—

Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Smart,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Tighe.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Garrett,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Donnelly.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. De Salis,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Hart,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Donnelly.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.

9. State Aid to Religion:—On the Order of the Day No. 4 being read, Mr. Macpherson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Macpherson then moved, That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for "Friday next."

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the words "Friday next," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this day three months."

And the House continuing to sit until after midnight:—

SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1866, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Hurley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Morrice,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Driver,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Tighe.

Original question then put and passed.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

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

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

*Question:—*

1. MR. OATLEY to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he has received any settlement of Accounts, or Vouchers, shewing how the following sums, placed at the credit of Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body, Road Trustees, have been expended, viz.:—
- |  |     |     |     |     |      |        |   |   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|---|---|
| 16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge              | ... | ... | ... | ... | £550 | 0      | 0 |   |
| " Campbell's Creek Bridge                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 400  | 0      | 0 |   |
| 12th Nov., 1862—Bridges on Punch-Bowl Road | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120  | 0      | 0 |   |
|  |     |     |     |     |      | £1,070 | 0 | 0 |

And if he will lay the information upon the Table of this House?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That in the opinion of this House the Export Duty upon Gold is an impost unjust in its incidence, oppressive upon a branch of industry pursued under great and peculiar difficulties, an obstruction to enterprise in Gold Mining, and consequently, calculated to retard the development of the Natural Resources of the Colony, to the great injury thereof, and should, therefore, be repealed.
2. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th September, from Lewis Rymmer, be printed.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolutions,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. FORSTER 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 place upon the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the navigation of the River Manning.
5. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and their local officers, and Messrs Kirk and Goldsborough, and Mr. John J. Main, relating to the disputed claim of the said John J. Main to his Free Selection of forty acres, and the right to which it entitled him of an additional portion of one hundred and twenty acres.
6. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that, before any Articles of Agreement between the Government of this Colony and the Government of New Zealand, or any Company for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama, shall be signed or determined on, the terms of such agreement should be laid before Parliament for its approval.
7. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th September, from certain Electors of the Morpeth Electorate, praying for separation from the Maitland Road Trust, and for an enabling Bill to form a separate Trust for that Electorate, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Church of England Property Management Bill; third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
  2. Public Schools Bill; second reading.
  3. Drunkards Punishment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
  4. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill; third reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. State Aid to Religion ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Expenditure of Money by Messrs. Lucas and others, as Road Trustees :—

Mr. Oatley asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Whether he has received any settlement of Accounts, or Vouchers, shewing how the following sums, placed at the credit of Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body, Road Trustees, have been expended, viz. :—

16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge	...	...	...	£550	0	0
"          Campbell's Creek Bridge	...	...	...	400	0	0
12th Nov., 1862—Bridges on Punch-Bowl Road	...	...	...	120	0	0
				£1,070 0 0		

And if he will lay the information upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Eagar answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member, I beg to state that the accounts and vouchers are in the possession and under the control of the Auditor General, to whom I have referred on the subject, and I will now read a memorandum which I have received from him, as follows :—“ The sums of £550 and of £400, mentioned as issued for Prout's Bridge and for Campbell's Creek Bridge, were placed, on the 16th May, 1861, to the credit of Messrs. Lucas, Redman, and Hardy—not of Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body—and have been accounted for, with the exception of 1s. 7d., as per account current herewith. This document requires the signatures of at least two of the Committee, which have been asked for but not yet received. The third sum mentioned, £120, as issued to Messrs. Lucas, Hockley, and Body on the 12th November, 1862, for bridges on Punch-Bowl Road, has also been accounted for ; but for a similar sum of £120 for the same service, drawn under a previous credit of the 5th April, 1862, no vouchers have yet been furnished, for the reasons stated in a letter addressed by Mr. Lucas to the Auditor General, dated the 9th ultimo, a copy of which is attached.—Signed C. R.” This is the letter referred to in the Auditor General's memorandum :—

“ Camperdown, 9th August, 1866.

“ Sir,

“ I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, requesting vouchers for a certain cash credit. In reply, I beg to state that the money is still unexpended, owing to the delay in surveying and formally opening the road, which occurred in the first instance (as I am informed) because the surveyors have been fully employed ; and lastly, in consequence of some difficulties about encroachments on the road. I have to-day seen the Deputy Surveyor General with reference to the matter, and he informs me that instructions have been given to one of his officers, and the necessary steps will be taken to formally open the road. Immediately this is done tenders will be called for, the money expended, and vouchers forwarded to you in due course.

“ I have, &c.,

“ (Signed) JOHN LUCAS.”

I hold in my hand the papers connected with this expenditure, which I now proceed to lay upon the Table.

2. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Eagar (*with reference to his Answer to the Question recorded in the preceding Entry*) laid upon the Table, Statement of cheques drawn by Messrs. J. Lucas, R. Redman, and W. Hardy, against the Public Credit established in their favour with the Bank of New South Wales, to defray expenses on account of repair of Bridges during the period from October, 1861, to May, 1863,—and moved, That the said document be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Tenth Annual Report from Registrar General (being for 1865).  
(2.) Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Service *viâ* Panama.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Road Trust Accounts for Half-year ended 31st December, 1865.  
(2.) Return to Order, in reference to “Pre-emptive Right at Totaila, District of Moama,” made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Dr. Lang, on 10th January, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Michael Tiernan :—Mr. Mate presented a Petition from Michael Tiernan, of Corowa, late Gaoler of the Gaol at Albury, complaining of his dismissal from office, and praying for inquiry and relief.  
Petition received.
4. Jane Hillock :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Jane Hillock, formerly court-keeper of the Court-house at Darlinghurst, complaining of her removal from office in 1863, after a service of above twelve years, and that her delicate state of health, induced by that service, prevents her from obtaining a livelihood,—and praying for favourable consideration and relief.  
Petition received.
5. James Gibson :—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from James Gibson, late senior-sergeant of police, complaining that he has been placed on a reduced retiring allowance from the Police Superannuation Fund in consequence of his being a military pensioner, representing that he is now unable to labour to support himself, and praying the consideration of this House in the premises.  
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—  
Petition received.
6. Lewis Rymer, (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th September, from Lewis Rymer, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Dr. Lang withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Maitland Road Trust Act (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th September, from certain Electors of the Morpeth Electorate, praying for separation from the Maitland Road Trust, and for an enabling Bill to form a separate Trust for that Electorate, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Export Duty on Gold :—Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*, That in the opinion of this House, the Export Duty on Gold is an unjust and impolitic impost, and should therefore be repealed.
- Interruption.*
10. Member Sworn :—John Robertson, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence.
11. Export Duty on Gold :—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Donnelly, recorded in Entry No. 9 above.  
Mr. Samuel moved the previous Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.  
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
12. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
13. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Forster not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Macleay withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
15. Church of England Property Management Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the Property of the said Church.*”  
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the Property of the said Church,*" 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, 11th September, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during the present Session, any alteration or amendment of the Impounding Act, whether in a separate form, or in connection with the laws relating to Crown Lands?
2. MR. PICKERING *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If it is the intention of the Government to give any assistance towards the provision of a water supply, by means of reservoirs, on the several Gold Fields, for gold-washing in dry seasons, more especially on the Northern Gold Fields, which, for the last two years, have suffered from an unparalleled drought?
3. MR. GORDON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Gold Escort has been discontinued between Tenterfield and the Clarence, or between Tenterfield and Armidale; and if so, under what circumstances?
4. MR. OATLEY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House, any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Auditor General and the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Lucas, or Trustees, relative to the expenditure of the following sums of money :—
 

16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge	...	...	...	£550	0	0
Campbell's Creek Bridge	...	...	...	400	0	0
12th November, 1862—Bridges on Punch-Bowl Road	...	...	...	120	0	0
Approaches to Bridges	...	...	...	120	0	0
				£1,190 0 0?		
5. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year be laid on the Table of the House, and the Financial Statement be made?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to permit the sale of brandy distilled by the owners of vineyards from grapes the produce of such vineyards.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Schools Bill; second reading.
3. Drunkards Punishment Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
4. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MATE *to move*, That the Petition from Michael Tiernan, presented by him on the 11th September, be printed.
2. MR. TIGHE *to move*, That the Petition, in reference to the case of Mr. W. Cummings, presented by him on 7th September, be printed.
3. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him, on 11th September, from James Gibson, be printed.
4. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on Tuesday, the 11th September, from Jane Hillock, be printed.

THURSDAY,



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Question:—

1. MR. WHITE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been placed at the disposal of the Government for the extension of the Northern Railway from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi?
  - (2.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders for that work?
  - (3.) When will the Government be prepared to proceed with the railway extension referred to?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. State Aid to Religion; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that, before any Articles of Agreement between the Government of this Colony and the Government of New Zealand, or any Company for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama, shall be signed or determined on, the terms of such agreement should be laid before Parliament for its approval.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Impounding Act :—*Mr. White*, on behalf of *Mr. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to propose, during the present Session, any alteration or amendment of the Impounding Act, whether in a separate form, or in connection with the laws relating to Crown Lands?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—It is the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to amend certain defects in the Impounding Law.

- (2.) Water Supply on Gold Fields :—*Mr. Pickering* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If it is the intention of the Government to give any assistance towards the provision of a water supply, by means of reservoirs, on the several Gold Fields, for gold-washing in dry seasons, more especially on the Northern Gold Fields, which, for the last two years, have suffered from an unparalleled drought?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—As these works alluded to by the Honorable Member for the Northern Gold Fields will cause the expenditure of very large sums of money, it is not at present the intention of the Government to interfere in this matter.

- (3.) Gold Escort, Tenterfield, Clarence, and Armidale :—*Mr. Gordon* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether the Gold Escort has been discontinued between Tenterfield and the Clarence, or between Tenterfield and Armidale; and if so, under what circumstances?

*Mr. Eagar* answered,—There has been no Government Escort from Tenterfield to Armidale, but the Inspector of Police has lately afforded the protection of two constables to the mail once a fortnight, and gold has been conveyed at the same time. The rule is, for the police to afford such protection as the strength of the Force will allow to the conveyance of treasure from one place to another, but without responsibility, the treasure being conveyed by the Bank Agent or other holder, and the protection provided when there is a reasonably large quantity of gold or specie for transmission. This rule will in future be acted upon between Armidale and Tenterfield. There was, until recently, an Escort from Timbarra to Sydney *via* Grafton, but it was discontinued upon the recommendation of the Inspector General of Police, contained in a letter to the Colonial Secretary, of which the following is a copy :—

“ Police Department,

“ Inspector General's Office.

“ Sydney, 8th June, 1866.

“ Sir,

“ I have the honor to invite the attention of the Government to  
“ the subject of the Gold Escort from Timbarra to Sydney *via* Grafton, with a  
“ view to the alteration of the present arrangement or discontinuance of the  
“ Government Escort altogether.

“ In

" In the margin I give the quantities of gold brought down by the four last Escorts, but I am informed that a considerable quantity of gold is brought to Grafton by private hand, upon which the Escort fee is not paid, though probably it is conveyed to some extent under the protection of the Police Escort.

" Six constables and eight horses are employed four days a month on this Escort, besides a senior constable being sent as a cabin passenger in charge of the gold by steamer from Grafton, and returning.

" If the Escort be discontinued altogether, which I recommend, probably two mounted constables might be reduced; the cost of forage on the road (about £60 per annum) might be saved; the time of the constable travelling by steamer and waiting for its return, his passage money, and the freight of the gold;—a saving, in all, of about £400 or £500 per annum.

" Should any inconvenience be experienced by the public by the discontinuance of the Escort, and should the Banks or other purchasers be afraid of the risks of conveying gold without protection, in that case, where a sufficient quantity of gold has been accumulated, say not less than 400 ounces, a special Police Escort ought to be allowed, either to Armidale for deposit for Escort from thence, or to Grafton; but in the latter case the Escort fee must be paid on all the gold conveyed.

" I have, &c.,

" (Signed) JNO. M'LERIE,  
" Inspector General of Police."

In the margin of this letter the following is stated to be the quantity brought down by the four last Escorts:—" 2nd February, 332 ounces; 4th March, 188 ounces; 12th April, 359 ounces; 1st May, 167 ounces."

- (4.) Expenditure of Money by Messrs. Lucas and others, as Road Trustees:—  
Mr. Oatley asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House, any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Auditor General and the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. Lucas, and Trustees, relative to the expenditure of the following sums of money:—

16th May, 1861—Prout's Bridge	...	...	...	£550	0	0
Campbell's Creek Bridge	...	...	...	400	0	0
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"                                  Approaches to Bridges	...	...	...	120	0	0
				£1,190	0	0?

Mr. Eagar answered,—There can be no objection to lay this correspondence on the Table, and I shall be happy to do so to-morrow. I may take this opportunity of stating to the House, that I this day received from Mr. Lucas a letter, addressed to myself, returning the sum of £120, which is as follows:—

" Camperdown, September 12, 1866.

" Sir,

" I have the honor to enclose the sum of £120, being the amount which has remained in my hands for some considerable time for the purpose of being expended for the service of the Bridge over the Punch-Bowl Creek, and which down to this time could not be so expended in consequence of the road to that Bridge not having been formally opened.

" As exception has been taken to my holding this money any longer in my hands in consequence of my being a Member of the Assembly, and as I have no desire to take any further personal trouble in the matter in question, I send this money back to the Treasury, in order that its expenditure may be entrusted to other hands.

" I have, &c.,

" (Signed) JOHN LUCAS."

- (5.) Estimates of Expenditure for 1867—Financial Statement:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year be laid on the Table of the House, and the Financial Statement be made?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid upon the Table of this House this day fortnight, and the Financial Statement will be made to-morrow fortnight.

2. Parramatta Market Bill:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta, under the signature of the Mayor and the seal of the Corporation, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to Transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the said Municipality; and Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Empire*, newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks, in the months of August and September, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.

3. Issue and Return of Writ :—The Speaker reported, that consequent upon the vote of this House, on the 28th August last, declaring vacant the Seat of Patrick Hill Osborne, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Illawarra, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy so created, and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of John Stewart, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, under the signature of the Mayor and the seal of the Corporation, praying that Petitioners may be regarded by this House as the promoters of a certain Bill proposed to be introduced therein, and that the said Bill may by the House be dealt with and deemed and taken to be a Public Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Michael Tiernan ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Michael Tiernan, presented by him on the 11th September, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Claims of Tenants of the Crown—Case of Mr. William Cummings ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, in reference to the case of Mr. W. Cummings, presented by him on 7th September, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. James Gibson ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 11th September, from James Gibson, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Jane Hillock ("Formal" Motion) :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on Tuesday, the 11th September, from Jane Hillock, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Public Schools Bill :—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from certain Roman Catholic Clergy of Sydney, against the passing of the said Bill.  
Petition received.
10. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill :—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to permit the sale of brandy distilled by the owners of vineyards from grapes the produce of such vineyards.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to follow Order No. 4.  
(2.) The Order of the Day No. 2 postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow Order No. 3.
12. Drunkards Punishment Bill (Order No. 3) :—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of 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. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Drunkards.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 12th September, 1866.* Speaker.
13. Public Schools Bill (Order No. 2) :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The Debate on this Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, until this day fortnight.
14. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to advances bonâ fide made to Agents intrusted with Goods,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,* T. A. MURRAY,  
*Sydney, 12 September, 1866.* President.  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.

15. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages were delivered, respectively, by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Industrial Schools Bill—Sydney Burial Grounds Bill—Reformatory Schools Bill:—

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message, No. 5.

Three Bills, intituled,—

1. "An Act for the relief of Destitute Children,"—
2. "An Act to prohibit Burials within the City of Sydney,"—
3. "An Act to establish Juvenile Reformatories,"—

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 Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1866.

(2.) St. John's Parsonage Bill:—

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the erection of a Parsonage on a portion of the Land granted for Saint John's Church Darlinghurst in the City of Sydney," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 12th September, 1866.

16. Messages from Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Registration of Brands Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Brands," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly:

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

#### REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Brands," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 12th September, 1866.

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 4, line 30. After "pounds" add "Provided that if there shall be cattle or horses of more than one person upon the same run a distinguishing brand may be used thereon and registered in addition to the brand of the owner of the run."
- " clause 5, line 38. Omit "that no numeral shall be considered as a brand or a"; insert "that it shall not be incumbent upon any person to register any numerals as a brand or"
- " line 39. After "brand" add "Provided also that any person using a sign or character other than letters or numerals as a brand or part of a brand shall defray the expense of procuring a type or block for the purpose of advertising."
- " clause 6, line 44. After "shall" insert "so far as may be practicable"
- " clause 7, line 54. After "shall" insert "three months after the date of this Act coming into operation"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 23. After "shall" insert "after such notice"
- " lines 33 and 34. Omit "thereupon"; insert "after such notice"
- Page 4, clause 16, line 36. Omit "person"; insert "drover"
- " line 37. Omit "person"; insert "drover"
- " line 40. After "driven" insert "as per Schedule J hereto"
- " clause 17, line 44. Omit "person"; insert "drover not being the owner"
- " line 51. Omit "person"; insert "drover"
- " line 53. Omit "person"; insert "drover"

Page 4, clause 17, line 54. *After* "pounds" *insert* "and any person purchasing  
" or receiving from a drover any cattle or horses not described in such  
" statement of delivery as aforesaid shall pay a penalty not exceeding fifty  
" pounds"

" lines 54 and 55. *Omit* "person driving cattle"; *insert* "drover"  
Page 8, Schedule K. *After* "line 47" *insert* new line—  
" For every search in any Register of Brands..... 0 1 0"

Examined—

GEO. ALLEN,  
Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, That the Amendments made by the Legis-  
lative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

(2.) Cattle Disease Prevention Bill.—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith,  
intituled "*An Act to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or  
Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals*," with the Amendments  
indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council  
requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

CATTLE DISEASE PREVENTION BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill  
intituled "An Act to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or  
Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals," returned to the  
Legislative Assembly with Message of 12th September, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 14. *After* "New Holland" *add* "and Tasmania and New  
Zealand."  
" " line 16. *After* "Act" *add* "and the Minister for Lands shall  
be such Minister."  
Page 2, clause 1, line 3. *After* "animals" *add* "or the agent of any owner"  
" " line 15. *Omit* "horses"  
" " " *Omit* "mules"  
" " line 16. *Omit* "asses"  
" clause 3, line 32. *After* "animals" *insert* "as aforesaid"  
" " line 35. *Omit* "from any vessel"  
" " lines 40 to 43. *Omit* "and have been shipped on board such  
" vessel at some port or place or ports or places in such Colonies and that  
" subsequently to such shipment such vessel has not touched elsewhere  
" than at such port or place or port or places"  
" " line 46. *Omit* "wherein"; *insert* "whence"  
" " lines 46 and 47. *Omit* "shipped for importation"; *insert*  
introduced"  
" " lines 48 and 49. *Omit* "not be deemed to be an Australian  
" Colony within the meaning of this section"; *insert* "be excluded  
accordingly"  
" " line 50. *After* "rescinded" *add* "Provided also that the  
" Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may upon sufficient  
" ground being shewn and upon such terms and conditions as to quarantine  
" or otherwise as may be thought fit permit the introduction into New  
" South Wales of cattle or other animals as aforesaid from countries ports  
" or places not within the limits of the Australian Colonies anything to the  
" contrary contained in this Act notwithstanding."  
Page 3, clause 6, line 18. *After* "animals" *insert* "whatsoever"  
" clause 7, line 30. *After* "animals" *insert* "whatsoever"  
" clause 10, line 48. *After* "destroyed" *insert* "or prevented from being  
landed"  
" " line 50. *After* "destruction" *insert* "or prevention from  
landing"  
" " line 52. *After* "premises" *insert* "or place"  
" " line 53. *After* "destruction" *insert* "or prevention from  
landing"  
Page 4, clause 10, line 4. *After* "destruction" *insert* "or prevention from  
landing"  
" " " *After* "property and" *insert* "in cases of destruction"  
" " line 5. *After* "infection" *insert* "and in cases of prevention  
from landing the loss or injury thereby sustained"  
" " " *Omit* "for this purpose"  
" " line 12. *After* "Court" *insert* "in cases of destruction  
" " " *Omit* "in no case"; *insert* "not"

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- Page 4, clause 11, line 17. *After* "destruction" *insert* "or prevention from landing"
- " " lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "for the cattle and other animals described in such owner's application"
- " clause 13, line 29. *Omit* "horses and"
- " " line 30. *Omit* "twelve or"
- " " " *Omit* "respectively"
- " " line 31. *Omit* "one penny per head of the former and"
- " " line 32. *Omit* "of the latter"
- " clause 14, line 45. *Omit* "or horses"
- " " line 49. *Omit* "or horses"
- " " 15, line 58. *Before* "execute" *insert* "the Colonial Treasurer and the said Clerk of Petty Sessions shall respectively"
- Page 5, clause 16, line 10. *Omit* "and"
- " " *After* "premises" *insert* "places and animals"
- " " *After* Paragraph (3) *insert* new Paragraph:—
- " " (4.) As to the measures required for preventing the introduction of "cattle or other animals as aforesaid by land"
- Page 6, clause 21, line 8. *Before* "landing" *insert* "introducing or"
- " " lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "and not less than fifty pounds"
- " clause 25, line 38. *After* "1866" *add* "and shall remain in force until "the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and until the end of the then next Session of Parliament"
- Page 7, Schedule A, line 6. *Omit* "horses"
- " " line 7. *Omit* "mules"
- " " " *Omit* "asses"
- " " Schedule B, line 23. *After* "Schedule B" *insert* "No. 1."
- " " *After* "Schedule B" as printed *add*—
- " " "No. 2.
- " " "Form of Application for Compensation in respect of Cattle, &c. prevented from being landed.
- " " "To the Clerk of Petty Sessions for
- " " "I the undersigned (*name in full*) of (*residence in full*) having been prevented under the Cattle Disease Prevention Act of 1866 from landing (*here state the number of cattle or other animals prevented from being landed and the date*) of which I am the owner (*or a joint owner*) do hereby apply to the Court to ascertain and verify the fact of such prevention from landing and to fix and determine the amount of compensation to which I am entitled under section ten and to grant me a certificate thereof accordingly.
- " " "Dated this                      day of                      18                      .
- " " " (*Signature in full*)
- " " " (*Residence.*)"
- " " Schedule C, line 40. *Omit* "destruction and"
- " " line 47. *After* "destroyed" *insert* "or prevented from landing]"
- " " line 48. *After* "applicant" *insert* "or prevented from landing"
- " " lines 48 to 50. *Omit* "on the                      day of                      18
- " " "in terms of a notice dated the                      day of                      18 to that effect
- " " "given by                      a duly authorized Inspector"
- Page 8, Schedule D, line 13. *Omit* "or Horses"
- " " line 14. *Omit* "or Horses"
- " " 3rd column. *Omit* "or Horses"
- " " 4th column. *Omit* "of each description."

Examined,—

GEO. ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

17. Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill (Order No. 4):—On motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another Year.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. 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 Continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another Year,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 12 September, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—On the Order of the Day (No. 1), 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. WHITE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been placed at the disposal of the Government for the extension of the Northern Railway from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi?
  - (2.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders for that work?
  - (3.) When will the Government be prepared to proceed with the railway extension referred to?
2. MR. BUCILANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Reserves made by the late Government, by which 4,000 square miles of land is reserved from the free selector, under the pretext that these are reserves of water for public purposes?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to permit the sale of Brandy distilled by the owners of vineyards from grapes the produce of such vineyards.
2. Registration of Brands Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to extend the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta.
3. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th September, from certain Roman Catholic Clergy of Sydney, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. State Aid to Religion ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—
  - (1.) The names of all Military Pensioners that have been discharged from the Police Force since 1st January, 1862.
  - (2.) The number of years they have served in the Police Force ; the rank they held when discharged ; the date of their discharge ; and the amount of retiring allowance, per day, received from the Police Fund.

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TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
2. Mr. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion that, before any Articles of Agreement between the Government of this Colony and the Government of New Zealand, or any Company for the conveyance of mails between Sydney and Panama, shall be signed or determined on, the terms of such agreement should be laid before Parliament for its approval.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. Mr. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

- [1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had this day received a letter from John Caldwell, Esquire, tendering the resignation of his Seat as one of the Members for the Electoral District of East Sydney,—which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—

“ Sydney, September 13th, 1866.

“ To the Honorable

“ The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,

“ Mr. Speaker,

“ Sir,

“ I beg to tender the resignation of my Seat in the Legislative Assembly as one of the Members for East Sydney.

“ Yours respectfully,

“ JOHN CALDWELL.”

Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That the Seat of John Caldwell, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electoral District of East Sydney, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Caldwell, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

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

(1.) Extension of Northern Railway:—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. White, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What amount has been placed at the disposal of the Government for the extension of the Northern Railway from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi?

(2.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders for that work?

(3.) When will the Government be prepared to proceed with the railway extension referred to?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—

(1.) In 1862, £250,000; in 1866, £400,000; making a total of £650,000. The above amounts were voted for the extension of the Northern Line from Singleton towards Armidale; and as about £129,000 has already been expended on the extension between Singleton and Muswellbrook, a balance of £121,000 remains from the Vote, 1st June, 1862, which it is estimated will finish that extension. The Vote for 1866 of £400,000 will be available for the extension beyond Muswellbrook.

(2.) The non-completion of the Bridge and approaches at Singleton.

(3.) Immediately upon the sale of Government Debentures, issued for that service, now in England.

(2.) Reserves of Land for Public Purposes:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Reserves made by the late Government, by which 4,000 square miles of land is reserved from the free selector, under the pretext that these are reserves of water for public purposes?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—173,539 acres of these Reserves, situated in the best agricultural districts of the Colony, have been already revoked, and the other Reserves will be dealt with as soon as possible.

3. Paper:—*Mr. Eagar* (*with reference to his Answer to the Question recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 30*) laid upon the Table, Correspondence in reference to the Expenditure of Money by Messrs. Lucas and others, as Road Trustees.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Disease in Fruit Trees :—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 appointed on the 31 of July, 1866, to inquire into, and report upon, the Disease in Fruit Trees, together with an Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to extend the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney.  
Question put and passed.
6. Parramatta Market Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta.  
Question put and passed.
7. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th September, from certain Roman Catholic Clergy of Sydney, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read, Mr. Eagar moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to permit the sale of "Brandy" distilled "by the owners of vineyards from grapes the produce of such vineyards."  
Mr. Forster moved, by way of Amendment, That the word "Brandy" be omitted, with the view of inserting the word "Spirits," and further, that the words "by the owners of the vineyards from grapes the produce of such vineyards" be omitted, with the view of inserting the words "from the produce of vineyards, orchards, and farms."  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Matc,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Donnelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Tighe.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Lucas,	

Original Question put and passed, and Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.

9. Registration of Brands Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to some, and disagreed from other of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.
10. Cattle Disease Prevention Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to some, and disagreed from other of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report.
11. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill in detail.  
The Chairman reported that there was no Quorum of Members present in Committee.  
The Speaker counted the House, and finding a Quorum present—  
The Committee resumed.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
12. Sydney Paving Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
Sydney, 13 September, 1866.  
T. A. MURRAY,  
President.  
The House adjourned at eleven minutes past Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to establish Post Office Savings Banks in connection with the General Post Office of the Colony?
2. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What amount of money was appropriated by Parliament for the repair of the Road from Pitt Town to Wiseman's Ferry, for 1865?
  - (2.) Has the amount so appropriated been paid into the Bank, to the credit of the Trustees, in the usual way?
  - (3.) If not, when will it be so paid?
3. MR. CUNNEEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) What amount of money was appropriated by Parliament for the repair of the Road between the south boundary of G. Acres' 1,500 acres at Dural to its junction with Pitt Town and Wiseman's Ferry Road (Great North Road)?
  - (2.) Has the amount so appropriated been paid into the Bank to the credit of the Trustees, in the usual way?
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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. State Aid to Religion; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
  - (1.) The names of all Military Pensioners that have been discharged from the Police Force since 1st January, 1862.
  - (2.) The number of years they have served in the Police Force; the rank they held when discharged; the date of their discharge; and the amount of retiring allowance, per day, received from the Police Fund.
2. MR. STIMPSON *to move*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence that has taken place between the Rev. Denis McGuinn, Roman Catholic Minister of Carcoar, and the Government, relative to his stipend.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
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3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill ; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

1. There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely:—  
Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Graham, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson,—  
the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next,  
at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

*Questions:—*

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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## New South Wales.

No. 33.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Member Sworn:—John Stewart, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Illawarra.
2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
  - (1.) Post Office Savings Banks:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Attorney General pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to establish Post Office Savings Banks in connection with the General Post Office of the Colony?  
Mr. Martin answered,—The subject to which the honorable Member refers has been under the consideration of the Government; but it is not their intention to introduce during the present Session a Bill such as is mentioned in his question.
  - (2.) Road from Pitt Town to Wiseman's Ferry:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
    - (1.) What amount of money was appropriated by Parliament for the repair of the Road from Pitt Town to Wiseman's Ferry, for 1865?
    - (2.) Has the amount so appropriated been paid into the Bank, to the credit of the Trustees, in the usual way?
    - (3.) If not, when will it be so paid?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—The sum voted was £200, and has not been issued. An application was made in February, 1865, by the Members for the district for issue of the money, which was accordingly authorized to be given in turn; subsequently, however, at the instance of the then Colonial Treasurer, all such votes were detained, and this with others. Since that time, no further application having been made, the money did not issue.
  - (3.) Road joining Road from Pitt Town to Wiseman's Ferry:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
    - (1.) What amount of money was appropriated by Parliament for the repair of the Road between the south boundary of G. Acres' 1,500 acres at Dural to its junction with Pitt Town and Wiseman's Ferry Road (Great North Road)?
    - (2.) Has the amount so appropriated been paid into the Bank to the credit of the Trustees, in the usual way?
    - (3.) If not, when will it be so paid?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—The sum asked for this Road in 1865 was £130. On the 29th November, 1865, half of the vote was placed to the credit of the Trustees, with an intimation that when such amount had been expended and accounted for, the balance would be handed over to them. They never furnished accounts, nor made any further application for the residue of the vote. The vote for 1866 was also £130. Half was issued on 30th May last; the remaining moiety, however, has not been handed over to the Trustees, for reasons similar to those already stated in connection with last year's vote.
3. Motions Withdrawn:—
  - (1.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  - (2.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

4. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
    - (1.) Return to Order, in reference to " Railways," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, on 15th August, 1866.
    - (2.) Return to Address, in reference to " Claim of John Sutherland, Esq., M.P.," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Egan, on 5th September, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence relative to Irregularities in Steam Postal Service *via* Suez.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. State Aid to Religion :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Presbyterian and other Inhabitants and Workmen of Pyrmont, Sydney, against the proposed appropriation of permanent State Aid to Religion.  
Petition received.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Macleay withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Military Pensioners discharged from Police Force :—
- (1.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing :—
    - (1.) The names of all Military Pensioners that have been discharged from the Police Force since 1st January, 1862.
    - (2.) The number of years they have served in the Police Force; the rank they held when discharged; the date of their discharge; and the amount of retiring allowance, per day, received from the Police Fund.
 Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to " Military Pensioners discharged from the Police Force," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Morrice, this day (*see preceding Entry*).  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Messages to the Legislative Council :—Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Messages be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Cattle Disease Prevention Bill :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12 September, 1866, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Cattle Disease Prevention Bill,—  
Amends the Amendment in page 1, clause 1, line 14, by omitting therefrom the words " and New Zealand,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.  
Agrees to the Amendment in page 1, clause 1, line 16.  
Agrees to the Amendments in page 2, clause 1, lines 3, 15, and 16.  
Agrees to the Amendments in page 2, clause 3.  
Disagrees from the Amendment which adds a proviso to the end of clause 3, in page 2,—Because such proviso would place too great power in the hands of the Executive.  
And agrees to the remaining Amendments in the other parts of the Bill.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th September, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Registration of Brands Bill :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,—  
The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12 September, 1866, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Registration of Brands Bill,—  
Agrees to the Amendments in page 2, clauses 4 and 5.  
Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 6, line 44,—Because it is unnecessary, and might lead to mistakes in determining the ownership of Animals.  
Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 7, line 54.  
Agrees to the Amendments in pages 3 and 4, clauses 8 and 16.  
Amends the Amendment in page 4, clause 17, line 44, by omitting therefrom the words " not being the owner,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.  
And agrees to the remaining Amendments in the other parts of the Bill.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 18th September, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
9. Reverend Denis McGuinn :—Mr. Stimpson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence that has taken place between the Rev. Denis McGuinn, Roman Catholic Minister of Carcoar, and the Government, relative to his stipend.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Claims against Government Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday week.

11. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—the debate on the Motion of Dr. Lang, “That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time,” upon which Mr. Martin had moved, by way of amendment, the omission of the word ‘now,’ with a view to adding at the end the words “this day six months,”—resumed. (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 24, Entry 3, and No. 26, Entry 12.*)

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

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Cowper,	Dr. Lang.	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Garrett.	Mr. Smart,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. White,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Driver.	Mr. Dignam,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Sutherland,		Mr. Cummings,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Morrice,		Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Lucas,		Mr. Mate,	

Question then put,—That the words proposed to be added be there added. The House divided.

But the Tellers not agreeing as to the numbers, a second division was had, with other Tellers, who reported the numbers as follows :—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Mate,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. White,	Mr. Roberts.	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. Cunneen,		Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Graham,		Dr. Lang,	

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his vote with the Ayes, in order that the Question might be submitted to the House again in an intelligible shape.

Question then put,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months. The House divided.

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Mate,	Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Morrice,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Brown.
Mr. White,	Mr. De Salis.	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Cunneen,		Dr. Lang,	

12. 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, 23.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Stewart,	Dr. Lang,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Egan,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Smart,	
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Byrnes,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Brown.	Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Donnelly.	Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Dangar,		Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. White,		Mr. Parkes,	

Bill thereupon read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. State Aid to Religion :—Mr. Macpherson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

Debate ensued.

Motion

Motion made by Dr. Lang, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Hart,		Mr. Egan,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett.	Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Stimpson,	
Dr. Lang,		Mr. Mate,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Buchanan,		Mr. Dangar,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Driver,		Mr. Campbell,	

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Driver, and question put,—That this House do now adjourn. The House divided.

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Parkes,		Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Garrett	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom.	Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Egan,
Dr. Lang,		Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Buchanan,		Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,		Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Stewart,		Mr. Terry,	Mr. Pickering.

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Farnell,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1866, A.M.

Exception being taken to certain words used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson), while Mr. Buchanan was in possession of the House, the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, on the desire of Mr. Driver, took down the said words as follows:—"I have never been dragged out of the House by five Honorable Members in a state of intoxication."

Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Driver, and Question,—That the words used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, as taken down by the Clerk, are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn,—put and negatived (after Debate).

Debate on Question for adjournment continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Eagar,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Byrnes,		Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Egan,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver.	Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Buchanan,		Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Terry,
Dr. Lang,		Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,		Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Wilson,		Mr. White,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Wisdom,		Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Macpherson.

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Stewart, and Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Eagar,		Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Driver.	Mr. Egan,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Garrett,		Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Buchanan,		Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Robertson,
Dr. Lang,		Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,		Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Wilson,		Mr. White,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Wisdom,		Mr. Campbell,	Mr. De Salis.

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Dangar, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Egan, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Terry, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson,—

The Speaker adjourned the House 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.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE MINISTER REPRESENTING THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Has the Government received any complaints as to the conduct of Mr. Shaw, Postmaster, at Raymond Terrace; if so, what was the nature of these complaints, and what has the Government done in reference to the subject?
2. MR. TIGHE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, to amend the present Municipalities Act; and if so, when will such Bill be introduced?
3. MR. CAMPBELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether, when on a recent visit to Newcastle, and in reply to a Deputation who waited on him there, he promised to supply another Steam Dredge for that harbour; if so, is it his intention to place a Sum of Money on the Estimates for 1867, for that purpose?  
(2.) If not, what Steam Dredge does he intend to supply for that Service?  
(3.) If it is his intention to remove the Steam Dredge "Vulcan," from the River above the Flats to the Harbour of Newcastle?
4. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to lay on the Table of the House, Copies of all the Correspondence and Minutes in the case of the Collector of Customs and Mr. Slattery, in addition to the other Papers now laid before the House in connection with the Customs Department?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WISDOM to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.
2. MR. FARNELL to move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "A Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta," for the introduction of which, leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.
3. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th September, from certain Presbyterians of Pyrmont, against the proposal to perpetuate Grants from the Treasury for the support of Religion, be printed

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have advices been received by the last mail of the sale of any Debentures; if so, what amount, and at what rate?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have arrangements been made for the payment of the Interest on the Public Debt, due on the 1st of January next?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, looking to the health, comfort, and convenience of the Members of this House, it is imperatively necessary that some other building than the present should be found for the purpose of holding the sittings of Parliament, and that consequently, in the opinion of this House, a temporary building should be immediately erected, where the Parliament can assemble and hold its sittings with a reasonable regard to the comfort of its Members.
3. MR. TIGHE to move for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.

TUESDAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER '2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Postmaster, Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister representing the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the Government received any complaints as to the conduct of Mr. Shaw, Postmaster at Raymond Terrace; if so, what was the nature of these complaints, and what has the Government done in reference to the subject?

Mr. *Martin* answered,—Several complaints have been preferred against the Postmaster at Raymond Terrace by the Editors of the *Ensign*, at the instance of Mr. Robert Jacob, and now recently by Mr. Jacob himself, of irregularity in the delivery of this newspaper to Mr. Jacob. The explanation obtained from the Postmaster shewed that it was highly probable that the delay occurred after the delivery of the paper to Mr. Jacob's messenger. On some occasions, with a view of avoiding dispute, the Postmaster appears to have written on the cover the hour of delivery, and the name of the party to whom delivered. This was made a special cause of complaint by Mr. Jacob, and on being called upon for explanation, the Postmaster stated his reasons for having done this. The Postmaster was informed of the irregularity of the course he had adopted, and desired not to repeat it.

- (2.) Municipalities Act:—Mr. Tighe asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, during the present Session, to amend the present Municipalities Act; and if so, when will such Bill be introduced?

Mr. *Parkes* answered,—It is the intention of the Government to ask leave to introduce this Bill next week.

- (3.) Steam Dredge for Newcastle Harbour:—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether, when on a recent visit to Newcastle, and in reply to a Deputation who waited on him there, he promised to supply another Steam Dredge for that harbour; if so, is it his intention to place a sum of Money on the Estimates for 1867, for that purpose?

(2.) If not, what Steam Dredge does he intend to supply for that Service?

(3.) If it is his intention to remove the Steam Dredge "Vulcan," from the River above the Flats to the Harbour of Newcastle?

Mr. *Byrnes* answered,—

(1.) I made no promise to supply another Steam Dredge for the harbour of Newcastle.

(2.) The "Vulcan."

(3.) I promised to a deputation that waited on me, on the occasion of my recent visit to Newcastle, to represent to my Colleagues the inadequacy of the deep-water space in the harbour to accommodate the large class of vessels now frequenting it in great numbers, and that the dredge "Vulcan" should be employed for some little time in removing part of the Horse Shoe Bank. The trade of Newcastle has increased so rapidly of late, that active measures must be taken to increase the available deep-water space.

(4.)

- (4.) Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department—Case of Mr. Slattery:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to lay on the Table of the House, Copies of all the Correspondence and Minutes in the case of the Collector of Customs and Mr. Slattery, in addition to the other Papers now laid before the House in connection with the Customs Department?
- Mr. Eagar answered,—In compliance with the Order of the House the Government have laid upon the Table such portions of the Papers called for as, in their opinion, could be produced without the formality of an Address to His Excellency the Governor. But in respect to the special cases adverted to by the Honorable Member in his question, they consider that in those cases an Address to His Excellency is indispensable to the production of the Papers.
2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Robert Campbell, formerly of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, but now residing in England, Esquire, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish a certain back Lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, near the Circular Quay, in the City of Sydney, and a portion of another back Lane leading southerly thereout, and all rights of way connected therewith, and to vest the fee simple thereof in Robert Campbell, Esquire; and to create and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof, and in exchange therefor, a new Lane or Street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned Lane or Street from the said Robert Campbell. (*Gazettes and Newspapers cited as containing the prescribed advertisements not produced.*)  
Petition received.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to extend the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney," read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Final Return to Order, in reference to "Statistics connected with Gold," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Rodd, on 31 July, 1866 (*being in completion of Return laid on the Table on 4 September, 1866,—see Votes and Proceedings, No. 25, Entry 17.*)  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Carriers and Carriers' Agents:—Mr. Kemp presented the undermentioned Petitions, praying, respectively, that this House will, with as little delay as possible, pass a Bill to License Carriers and Carriers' Agents:—  
(1.) From certain Merchants, Traders, and others of the City of Sydney.  
(2.) From certain Merchants, Licensed Victuallers, Traders, and others of the Town and District of Bathurst.  
(3.) From certain Merchants, Licensed Victuallers, Traders, and others of the Town and District of Goulburn.  
(4.) From certain Merchants, Licensed Victuallers, Traders, and others of the Town and District of Wagga Wagga.  
Petitions received.
7. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.  
Question put and passed.
8. Parramatta Market Bill:—Proposal to dispense with the 65th Standing Order ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to inquire and report as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th Standing Order, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled "A Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta," for the introduction of which, leave has been granted by this House during the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
9. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day):—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
Question put.  
The House divided.
- | Ayes, 14.       |                 | Noes, 15.       |               |
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| Mr. Sutherland, | Mr. Stewart,    | Mr. Martin,     | Mr. Mate,     |
| Mr. Lucas,      | Mr. Piddington, | Mr. Parkes,     | Mr. Gordon,   |
| Mr. White,      | Mr. Driver,     | Mr. Wilson,     | Mr. Phelps,   |
| Mr. Hurley,     | Tellers.        | Mr. Eagar,      | Mr. Farnell,  |
| Mr. Dignam,     |                 | Mr. Byrnes,     | Tellers.      |
| Mr. Cummings,   | Mr. Wisdom,     | Mr. Egan,       | Mr. Forlonge, |
| Mr. Tighe,      | Mr. Kemp,       | Mr. Isaacs,     | Mr. De Salis. |
| Mr. Garrett,    |                 | Mr. Macpherson, |               |
| Mr. Terry,      |                 | Mr. Hay,        |               |
10. Sheep Disease Prevention 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 the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments.  
Bill re-committed, on motion of Mr. White, for the reconsideration of clauses 42 and 72.



The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain further Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, 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 Wednesday next.

11. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill :—

(1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows :—

*Resolved* :—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to permit the sale of Brandy, distilled by the owners of vineyards, from grapes, the produce of such vineyards. Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Eagar having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to permit the sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards,*" read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. Motion Dropped :—Dr. Lang not making the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

*Questions* :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have advices been received by the last mail of the sale of any Debentures; if so, what amount, and at what rate?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Have arrangements been made for the payment of the Interest on the Public Debt, due on the 1st of January next?
3. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for Tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from No. 5 Contract to the Town of Bathurst?
4. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to license and regulate the Business of Carriers and Carriers Agents?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish a certain back Lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, near the Circular Quay, in the City of Sydney, and a portion of another back Lane leading southerly thereout, and all rights of way connected therewith, and to vest the fee simple thereof in Robert Campbell, Esquire; and to create and dedicate to the public, in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor, a new Lane or Street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned Lane or Street from the said Robert Campbell.
2. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Debate, which ensued on the motion of Mr. Macpherson,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship,—upon the reading of the Order of the Day appointing such consideration, and was interrupted by the House being counted out, on the 18th September, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
3. MR. KEMP to move, That the four Petitions from Merchants and others, praying respectively for the passing of a Bill to license Carriers and Carriers Agents, presented by him on the 19th September, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That the third reading of the future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

*Question :—*

1. MR. KEMP *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates, towards relieving the distress of the Widow and Children of the late B. H. McCann, Inspector of National Schools?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That, looking to the health, comfort, and convenience of the Members of this House, it is imperatively necessary that some other building than the present should be found for the purpose of holding the sittings of Parliament, and that consequently, in the opinion of this House, a temporary building should be immediately erected, where the Parliament can assemble and hold its sittings with a reasonable regard to the comfort of its Members.
3. MR. TIGHE *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.
4. DR. LANG *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Petition presented by him, from certain Inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, on the thirty-first July, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House.
  - (2.) That the following be the Members of such Committee :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Mate, Mr. Hay, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
5. MR. MACPHERSON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of :—
  - (1.) Letter from the Board of Visitors to the Lunatic Asylums, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 17th July, 1866.
  - (2.) The late President's letter to the Colonial Secretary, resigning his appointment, dated 4th August, 1866.
  - (3.) Letter from the Under Secretary in acknowledgment of the same, dated 10th August, 1866.
  - (4.) Mr. C. Campbell's reply thereto, dated 13th August, 1866.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

*Question :—*

1. MR. DONNELLY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any overtures to the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies, for the purpose of eliciting from them their views upon the desirability or otherwise of taking steps towards devising and carrying into effect a scheme for the Confederation of the Australian Colonies?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. MR. ROND *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

4. Mr. LUCAS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
- (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
- (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; third reading.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
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## New South Wales.

No. 35.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Sale of Debentures:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Have advices been received by the last mail of the sale of any Debentures; if so, what amount, and at what rate?

Mr. Eagar answered,—In answer to my honorable friend, I beg to say that I shall be happy to give the information required on Thursday next, when the Financial Statement is made.

- (2.) Interest on Public Debt:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have arrangements been made for the payment of the Interest on the Public Debt, due on the 1st of January next?

Mr. Eagar answered,—To this important question I shall be happy to give the fullest answer on Thursday next, when the Statement is made.

Mr. Cummings withdrew the Question No. 3.

- (3.) Carriers and Carriers' Agents:—Mr. Lucas asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to license and regulate the Business of Carriers and Carriers Agents? Mr. Martin answered,—The Government have at present no such intention.

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

Motion by leave withdrawn.

3. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Telegraphic Press Messages," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 4th September, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Harbour Defences," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 14th August, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill:—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish a certain back Lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, near the Circular Quay, in the City of Sydney, and a portion of another back Lane leading southerly thereout, and all rights of way connected therewith, and to vest the fee simple thereof in Robert Campbell, Esquire; and to create and dedicate to the public, in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor, a new Lane or Street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street, and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned Lane or Street from the said Robert Campbell.

And Mr. Forster having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* Newspaper, containing Notices, for four consecutive weeks in the months of August and September, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Forster 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 abolish a certain back Lane leading from Elizabeth-street

"street to Phillip-street near the Circular Quay in the City of Sydney and a portion of another back Lane leading southerly thereout and all rights of way connected therewith And to vest the fee simple thereof in Robert Campbell Esquire And to create and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new Lane or Street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street And to divest all right or title in or to the said last mentioned Lane or Street from the said Robert Campbell," read a first time.

5. Carriers and Carriers' Agents ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, moved pursuant to Notice, That the four Petitions from Merchants and others, praying respectively for the passing of a Bill to license Carriers and Carriers Agents, presented by Mr. Kemp on the 19th September, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.

6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Motion made by Mr. Forster and Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next,—put and passed.

7. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Gold Fields Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

9. State Aid to Religion:—Mr. Hart, on behalf of Mr. Macpherson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Debate, which ensued on the motion of Mr. Macpherson,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship,—upon the reading of the Order of the Day appointing such consideration, and was interrupted by the House being counted out, on the 18th September, be restored to the Paper and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Forlonge,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Hay,

Mr. White,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Dignam,

Tellers.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Ticho,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Ryan,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Neale,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,  
Mr. Driver.

10. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" the third reading of the Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hart moved,—That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill be discharged."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Graham,

Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Driver.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Forlonge,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. Macleay,

Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,

Tellers.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Campbell.

Original Question then put and passed.

11. Partnership Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Partnership*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th September, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Terry, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

*Question :—*

1. MR. KEMP to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates, towards relieving the distress of the Widow and Children of the late B. H. McCann, Inspector of National Schools?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill; second reading.
2. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; third reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, looking to the health, comfort, and convenience of the Members of this House, it is imperatively necessary that some other building than the present should be found for the purpose of holding the sittings of Parliament, and that consequently, in the opinion of this House, a temporary building should be immediately erected, where the Parliament can assemble and hold its sittings with a reasonable regard to the comfort of its Members.
3. MR. TIGHE to move for leave to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.
4. DR. LANG to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Petition presented by him, from certain Inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, on the thirty-first July, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House.
  - (2.) That the following be the Members of such Committee:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Mate, Mr. Hay, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of:—
  - (1.) Letter from the Board of Visitors to the Lunatic Asylums, to the Colonial Secretary, dated 17th July, 1866.
  - (2.) The late President's letter to the Colonial Secretary, resigning his appointment, dated 4th August, 1866.
  - (3.) Letter from the Under Secretary in acknowledgment of the same, dated 10th August, 1866.
  - (4.) Mr. C. Campbell's reply thereto, dated 13th August, 1866.
6. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th September, from certain Presbyterians of Pymont, against the proposal to perpetuate Grants from the Treasury for the support of Religion, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. DONNELLY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any overtures to the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies, for the purpose of eliciting from them their views upon the desirability or otherwise of taking steps towards devising and carrying into effect a scheme for the Confederation of the Australian Colonies?
2. MR. HART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the Resolution of this House, passed on the 4th May, 1865, directing that immediate steps should be taken to remedy the nuisance arising from the imperfect drainage of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, and the flow of soil and other matter from that institution to the Parramatta River?
  - (2.) Has any complaint been made to the Government, by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, of the existence of an open drain leading from the Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever among the inmates and orphans?
  - (3.) What portion of the sum of £3,000, voted by the House in March last, for the drainage of the Asylum, has been expended?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. MR. RODD *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; third reading.
3. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Partnership Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
  2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
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## New South Wales.

No. 36.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Issue and Return of Writ :—The Speaker reported that, consequent upon the vote of this House on the 13th September instant, declaring vacant the Seat of John Caldwell, Esquire, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of East Sydney, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy so created, and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of Robert Stewart, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. Member Sworn ;—Robert Stewart, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

3. Papers :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers, pursuant to the requirement of the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1 :—

(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the said section of the said Act.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, as the future Sites for Villages or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Mr. B. H. McCann (Deceased) :—*Mr. Buchanan*, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates towards relieving the distress of the Widow and Children of the late B. H. McCann, Inspector of National Schools?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The attention of the Government has been directed to this case, which certainly appears to be one of great hardship. It is under consideration, but no decision is yet arrived at.

5. Lunatic Asylums ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of :—

(1.) Letter from the Board of Visitors to the Lunatic Asylums to the Colonial Secretary, dated 17th July, 1866.

(2.) The late President's letter to the Colonial Secretary, resigning his appointment, dated 4th August, 1866.

(3.) Letter from the Under Secretary, in acknowledgment of the same, dated 10th August, 1866.

(4.) Mr. C. Campbell's reply thereto, dated 13th August, 1866.

Question put and passed.

6. State Aid to Religion (*"Formal" Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by him on the 18th September, from certain Presbyterians of Pyrmont, against the proposal to perpetuate Grants from the Treasury for the support of Religion, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Eagar 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 permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards.*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st September, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Tighe withdrew the motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

9. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill, on motion of Mr. Samuel, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to 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 Tuesday next.

10. State Aid to Religion:—On the Order of the Day on this subject, No. 2 of Other Business, being read, Mr. Macleay moved, That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for this day "month."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Windeyer moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "month," with a view to inserting in its place the words "two months."

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. White,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Hay,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. B. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Pennell,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Joseph,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver.

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

Whereupon, Question put,—That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for this day two months.

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.

11. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.

Mr. Egan 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."

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Neale,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Tunks,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Macpherson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Joseph.

Question

Question then put,—That the words proposed to be added be there added.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Egan,	Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Neale,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. De Salis,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Hart,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Macpherson.	Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Hay,		Mr. Tunks,	

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

12. Postponements:—Mr. Buchanan postponed the Motions Nos. 1 and 2 on the Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

13. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice:—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Petition presented by him, from certain Inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, on the thirty-first July, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House.

(2.) That the following be the Members of such Committee:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Mate, Mr. Hay, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.

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

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Petition presented by Dr. Lang, from certain Inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, on the thirty-first July, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Dr. Lang, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Forster, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Mate, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Landale, and Mr. Phelps.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. DONNELLY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any overtures to the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies, for the purpose of eliciting from them their views upon the desirability or otherwise of taking steps towards devising and carrying into effect a scheme for the Confederation of the Australian Colonies?
2. MR. HART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the Resolution of this House, passed on the 4th May, 1865, directing that immediate steps should be taken to remedy the nuisance arising from the imperfect drainage of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, and the flow of soil and other matter from that institution to the Parramatta River?
  - (2.) Has any complaint been made to the Government, by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, of the existence of an open drain leading from the Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever among the inmates and orphans?
  - (3.) What portion of the sum of £3,000, voted by the House in March last, for the drainage of the Asylum, has been expended?

3. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to license Bonded Stores in the inland towns and populous rural districts of New South Wales?
  - (2.) If so, is it intended to permit the transmission by land or water of goods liable to duty, without the payment of such duty, from and to all Bonded Stores, subject to such conditions as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the revenue?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—In any amendment of the Land Law which the Government may contemplate, is it their intention to secure to him every right at present enjoyed by the free selector, as also to give the free selector a clearer and more indisputable possession of those grazing rights granted him under the Land Bill?
5. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he is aware that the Sydney Infirmary has been, and is now, so mismanaged that scandalous exhibitions of filth and vermin may be seen on the couches and persons of several of the patients; and if the Colonial Secretary has ever been an eye-witness to this; if so, what steps have the Government taken to amend this state of things?
6. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Government mean to lay on the Table of this House, the Return with reference to Railway Traffic, some time ago ordered by the House?
7. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether, and if so, when, the Government mean to send a surveyor to make inquiries touching the necessity for repairs required on the George's River Road, in accordance with the prayer of a deputation which waited on the Secretary for Lands some time ago?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
  - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate Official Salaries.
3. MR. RODD *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—
 

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
4. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively :—
  - (1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.
  - (2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.
5. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
  - (1.) That Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Josephson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Phelps, Mr. White, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
6. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence, Documents, and Minutes, that have passed between Mr. Jamison, Mr. Neilson, and Mr. McFarlane, and any officer of the Government, relative to charges brought against Mr. Cole, Commissioner of Crown Lands.
7. MR. COWPER *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 any Correspondence, not already laid upon the Table, which has taken place respecting the appointments made in the Customs Department since the month of March last, including the following documents, viz. :—The Treasurer's Minute of 14 April, 1866, recommending the appointment of Messrs. Augustus Berney, Edward Jones, A. J. Ormsby, W. King, J. B. Frazer, Charles Willis, Thomas Slattery, and John Baxter, to new places in the Customs; and of all Correspondence between

between that date and the 18th May inclusive, in reference to those appointments, and especially Mr. Slattery's case. Also, all Correspondence beginning on the 11th May last, and Minutes of the Treasurer, respecting Mr. Duncan's suspension, including the Collector's appeal to His Excellency the Governor.

8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, looking to the health, comfort, and convenience of the Members of this House, it is imperatively necessary that some other building than the present should be found for the purpose of holding the sittings of Parliament, and that consequently, in the opinion of this House, a temporary building should be immediately erected, where the Parliament can assemble and hold its sittings with a reasonable regard to the comfort of its Members.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods Bill ; third reading.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill ; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; third reading.
3. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, " That this Bill be now read a second time."

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Partnership Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TIGHE to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Confederation of Australian Colonies:—Mr. Donnelly asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any overtures to the Governments of the neighbouring Colonies, for the purpose of eliciting from them their views upon the desirability or otherwise of taking steps towards devising and carrying into effect a scheme for the Confederation of the Australian Colonies?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no present intention of taking any steps towards the Federation of the Australian Colonies.

- (2.) Drainage of Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Hart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the Resolution of this House, passed on the 4th May, 1865, directing that immediate steps should be taken to remedy the nuisance arising from the imperfect drainage of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, and the flow of soil and other matter from that institution to the Parramatta River?

(2.) Has any complaint been made to the Government, by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, of the existence of an open drain leading from the Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever among the inmates and orphans?

(3.) What portion of the sum of £3,000, voted by the House in March last, for the drainage of the Asylum, has been expended?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Colonial Architect prepared a plan and report, which were forwarded to the Municipal Council of Parramatta in November last for information, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether they intended doing anything in the matter. The Municipal Council objected to the course proposed by the Colonial Architect, as they considered it would create an intolerable nuisance in the town. I will again consult with the Colonial Architect, and take such steps as may be deemed desirable in the matter.

(2.) No complaint appears to have been received in my department, from the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School.

(3.) No such sum was voted by the House.

- (3.) Bonded Stores in Inland Towns:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to license Bonded Stores in the inland towns and populous rural districts of New South Wales?

(2.) If so, is it intended to permit the transmission by land or water of goods liable to duty, without the payment of such duty, from and to all Bonded Stores, subject to such conditions as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the revenue?

Mr. Eagar answered,—It is not the intention of the Government at present to license Bonded Stores in the localities named by the Honorable Member.

(4.)

- (4.) Rights of Free Selectors :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—In any amendment of the Land Law which the Government may contemplate, is it their intention to secure to him every right at present enjoyed by the free selector, as also to give the free selector a clearer and more indisputable possession of those grazing rights granted him under the Land Bill ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to interfere in any way with the principle of free selection, or to give holders of land in fee indisputable possession of their grazing rights, as that would have the effect of shutting out large areas of agricultural land from free selection or sale.

- (5.) Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If he is aware that the Sydney Infirmary has been, and is now, so mismanaged that scandalous exhibitions of filth and vermin may be seen on the couches and persons of several of the patients ; and if the Colonial Secretary has ever been an eye-witness to this ; if so, what steps have the Government taken to amend this state of things ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Any personal knowledge that I possess on the state of the Infirmary, is embodied in Papers which have been printed by the order of the House. It was represented to the Government that serious irregularities and improprieties existed in the Infirmary, which led to the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry. The Directors, however, resisted this inquiry, and refused to allow their servants to be examined, or their books to be produced.

- (6.) Railway Traffic :—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When the Government mean to lay on the Table of this House, the Return with reference to Railway Traffic, some time ago ordered by the House ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the Votes and Proceedings of the 18th instant, from which he will perceive that the Return alluded to was laid on the Table on that date.

- (7.) George's River Road :—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—Whether, and if so, when, the Government mean to send a surveyor to make inquiries touching the necessity for repairs required on the George's River Road, in accordance with the prayer of a deputation which waited on the Secretary for Lands some time ago ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Surveyor Armstrong visited the locality on Friday or Saturday last for the purpose referred to.

2. Lawson's Trust Bill :—Mr. Josephson presented a Petition from Thomas Icely, of Parramatta, Esquire, M.L.C., praying for leave to introduce a Bill, to enable the Trustees for the time being of the will of William Lawson, late of Prospect, in the County of Cumberland, in the Territory of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased, to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales,—And Mr. Josephson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Bathurst Times*, and *Western Examiner*, Newspapers, containing Notices, for four consecutive weeks in the months of August and September, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.

3. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill :—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 this Bill was referred on 4th September, 1866,—together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Whereupon, Mr. Driver moved, That the second reading of this Bill, *as amended in Select Committee*, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put and passed.

4. Alleged irregularity in Registration of a Deed :—Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from John Archibald Campbell, of Waverley, in the County of Cumberland, setting forth a certain alleged irregularity in a Register in the Registration Office, whereby the Entry of a particular Deed, in which he was interested, and which was believed to have been duly registered, has been excluded, by which exclusion Petitioner states he has suffered serious loss, and been most grossly defrauded ; and praying inquiry, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

5. Ministerial Salaries Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Ministerial Salaries.

Question put and passed.

6. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice—

(1.) That Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Josephson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Phelps, Mr. White, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods 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 relating to Advances bonâ fide made to Agents intrusted with Goods.*"  
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 agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Advances bonâ fide made to Agents intrusted with Goods.*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
Sydney, 25th September, 1866. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Ministerial Salaries Bill:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Ministerial Salaries.*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
9. Proposed Electoral Alterations:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed, to consider and report upon the expediency of altering the number of Members of this House, and correcting certain anomalies and inconveniences in the existing system of representation, by the construction of new, or division of existing, Electoral Districts, if required.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.  
(3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Report and Proceedings of the Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Certain Free Selectors tried before Judges Meymott and Francis—Case of Robert Cook—(Administration of Justice):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—  
(1.) The district in which they became selectors, and the names of the twelve free selectors which Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before him for cattle-stealing.  
(2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively, the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors which tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis.  
Debate ensued.  
Question, as amended with the concurrence of the House,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing respectively:—  
(1.) The names of the twelve free selectors who Judge Meymott stated (when passing sentence on Robert Cook at the late Tamworth Quarter Sessions) had been convicted before the said Judge for cattle-stealing.  
(2.) Also, a Return setting forth respectively the name, the locality in which they were selectors, the district in which they were tried, the nature of the crime, the name and occupation of the Jurors who tried them, and whether convicted or acquitted, of all free selectors tried before District Judge Francis,—put and passed.
12. Mr. Cole, Commissioner of Crown Lands:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence, Documents, and Minutes, that have passed between Mr. Jamison, Mr. Neilson, and Mr. McFarlane, and any officer of the Government, relative to charges brought against Mr. Cole, Commissioner of Crown Lands.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
13. Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any Correspondence, not already laid upon the Table, which has taken place respecting the appointments made in the Customs Department since the month of March last, including the following documents, viz.:—The Treasurer's Minute of 14 April, 1866, recommending the appointment of Messrs. Augustus Berney, Edward Jones, A. J. Ormsby, W. King, J. B. Frazer, Charles Willis, Thomas Slattery, and John Baxter, to new places in the Customs; and of all Correspondence between that date and the 18th May inclusive, in reference to those appointments, and especially Mr. Slattery's case. Also, all Correspondence beginning on the 11th May last, and Minutes of the Treasurer, respecting Mr. Duncan's suspension, including the Collector's appeal to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.



14. **Motions Withdrawn** :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motions, Nos. 8 and 9, on the Notice Paper for to-day.

The House adjourned at a quarter 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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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate at Deniliquin received a letter from a brother Magistrate lately, suggesting what decision he should give in a case in which the said Magistrate was personally concerned?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate exposed this misconduct on the part of a gentleman holding the Commission of the Peace?
  - (3.) Is the Government aware, that in consequence of the Police Magistrate's conduct in this matter, the following Magistrates, namely :—Messrs. R. Paterson, Dr. Wren, R. Landale, M.P., Archibald M'Lauren, Myles Paterson, John Philips, J. N. Alexander, and T. B. Carne,—have resolved never to sit on the Bench with the Police Magistrate again?
  - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government, if the facts above stated are true, to sweep all those people above mentioned from the Magisterial Roll without delay?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish, in this Country, a National Bank of Issue; and if so, when may the Country expect the introduction of such a measure?

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION** :—

1. **MR. MARTIN** to move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter the law relating to the appointment of District Court Judges.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY** :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
2. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; third reading.
3. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

**OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.**

1. Partnership Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

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5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be a Call of the House, on Friday, the 16th November, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
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[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Police Magistrate, Deniliquin, and alleged conduct of other Magistrates towards him :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate at Deniliquin received a letter from a brother Magistrate lately, suggesting what decision he should give in a case in which the said Magistrate was personally concerned?

(2.) Is it true that the Police Magistrate exposed this misconduct on the part of a gentleman holding the Commission of the Peace.

(3.) Is the Government aware, that in consequence of the Police Magistrate's conduct in this matter, the following Magistrates, namely :—Messrs. R. Paterson, Dr. Wren, R. Landale, M.P., Archibald M'Lauren, Myles Paterson, John Phillips, J. N. Alexander, and T. B. Carne,—have resolved never to sit on the Bench with the Police Magistrate again?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government, if the facts above stated are true, to sweep all those people above mentioned from the Magisterial Roll without delay? Mr. Martin answered,—It appears that at the latter end of last month a charge of assault was made by the superintendent of a gentleman of the name of Phillips, against a Mr. John Taylor, a publican, residing at Deniliquin. In reference to that charge, Mr. Phillips wrote this letter, which he gave to his servant, the prosecutor, to be delivered to Mr. Giles, the Police Magistrate :—

“ Sunday, August 26,  
“ Methoura.

“ Dear Sir,

“ I learned yesterday, on my arrival at home, that John Taylor, the publican, made a most brutal and cowardly assault on one of my overseers, striking him with a mounted whip on the back of the head, and attempting to follow it up, and rescuing horses my person had in charge. I beg of you, as Police Magistrate, to make it a warning to him, as on a previous occasion I did, and which kept him quiet and orderly for some years, otherwise I must arm my men when doing their duty on the South Deniliquin run. You will much oblige by giving your attention to this.

“ And remain,

“ Yours very truly,

“ JOHN PHILLIPS.”

Mr. Giles directed this letter to be placed with the official documents in his office, and made this memorandum upon it :—“ Memo. This letter was handed to Mr. Giles by the prosecutor Clancy, this morning. Mr. Giles regrets Mr. Phillips should have written to the Police Magistrate on a subject about to be judicially considered by him.—James Giles, P.M. Court House, Deniliquin, 27 August, 1866.”

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On the case coming on, complaint was made by the attorney for the defendant that an attempt had been made to influence the Bench on behalf of the prosecution, and counter statements were made by the attorney for the prosecution. A discussion then took place, which resulted in the reading of this letter by order of the Court. The case appears to have gone on, the Magistrates sitting being Mr. Giles, the Police Magistrate, and Mr. Carne. After the prosecutor was examined, a point of law was raised by the attorney for the defendant, to the effect that, as there was a disputed claim to a right of way the jurisdiction was ousted, Mr. Carne being of one opinion and Mr. Giles the contrary. The Magistrates being thus divided in opinion, nothing further could be done that day, and the case stood over for a larger attendance of Magistrates. What was done afterwards I am not aware. I have not received any further information with reference to this matter. I am not aware whether the gentlemen whose names are mentioned in the Honorable Member's question have resolved never to sit on the Bench with the Police Magistrate or not; and not being aware of that, of course I have not arrived at any determination as to putting them out of the Commission of the Peace or otherwise; but I will cause inquiry to be made and ascertain whether anything of this kind has taken place—whether Mr. Giles has been visited with the censure of his brother Magistrates for the course he took, a course which I take this opportunity of stating has my entire concurrence.

- (2.) National Bank of Issue:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish, in this Country, a National Bank of Issue; and if so, when may the Country expect the introduction of such a measure?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not in the position to give any answer to the Honorable Member's question.

2. Public Schools Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
- (1.) From the Bishop and Clergy of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (2.) From Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Balmain. By Mr. Smart.
  - (3.) From the Priest and Roman Catholics, of Shoalhaven. By Mr. Garrett.
  - (4.) From Roman Catholics of Orange. By Mr. Forlonge.
  - (5.) From Roman Catholics of Paddington. By Mr. Egan.
  - (6.) From Roman Catholic Pastor and Inhabitants of Wollongong. By Mr. Hart.
- Petitions received.
3. District Courts Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to alter the Law relating to the appointment of District Court Judges.  
Question put and passed.
4. Sheep Disease Prevention 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 for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 26th September, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Lawson's Trust Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be granted to introduce a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Lawson late of Prospect in the County of Cumberland in the Territory of New South Wales Esquire deceased to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales."  
Question put and passed.
6. Alleged Irregularity in Registration of a Deed (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 25th September, from J. A. Campbell, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Farnell withdrew the Motion, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. District Courts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the Law relating to the Appointment of District Court Judges,*"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Lawson's Trust Bill:—Mr. Josephson 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 for the time being of the Will of William Lawson late of Prospect in the County of Cumberland in the Territory of New South Wales Esquire deceased to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—read a first time.

10. Estimates of Expenditure for 1867, and Supplementary Estimates for 1866 and previous years:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,

*Message, No. 7.*

*Governor.*

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 probable expenditure of this Government for the year 1867, and a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for 1866.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 26 September, 1866.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates.

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

“LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

“James White, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of John Caldwell, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly was declared vacant on the 13th September instant, by reason of his resignation thereof.

“Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Macquarie-street, Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of Sep-  
tember, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and sixty-six.

“W. M. ARNOLD,

*Speaker.”*

12. Public Schools Bill:—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr Parkes,—“That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time.”

Mr. Macpherson 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.

Motion made by Mr. Egan, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Tunks,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Macpherson,

Noes, 31.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Rodd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Alexander,	

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Donnelly, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Egan,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Tunks,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forlonge,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. White,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Driver.

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Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Dignam, and Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Gordon,

Tellers.

Mr. Macpherson.  
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Martin, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Driver, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Mate,  Tellers. Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Joseph.
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Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Hart, and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

Main Question stated.

Debate on Main Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Campbell, until this day week.

13. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time," being read.

The Speaker, in reference to a question which had been raised by Mr. Forster, whether this should be treated as a Public or a Private Bill, said, that having given his best attention to the subject, he had arrived at the conclusion that, as the object of this Bill was to alter or vary the powers of the Corporation, which derived such powers from certain Public Bills, the Bill ought to be considered a Public one, and was therefore properly before the House.

Whereupon Debate resumed and continued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Felons Apprehension Act Continuation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another year*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 26 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

- (2.) Registration of Brands Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 18th September, 1866, in reference to the Registration of Brands Bill, does not insist upon its Amendment in clause 6, line 44, disagreed to by the Assembly; and agrees to the Assembly's Amendment upon the Council's Amendment in clause 17, line 44.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 26 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

- (3.) Cattle Disease Prevention Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 18th September, 1866, in reference to the Cattle Disease Prevention Bill, agrees to the Assembly's Amendment upon the Council's Amendment in clause 1, line 14, and does not insist upon its Amendment, which adds a Proviso to the end of clause 3, disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 26th September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

15. Widow and Children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the current year a sum of money, not exceeding £500, in aid of the widow and three children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer.

Debate ensued.

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.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

NOTICES

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

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the suggestions for the organization of an efficient Lifeboat Service for the port of Newcastle contained in the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the management of the Newcastle Lifeboat?
2. MR. HART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any complaint has been made to him by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, respecting the existence of an open drain leading from the Lunatic Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever amongst the inmates and orphans. If so, what has been done in consequence?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to establish Municipalities.
2. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue.
3. MR. MARTIN *to move*, That the Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of the Bill to alter the law relating to District Court Judges.
4. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message, No. 7, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
5. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th September, from the Bishop of Sydney, and Church of England Clergymen, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. SMART *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 26th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Balmain, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That the Petition of the Priest and 170 Roman Catholics of Shoalhaven, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 26th September, be printed.
4. MR. FORLONGE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 26th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Orange, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. EGAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 26th September, from Roman Catholics of Paddington, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. HART *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th September, from Inhabitants of Wollongong, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*,—
  - (1.) That Lawson's Trust Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Tighe, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Partnership Amendment Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY



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*Question :—*

1. MR. DONNELLY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

FRIDAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
  2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
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## New South Wales.

No. 39.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) Life Boat Service, Newcastle :—Mr. Hannell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the suggestions for the organization of an efficient Lifeboat Service for the port of Newcastle, contained in the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the management of the Newcastle Lifeboat ?  
Mr. Eagar answered,—The sum of £1,000 has been placed upon the Estimates for next year to carry out the recommendation of the Committee.  
*Mr. Hart withdrew the Question No. 2.*
2. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Wisdom having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th October.
3. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return shewing the Distribution of the Police Force on 1st September, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Public Schools Bill :—Mr. Mate presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Albury, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Municipalities Bill (“ *Formal* ” *Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to establish Municipalities.  
Question put and passed.
6. Public Institutions Inspection Bill (“ *Formal* ” *Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue.  
Question put and passed.
7. Public Schools Bill (“ *Formal* ” *Motions*) :—
  - (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th September, from the Bishop of Sydney, and Church of England Clergymen, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Smart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Balmain, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of the Priest and 170 Roman Catholics of Shoalhaven, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 26th September, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

- (4.) Mr. Forlonge moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Orange, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) *Mr. Hurley*, on behalf of Mr. Egan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Egan on 26th September, from Roman Catholics of Paddington, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th September, from Inhabitants of Wollongong, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Lawson's Trust Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That Lawson's Trust Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Tighe, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
9. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin:—Dr. Lang, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin" now sitting, have power to send for persons and papers.  
Question put and passed.
10. District Courts Amendment Bill—*Suspension of Standing Orders*:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of the Bill to alter the law relating to District Court Judges.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
11. Committee of Supply:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 7, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, That the Debate on this Question stand an Order of the Day for to-day, to follow the Orders of the Day of Government Business already on the Paper.
12. Committee of Ways and Means:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, That the Debate on this Question stand an Order of the Day for to-day, to follow the Orders of the Day of Government Business already on the Paper.
13. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Joseph presented a Petition from Roman Catholics of the District of St. Benedict's, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
14. District Courts Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report.  
Bill then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time (after Debate), and *passed*.  
Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to alter the law relating to the appointment of District Court Judges.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. 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 alter the law relating to the appointment of District Court Judges,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 27th September, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
15. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.
16. Committee of Supply:—Order of the Day for the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Eagar, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 7, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto,—read.  
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,

Ordered, *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:—

(1.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,887 1s. 5d., 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.

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

17. Committee of Ways and Means:—Order of the Day for the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Eagar, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means,—read.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

18. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

19. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) District Courts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the law relating to the appointment of District Court Judges*,” returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (2.) Church of England Property Management Bill.—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the Property of the said Church*,” returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (3.) Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Common Law Procedure Act of 1857*,” presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27 September, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

20. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Partnership Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Samuel, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Questions:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that Sheep are now being depastured upon the Ophir and Stoney Creek Gold Fields Reserves, by reason of which the horses of the holders of “*Miners Rights*,” residing at those places, are prevented from depasturing thereon?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps whereby the holders of *Miners Rights*, as aforesaid, may enjoy the privileges granted to them by Section 11 of the *Gold Fields Act, 1861*?

2. MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any complaint has been made to him by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, respecting the existence of an open drain leading from the Lunatic Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever amongst the inmates and orphans. If so, what has been done in consequence?
3. MR. GRAHAM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to build a Telegraph Office, and also a Post Office, in the Town of Cooma?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Widow and Children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the current year a sum of money, not exceeding £500, in aid of the widow and three children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer.
4. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Partnership Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TIGHE to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861.
3. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 27th September, from Roman Catholics of Albury, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
4. MR. JOSEPH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Benedict's, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
4. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion,—
  - (1.) That Bonded Warehouses should be licensed in the Inland Towns and populous Rural Districts of the Colony.
  - (2.) That arrangements should be made forthwith by the Government, whereby goods liable to duty may be transmitted in Bond from one Bonded Store to another.
  - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be a Call of the House, on Friday, the 16th November, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.
6. 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, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council relating to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the present state of the Sydney Infirmary.

WEDNESDAY,

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill; second reading.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Grazing Rights of Miners on certain Gold Fields:—Mr. Donnelly asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that Sheep are now being depastured upon the Ophir and Stoney Creek Gold Fields Reserves, by reason of which the horses of the holders of "Miners Rights," residing at those places, are prevented from depasturing thereon?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take any steps whereby the holders of Miners Rights, as aforesaid, may enjoy the privileges granted to them by Section 11 of the Gold Fields Act, 1861?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) A representation to this effect was received by the Government some time since, and instructions were issued by direction of the late Secretary for Lands for the formation of a small permanent reserve and a large temporary one for the purposes of a Common, with a view to the land being placed under the control of Trustees.

(2.) A report on the subject has been received from the local surveyor, proposing the boundaries of the reserves to be made under the above decision, and the matter is now in the hands of the Surveyor General for completion. Of course any leases interfering with these Reserves will be cancelled, as provided by Section 11 of the Gold Fields Act, to such extent as may be necessary.

- (2.) Drainage of Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any complaint has been made to him by the Committee of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, respecting the existence of an open drain leading from the Lunatic Asylum, which empties itself into the grounds of the Orphan School, and which, it is stated, has produced low fever amongst the inmates and orphans. If so, what has been done in consequence?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have not been able to trace any letters, such as the Honorable Member alludes to, in my office. From personal observation I am aware of the existence of the nuisance to which the question refers, and steps will be taken immediately to endeavour to supply a remedy.

- (3.) Telegraph and Post Offices at Cooma:—Mr. Graham asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If it is the intention of the Government to build a Telegraph Office, and also a Post Office, in the Town of Cooma?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The attention of the Government has not been called to the necessity for any construction of the nature referred to in the Honorable Member's question, and as the Telegraph Department will very shortly be placed under the Postmaster General, I have no doubt that officer will look into the matter.



2. Assent to Bills, viz.,—Drunkards Punishment—Sydney Paving—Workhouse—Gold Fields:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message, No. 8.

Governor.

The Bills, intituled,—

1. " *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Drunkards*,"—
2. " *An Act to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney*,"—
3. " *An Act to establish Workhouses*,"—
4. " *An Act to amend the Law relating to the Gold Fields*,"—

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 Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th September, 1866.

3. Hartley Vale Collicry Railway Bill:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from James Brown and Alexander Brown, of Newcastle, Merchants, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Great Northern Railway (*stating that from circumstances not within the control of the petitioners or himself, the presentation of the Petition had been delayed until the first three insertions in the Government Gazette and Newspapers, of the notice, provided by the 60th Standing Order, had ceased to be within the prescribed period of three months.*)  
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Newcastle Standard*, Newspapers, containing Notices, for four consecutive weeks in the month of June last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
4. Gold Fields Act of 1866, and Regulations thereunder:—Mr. Pickering presented a Petition from certain Gold Miners and others, resident upon the Rocky River Gold Field and District, praying for the repeal, for reasons therein set forth, of the said Act and Regulations.  
Petition received.
5. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Mate presented a Petition from certain Teachers in and around Albury, praying that the said Bill may be passed speedily, with certain modifications suggested in their Petition.  
Petition received.
6. Alleged Losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala:—Mr. Donnelly presented a Petition from James R. Maxwell, on behalf of certain other persons therein named as Petitioners, setting forth that the said persons had respectively deposited letters containing large sums in Bank notes in the Post Office at Sofala, for transmission to other parts in the usual course of business, and that in consequence of the Post Office having been robbed they had lost their said property,—which losses they attribute to the want of a proper building for a Post Office, and other necessary safeguards; and praying that the House will take the premises into consideration, and deal therewith as may seem meet.  
Petition received.
7. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of Bathurst, praying that the said Bill may not be passed.  
Petition received.
8. Licensed Hawkers Bill (" *Formal* " Motion):—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.  
Question put and passed.
9. Public Schools Bill (" *Formal* " Motion):—Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th September, from Roman Catholics of Albury, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until this day week.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
11. Widow and Children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer:—On motion of Dr. Lang, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the current year a sum of money, not exceeding £500, in aid of the widow and three children of the late Major Edmund Lockyer.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed from the proposed Address.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
13. Partnership Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
14. Crown Land Reserves:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object meaning and intent of the Land Law of 1861.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Forster moved the Previous Question.  
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. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Mate, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rodd, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tighe, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at eighteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
4. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That Bonded Warehouses should be licensed in the Inland Towns and populous Rural Districts of the Colony.  
(2.) That arrangements should be made forthwith by the Government, whereby goods liable to duty may be transmitted in Bond from one Bonded Store to another.  
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be a Call of the House, on Friday, the 16th November, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.
6. 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, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council relating to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the present state of the Sydney Infirmary.

7. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from Teachers of National Schools, Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. PICKERING to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from certain Gold Miners and others, resident upon the Rocky River Gold Fields and District, praying for the repeal of the Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill of 1866, and new Regulations, be printed.
9. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from James Read Maxwell and others, in respect to the robbery of letters and money from Sofala Post Office, be printed.
10. MR. BURNS to move, That the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to enable him to bring in the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
11. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
12. MR. KEMP to move, That the Petition from Roman Catholics of Bathurst, presented by *Mr. Garrett* on Mr. Kemp's behalf on 28th September, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. JOSEPH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Benedict's, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.
2. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Partnership Amendment Bill ; third reading.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?  
(2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill ; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

## New South Wales.

No. 41.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
2. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions respecting the Public Schools Bill were presented respectively, by the Members named :—
  - (1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill.*
    - (1.) From Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Town and District of Parramatta. By Mr. Macpherson.
    - (2.) From Roman Catholics of Liverpool. By Mr. Macpherson.
    - (3.) From Roman Catholics of Brisbane Water. By Mr. Egan.
  - (2.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill.*
    - (4.) From Henry Gordon, Master of the College School, Wollongong. By Mr. J. Stewart.
    - (5.) From the Hunter River Teachers' Association. By Mr. Parkes.
 Petitions received.
3. Motions Withdrawn :—
  - (1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  - (2.) Mr. Donnelly, on behalf of Mr. Cummings, withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Sydney Infirmary (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes of the Executive Council relating to the appointment of a Commission to inquire into the present state of the Sydney Infirmary.  
Question put and passed.
5. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from Teachers of National Schools, Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Gold Fields Act of 1866, and Regulations thereunder (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from certain Gold Miners and others, resident upon the Rocky River Gold Fields and District, praying for the repeal of the Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill of 1866, and new Regulations, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Alleged Losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th September, from James Read Maxwell and others, in respect to the robbery of letters and money from Sofala Post Office, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Motions Withdrawn :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burns, withdrew the Motions Nos. 10 and 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

9. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Roman Catholics of Bathurst, presented by him on Mr. Kemp's behalf on 28th September, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
10. Partnership Amendment Bill ("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 amend the Law of Partnership.*"  
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 agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Partnership,*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 2nd October, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
11. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.  
And the Speaker ruling, on the application of Mr. Martin, that this matter ought, as affecting Trade, to originate in a Committee of the Whole House,—  
Question, as amended with the concurrence of the House, put and passed, viz.:—  
That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution, viz.:—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
12. Bonded Warehouses in the Interior:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion,—  
(1.) That Bonded Warehouses should be licensed in the Inland Towns and populous Rural Districts of the Colony.  
(2.) That arrangements should be made forthwith by the Government, whereby goods liable to duty may be transmitted in Bond from one Bonded Store to another.  
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
13. Call of the House:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be a Call of the House, on Friday, the 16th November, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.  
Question put and passed.
14. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Joseph, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Joseph on the 27th September, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Benedict's, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
15. Licensed Hawkers Bill:—On motion of Mr. Tighe, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
Ordered, on motion made 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 it is desirable to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a second time, and agreed to.
16. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to this Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

17. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.  
The House adjourned at twelve minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that, in consequence of a requisition or memorial addressed to the Government in the handwriting of the Attorney General, the privilege of travelling without charge by the public Railways has been bestowed by the Government upon Members of Parliament, without consulting either House, or those Members of either House who refused, or were not asked, to sign such requisition or memorial?
  - (2.) By what authority have the Government bestowed any such privilege?
  - (3.) Has not such privilege been bestowed by the Government in opposition to an opinion of former Crown Law Officers, to the effect, that the Government could not lawfully bestow such privilege, without an Act of the Legislature?
  - (4.) Has the opinion of the present Attorney General been taken in the matter, and if so, to what effect?
  - (5.) Is such privilege intended to be used by Members of Parliament, travelling upon any other than public business?
  - (6.) Is it intended to extend such privilege to the wives and families of Members of Parliament, or to Members of the Civil Service?
  - (7.) Is it intended to make provision for the travelling expenses of Members of Parliament, who travel by sea, or otherwise than by the public Railways?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is there any truth in the statement that, among the articles to be sent from this Colony to the Intercolonial Exhibition in Melbourne, will be a number of mats and specimens of matting, manufactured by prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol. The articles intended for exposition in the Intercolonial Exhibition will consist of a number of mats of all the different kinds, manufactured in the Gaol, together with several specimens of matting, and a specimen of the skill of another prisoner, in wood. This man, a carpenter, has produced a small piece of woodwork, in the shape of a salver or small tray, in which several of the varieties of wood grown in this Colony are exhibited to advantage. The tray is of cedar, and small pieces of the different kinds of wood are inlaid and beautifully polished. The tray is composed of the following varieties :—Cedar, myall, grey box, cherrytree, musk, blackwood, musk root, white pine, forest oak, and red cedar. The maker of this piece of cabinet work is named Hampton—the 'tall man' of the Singleton and Wollongong mail robberies. With regard to the mats, the largest and most ornamental is one which has just been completed by Gardiner, and is 6 feet 7 inches by 3 feet. In the centre of this mat, on a brown ground, is worked, in fibre, coloured black, the figure of a horse, intended to represent Gardiner's well-known horse "Darkie." The words "Gardiner's Darkie,"—the first above and the second below the figure of the horse—are also worked into the mat in the same way as the figure of the horse. Another mat, smaller, but equally well done, has been turned out of hand by a prisoner who appears to be a most intelligent man, named Vaughan. A horse and tree, and other small figures, are represented on the ground of this mat. The same prisoner has also just completed some very fine matting with coloured borders for exhibition?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months." |
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the following Motion, which lapsed in consequence of the House being counted out on Friday night, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. "That in the opinion of this House the late "enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the "Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such "reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any "squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the "general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861."
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount of duty collected on Rum for the six months prior to the date when the duty was increased from seven to ten shillings; and also, the amount collected for the six months immediately following the increase of duty.
3. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd October, from Roman Catholics of Parramatta, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd October, from Roman Catholics of Liverpool, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition from Roman Catholics of Brisbane Water, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 2nd of October, be printed.
6. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd October, from Henry Gordon, Master of the College School, Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 2nd October, from the Hunter River Teachers' Association, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill; third reading.

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 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolution, viz.:—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
4. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to enable him to bring in the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
3. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.

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 TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 42.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Committee of Elections and Qualifications—Maturity of Warrant reported :—  
(1.) The Speaker reported that his Warrant, appointing James White, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 26th September, 1866, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect ; and intimated that it was therefore open to the said Member to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th Section of the Electoral Act of 1858.  
(2.) Whereupon, James White, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk, as a Member of the said Committee.
2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
*Mr. Forster withdrew the Question No. 1.*  
(1.) Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament travelling by Railway :—  
Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
(1.) Is it true that, in consequence of a requisition or memorial addressed to the Government in the handwriting of the Attorney General, the privilege of travelling without charge by the public Railways has been bestowed by the Government upon Members of Parliament, without consulting either House, or those Members of either House who refused, or were not asked, to sign such requisition or memorial ?  
(2.) By what authority have the Government bestowed any such privilege ?  
(3.) Has not such privilege been bestowed by the Government in opposition to an opinion of former Crown Law Officers, to the effect, that the Government could not lawfully bestow such privilege, without an Act of the Legislature ?  
(4.) Has the opinion of the present Attorney General been taken in the matter, and if so, to what effect ?  
(5.) Is such privilege intended to be used by Members of Parliament, travelling upon any other than public business ?  
(6.) Is it intended to extend such privilege to the wives and families of Members of Parliament, or to Members of the Civil Service ?  
(7.) Is it intended to make provision for the travelling expenses of Members of Parliament, who travel by sea, or otherwise than by the public Railways ?  
Mr. Byrnes answered—  
(1.) Some weeks since a deputation consisting of ten or twelve Members of the Assembly waited on the Honorable the Attorney General, and urged upon him the propriety of allowing Members of Parliament to use the public Railways for their own personal travelling free of charge, as was done in the Colony of Victoria. The deputation stated their views at considerable length, and informed the Attorney General that upwards of fifty Members of the Assembly were desirous that the privilege asked for should be granted. In consequence of the request thus urged, and not in accordance with any requisition or memorial, the privilege was conceded.  
On the 4th September, 1863, a resolution of the Assembly was passed, "that it is desirable that Members of Parliament should be entitled to travel by Railway "free of charge," and it was not considered necessary to consult the Parliament again, nor individual members thereof who did not join in the request to the Attorney General.

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(2.) By the Governor and Executive Council, in accordance with the above resolution, and by virtue of the authority conferred on them by sections 100 and 115 of the Government Railways Act of 1858, 22 Victoria, No. 19.

(3 and 4.) No opinion, as far as I am aware, was given by any Attorney General against the existence of any such authority; but the late Attorney General Plunkett doubted whether the Act referred to conferred such authority.

The present Attorney General is of opinion that the authority exists, and has so advised, although he thinks the matter not altogether free from doubt; but it does not appear to him that the doubt suggested is of such weight as to prevent compliance with a request urged by so large a number of Members of Parliament as above stated.

(5.) It is intended that Members of Parliament shall use the privilege conceded to them whenever they think fit, for their personal travelling only.

(6.) It is not intended that this privilege shall be extended to the wives and families of Members of Parliament, or to Members of the Civil Service.

(7.) It is not intended to make provision for the travelling expenses of Members of Parliament who travel by sea or otherwise than by public Railway.

(2.) Manufactures by Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol for Intercolonial Exhibition :—Mr. Cowper asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

Is there any truth in the statement that, among the articles to be sent from this Colony to the Intercolonial Exhibition in Melbourne, will be a number of mats and specimens of matting, manufactured by prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol. The articles intended for exposition in the Intercolonial Exhibition will consist of a number of mats of all the different kinds, manufactured in the Gaol, together with several specimens of matting, and a specimen of the skill of another prisoner, in wood. This man, a carpenter, has produced a small piece of woodwork, in the shape of a salver or small tray, in which several of the varieties of wood grown in this Colony are exhibited to advantage. The tray is of cedar, and small pieces of the different kinds of wood are inlaid and beautifully polished. The tray is composed of the following varieties :—Cedar, myall, grey box, cherry-tree, musk, blackwood, musk root, white pine, forest oak, and red cedar. The maker of this piece of cabinet work is named Hampton—the ‘tall man’ of the Singleton and Wollongong mail robberies. With regard to the mats, the largest and most ornamental is one which has just been completed by Gardiner, and is 6 feet 7 inches by 3 feet. In the centre of this mat, on a brown ground, is worked, in fibre, coloured black, the figure of a horse, intended to represent Gardiner’s well-known horse “Darkie.” The words “Gardiner’s Darkie,”—the first above and the second below the figure of the horse—are also worked into the mat in the same way as the figure of the horse. Another mat, smaller, but equally well done, has been turned out of hand by a prisoner who appears to be a most intelligent man, named Vaughan. A horse and tree, and other small figures, are represented on the ground of this mat. The same prisoner has also just completed some very fine matting with coloured borders for exhibition?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have no personal knowledge of the statement alluded to, nor can I undertake to become responsible for the accuracy of paragraphs in newspapers. I learn, however, from the Sheriff, and the Secretary to the Paris Commissioners, that specimens of the work done in Darlinghurst Gaol have been manufactured and forwarded to the Intercolonial Exhibition at Melbourne.

3. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers, pursuant to the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1 :—

(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the said Act, from 24th August to 24th September, 1866.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, as Sites for Villages or other public purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act, from 24th August to 24th September, 1866.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act, from 24th August to 24th September, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Return to Order, in reference to “Lunatic Asylums,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, on 21st September, 1866.

(2.) Report on Immigration and Emigration for the year 1865.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions respecting the Public Schools Bill, were presented respectively by the Members named :—

(1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—

(1.) From Residents in the Districts of Denham Court and Cabramatta. By Mr. Macpherson.

(2.) From Incumbent and Parishioners of Holdsworthy, District of Liverpool. By Mr. Macpherson.

(3.) From Residents of the District of Jamberoo. By Mr. Parkes.

(4.) From Henry Gray, and others. By Mr. Parkes.

(5.) From Residents in the District of St. Peter’s, Cook’s River. By Mr. Josephson.

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- (6.) From Roman Catholics of Braidwood and Araluen. By Mr. Josephson.
- (7.) From Principal and Students of Moore College, in the District of Liverpool. By Mr. Macpherson.
- (8.) From Residents in the District of Liverpool. By Mr. Macpherson.
- (9.) From Residents in the Districts of Rylestone and Cudgegong. By Mr. Lucas.
- (10.) From Roman Catholic Clergy of Cooma, Manaro. By Mr. Graham.
- (11.) From Members of the Church of England, resident in the District of St. John's, Newcastle. By Mr. Gordon.
- (12.) From Residents in the Districts of Redfern, Chippendale, and Waterloo, Sydney. By Mr. Windeyer.
- (13.) From Residents in the District of O'Connell, County Westmoreland. By Mr. Donnelly.
- (14.) From Inhabitants of the Town and District of Muswellbrook. By Mr. White.
- (15.) From Residents of the Town and District of Scone. By Mr. White.
- (16.) From Catholic Inhabitants of the Goulburn District. By Mr. Donnelly.
- (17.) From Bishop and Clergy of the Church of England in the Diocese of Newcastle. By Mr. Cowper.
- (18.) From Members of the Church of England residing at Hinton. By Mr. Cowper.
- (19.) From the Members of the Church of England at Morpeth, Hunter River; and at Woodville, Clifton, Paterson River. By Mr. Cowper.
- (20.) From Residents in the District of Lochinvar and Branxton. By Mr. Cowper.
- (21.) From Residents in the Parish and others connected with the Church of St. Phillip, Sydney. By Mr. Cowper.
- (22.) From Residents in the District of St. Lawrence, Sydney, and attendants at the Parish Church. By Mr. Cowper.
- (23.) From Residents in the District of Illawarra. By Mr. Cowper.
- (24.) From Residents in and connected with the Parish of St. Andrew. By Mr. Cowper.
- (25.) From Laity of the Church of England at East Maitland, in the Diocese of Newcastle. By Mr. Cowper.
- (26.) From Residents in the District of Kelso. By Mr. Cowper.
- (27.) From Residents in and connected with St. Andrew's Parish. By Mr. Cowper.
- (28.) From Residents in the District of St. Barnabas, Sydney. By Mr. Cowper.
- (29.) From Residents in the District of Illawarra. By Mr. Cowper.
- (30.) From Residents in the District of Lord's Forest. By Mr. Cowper.
- (31.) From Residents in the District of Hunters Hill. By Mr. Tunks.
- (32.) From Catholics of St. Leonards. By Mr. Tunks.
- (33.) From Members of the Church of England in the District of Singleton, and Patrick's Plains. By Mr. White.
- (34.) From Residents in the District of St. John's, Glebe. By Mr. Smart.
- (35.) From Roman Catholics of the District of Mount Carmel. By Mr. Sutherland.
- (36.) From Catholics of the District of the "Sacred Heart" Church, Darlinghurst. By Mr. Hart.
- (37.) From Roman Catholics of Patrick's Plains. By Mr. Hart.
- (38.) From Residents in the District of Camden. By Mr. Morrice.

(2.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill.*

- (39.) From Inhabitants of Kogarah and neighbourhood. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (40.) From Members of the Unitarian Church, Sydney, and others. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (41.) From Inhabitants of West Maitland. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (42.) From Inhabitants of Kiama. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (43.) From Inhabitants of Liverpool and District. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (44.) From local patrons of the National School, Albury. By Mr. Mate.
  - (45.) From Inhabitants of Woonona and neighbourhood. By Mr. J. Stewart.
  - (46.) From Inhabitants of East Maitland. By Mr. Dodds.
  - (47.) From Inhabitants of Wollongong. By Mr. J. Stewart.
- Petitions received.

5. Carriers and Carriers Agents:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Licensed Victualers, Traders and others, of the Town and District of Forbes, praying that the House will, with as little delay as possible, pass a Bill to License Carriers and Carriers Agents.  
Petition received.
6. Mrs. Ellen Shanahan:—Mr. J. Stewart presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Illawarra, in favour of Mrs. Ellen Shanahan, of Wollongong, widow, setting forth that her late husband, James Shanahan, was employed for several years in the Military and Police Services, from the latter of which he was discharged in 1853 in consequence of bad health; that she is very aged, unable to support herself, and excluded from the benefit of the Police Superannuation Fund;—and praying relief on her behalf.  
Petition received.

7. Mrs. Jane Greenup :—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from Jane Greenup, of Parramatta, widow, setting forth that her late husband, Dr. Greenup, held several offices of importance, and that, while discharging his duty as Superintendent of the Lunatic and Invalid Establishment at Parramatta, he was stabbed by an insane patient, of which wound he died; and praying for consideration of her case and relief.  
Petition received.
8. District Courts Amendment Bill :—The following Message was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker :—  
JOHN YOUNG, Message, No. 9.  
Governor.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the Law relating to the Appointment of District Court Judges*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 28th September, 1866.

9. Parramatta Market Bill—65th Standing Order :—  
(1.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee :—  
" (1.) The Standing Orders Committee having had under consideration the " question referred to them (see Entry No. 8 of Votes and Proceedings of 19 " September, 1866, No. 34), as to the propriety of dispensing with the 65th " Standing Order of the House, in so far as regards a Private Bill, intituled,— " "*A Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of* " "*Parramatta,*"—and having taken evidence thereon, are of opinion that the " requirements of the said Standing Order in the case now referred to, should be " dispensed with, as the amount already paid by the promoters of the Bill will, it " is estimated, be more than sufficient to meet the actual expenses incident to the " further proceeding therewith.  
" (2.) The Committee having also had under consideration the desirability of " amending the said 65th Standing Order (see Entry 7 of Votes and Proceedings " of 4 September, 1866, No. 25), recommend, for the adoption of your Honorable " House, the following new Standing Order in substitution for the existing Stand- " ing Order, No. 65 :—  
" 65 (a.) Before a Private Bill shall be read a first time, the sum of twenty- " five pounds, towards meeting the expenses attendant on such Bill, shall be " paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and a " certificate of such payment shall be produced by the Member having " charge of the Bill; and whenever the expenses attendant upon such Bill " shall be found to exceed the sum of twenty-five pounds so paid, a further " sum of twenty-five pounds shall, from time to time, as may be demanded " by the Clerk of the House, be paid by the parties applying for the Bill, to " the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony; and a like " certificate of such additional payments shall be produced before proceeding " further with the Bill. But on the passing of such Bill, the promoters may " obtain from the said Clerk a certificate of the actual expenses incurred, " with a view to the refund of any amount found to be overpaid.  
" (b.) If the promoters of any Private Bill, with respect to which proceedings " have been interrupted by the close of the Session before their completion, " shall petition, within ten clear days after the commencement of the next " Session for leave to proceed with the same Bill in that Session, and the " Petition be received, such Bill shall forthwith, upon motion, without notice " or debate, be passed through the several stages it shall have passed through " in the preceding Session, and shall be proceeded with, in all its subsequent " stages in the ordinary manner of proceeding with Private Bills.  
" (c.) If any such private Bill shall only have been read a first time and " referred to a Select Committee, and shall not have been reported by such " Committee before the close of the Session, it shall, after the reception of " such petition and order thereon, upon motion without notice, be read a first " time and referred to a Select Committee, comprising, as nearly as may be, " all the Members composing the Select Committee to which it shall have " been referred in the previous Session, together with the Minutes of Evidence " taken before, and all Papers and Petitions which may have been referred, " and all instructions which may have been given to such last mentioned " Committee; and upon the report of the Bill by the Select Committee it " shall be proceeded with, in all its subsequent stages, in the ordinary manner " of proceeding with private Bills.  
" (d.) In the case of every such private Bill, the Standing Orders shall be held " to be satisfied in all respects, so far as they shall have been complied with " in the previous Session."

W. M. ARNOLD, Speaker.  
Chairman.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 3rd October, 1866.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Cowper then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, That the Report be printed, and so much thereof as relates to the Parramatta Market Bill be now adopted; and that the proposed new Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House No. 65, be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Whereupon Mr. Farnell *presented* the said Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta,*" which was read a first time.

10. Crown Land Reserves ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Motion, which lapsed in consequence of the House being counted out on Friday night, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next. "That in the opinion of this House the late "enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the "Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such "reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any "squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the "general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861." Question put and passed.
11. Duty on Rum ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved; pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount of duty collected on Rum for the six months prior to the date when the duty was increased from seven to ten shillings; and also, the amount collected for the six months immediately following the increase of duty. Question put and passed.
12. Public Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd October, from Roman Catholics of Parramatta, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd October, from Roman Catholics of Liverpool, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd October, from Henry Gordon, Master of the College School, Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 2nd October, from the Hunter River Teachers' Association, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
13. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Incorporation Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time and *passed*. Mr. Driver then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate 'The Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited.'*" 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 incorporate 'The Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited,'*" 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, 3rd October, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
14. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
15. Public Institutions Inspection Bill:—Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
16. Licensed Hawkers Bill:—Mr. Tighe having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Hawkers and Pedlers,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.

17. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn—  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
18. Public Schools Bill:—  
(1.) The undermentioned Petitions against the passing of this Bill were presented respectively by the Members named:—  
(1.) From Members of the Roman Catholic Church at Tumut. By Mr. Donnelly.  
(2.) From Roman Catholics of West Maitland. By Mr. Burns.  
Petitions received.
- (2.) Order of the Day for the Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months,"—read.  
Main Question stated.  
Motion made by Mr. Garrett, and withdrawn by leave (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.  
Debate on Main Question then resumed and continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1866, A.M.:—

Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at two minutes after Midnight, until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
3. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from Residents of Liverpool, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of the Principal and Students of Moore College, Liverpool, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
3. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of Inhabitants of Denham Court and neighbourhood, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of Inhabitants of the Parish of Holdsworth and neighbourhood, presented by him on 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. LUCAS to move, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, from certain Residents of Cudgegong and Rylstone, be printed.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petitions from certain Inhabitants of Kiama, and from certain Inhabitants of Jamberoo, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.
7. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petitions from certain Inhabitants of Kiama, certain Inhabitants of West Maitland, and certain Inhabitants of Liverpool, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Kogarah, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Unitarian Church in Sydney, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.
10. MR. COWPER to move, That the fourteen Petitions presented by him on 3rd October, against the passing of the Bill for making better provision for Public Education, be printed.

11. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Residents of the District of St. Peter's, Cooks River, be printed.
12. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Roman Catholics of Braidwood and Araluen, be printed.
13. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition from the Residents of Redfern and Waterloo, relative to the Public Education Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
14. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition from Mrs. Jane Greenup, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
15. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Members of the Church of England of Newcastle, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
17. MR. GRAHAM to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen in the District of Maneroo, be printed.
18. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Residents of East Maitland, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
19. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from 281 Inhabitants of Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
20. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Inhabitants of Ilawarra, respecting Ellen Shanahan, be printed.
21. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 99 Inhabitants of Woonona, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
22. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Residents of O'Connell, be printed.
23. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 500 Catholics of Goulburn, be printed.
24. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Members of the Church of England, in the District of Singleton and Patricks Plains, be printed.
25. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 158 Residents of the Town and District of Scone, be printed.
26. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 279 Residents of the Town and District of Muswellbrook, be printed.
27. MR. SMART to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from certain Inhabitants of the Glebe, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
28. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from the Roman Catholics of the District of Mount Carmel, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
29. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Standing Order No. 26 be suspended, to enable the House to authorize the reception of a Petition from 1057 Inhabitants of New England and neighbourhood.
30. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition relative to Carriers and Carriers Agents, presented by him on the 3rd October, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, from the Merchants and others of Forbes, be printed.
31. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition of the Roman Catholic Clergyman of St. Leonard's, and a number of his Parishioners, presented on the 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
32. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition of the Clergyman of the Church of England, in the District of Hunters Hill, and a number of his Parishioners, presented on the 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
33. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition in reference to the Public Schools Bill, from Camden, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
34. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from Catholics of Tumut, be printed.
35. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Roman Catholics of West Maitland, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
36. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition from Roman Catholics of Brisbane Water, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 2nd of October, be printed.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolution, viz.:—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers. 4.



4. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65 ; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to enable him to bring in the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
3. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
4. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants ; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, any application or memorial from Members of this House, requesting the Government to permit Members of Parliament to travel free by the Public Railway, together with the signatures appended thereto.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Land Reserves ; Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

## Questions :—

1. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) If Mr. L. E. Bayly became the purchaser of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches of Land at a Government Land Sale held by Captain Brown on behalf of the Government in Mudgee, on or about the 5th February, 1858 ?
  - (2.) Who forwarded Mr. Bayly's purchase money to the Government ?
  - (3.) Was a Deed of Land made out in Mr. Bayly's favour, and afterwards cancelled ?
  - (4.) If cancelled, for what cause ?
  - (5.) Did Captain Brown make an application to the Government for the return of Mr. Bayly's purchase money ; and, if so, what reason did he assign for so doing ?
  - (6.) Was the purchase money refunded to Captain Brown ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service ?
  - (2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect ?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
  2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
  2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 43.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Statistical Register of New South Wales, for the year 1865.
  - (2.) Return to Address, in reference to "Reverend Denis McGuinn," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Stimpson, on 18th September, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Public Schools Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented respectively by the Members named:—
  - (1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill*:—
    - (1.) From Roman Catholics resident in Kiama. By Mr. Parkes.
    - (2.) From Residents in the District of Parramatta. By Mr. Cowper.
    - (3.) From Residents in the Districts of Pitt Town, Wilberforce, and Sackville Reach. By Mr. Cunneen.
    - (4.) From Residents in the Districts of Emu and Castlereagh. By Mr. Ryan.
    - (5.) From Roman Catholics of Moruya. By Mr. Egan.
    - (6.) From Residents in the District of Narellan. By Mr. Hurley.
    - (7.) From Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Clarence Town, Brookfield, and Dungog. By Mr. Nowlan.
    - (8.) From Inhabitants of Berrima District. By *Mr. Macpherson*, on behalf of Mr. Roberts.
    - (9.) From Roman Catholics of Campbelltown. By Mr. Macpherson.
  - (2.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill*:—
    - (10.) From Teachers of National Schools in and around Sydney. By Dr. Lang.  
Petitions received.
3. Public Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—
  - (1.) *Mr. R. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by Mr. Lucas on 3rd October, from certain Residents of Cudgegong and Rylstone, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions from certain Inhabitants of Kiama, and from certain Inhabitants of Jamberoo, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions from certain Inhabitants of Kiama, certain Inhabitants of West Maitland, and certain Inhabitants of Liverpool, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Kogarah, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

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- (5.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Unitarian Church in Sydney, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the fourteen Petitions presented by him on 3rd October, against the passing of the Bill for making better provision for Public Education, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Josephson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Josephson on 3rd October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Residents of the District of St. Peter's, Cook's River, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Josephson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Josephson on 3rd October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Roman Catholics of Braidwood and Araluen, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Members of the Church of England of Newcastle, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen in the District of Maneroo, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Residents of East Maitland, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (13.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from 281 Inhabitants of Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from 99 Inhabitants of Woonona, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Residents of O'Connell, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (16.) Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 500 Catholics of Goulburn, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (17.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Members of the Church of England, in the District of Singleton and Patrick's Plains, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (18.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 158 Residents of the Town and District of Scone, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (19.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from 279 Residents of the Town and District of Muswellbrook, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (20.) Mr. Smart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from certain Inhabitants of the Glebe, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (21.)

- (21.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from the Roman Catholics of the District of Mount Carmel, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (22.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of the Roman Catholic Clergyman of St. Leonards, and a number of his Parishioners, presented on the 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (23.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of the Clergyman of the Church of England, in the District of Hunter's Hill, and a number of his Parishioners, presented on the 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (24.) *Mr. Cunneen*, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition in reference to the Public Schools Bill, from Camden, presented by Mr. Morrice on 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (25.) Mr. Donnelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition relative to the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 3rd October, from Catholics of Tumut, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (26.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Roman Catholics of West Maitland, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (27.) Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Roman Catholics of Brisbane Water, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 2nd of October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Mrs. Ellen Shanahan (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Inhabitants of Illawarra, respecting Ellen Shanahan, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Carriers and Carriers Agents (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition relative to Carriers and Carriers Agents, presented by him on the 3rd October, on behalf of Mr. Kemp, from the Merchants and others of Forbes, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day (No. 1), for the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar (after Debate), to stand next after the Order of the Day No. 2.
7. Public Schools Bill (Order No. 2.):—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months,"—Resumed and continued.  
Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty 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, OCTOBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ministerial Salaries Bill ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution, viz. :—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
4. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65 ; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to enable him to bring in the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
3. MR. BURNS to move for leave to introduce the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.
4. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from eighty of the Teachers of National Schools in the City and suburbs of Sydney, for the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from Inhabitants of Wilberforce, Pitt Town, and Sackville Reach, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. FARNELL to move.—  
(1.) That the Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Tunks, Mr. Graham, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Driver, Mr. Rodd, and the Mover.  
(3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Evidence taken by a former Committee appointed by this House to consider and report upon the said Bill.
7. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from 260 Roman Catholics of Moruya, against the Bill now before the House called the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Roman Catholic Residents at Kiama, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 4th October, be printed.
9. MR. NOWLAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 4th October, from Roman Catholics of Clarence Town, Brookfield, and Dungog, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
10. MR. HURLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 4th October, from John Norton Oxley and other Residents in the District of Narellan, in opposition to the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
11. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from certain Residents in Parramatta, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
12. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Berrima, presented by him on 4th October on behalf of Mr. Roberts, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from the Roman Catholics of Campbelltown, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
14. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 4th October, from Residents of Liverpool, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of the Principal and Students of Moore College, Liverpool, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
16. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of Inhabitants of Denham Court and neighbourhood, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
17. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition of Inhabitants of the Parish of Holdsworth and neighbourhood, presented by him on 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
18. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition from the Residents of Redfern and Waterloo, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.

19. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition from Mrs. Jane Greenup, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.
20. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Standing Order No. 26 be suspended, to enable the House to authorize the reception of a Petition from 1057 Inhabitants of New England and neighbourhood.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Questions :—

1. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the Exhibition Commissioners have authority to employ the prisoners in Gaol upon any work, without reference to the Colonial Secretary ?
  - (2.) Whether it is the fact, that the Mats described by me in my Question of the 3rd instant, have been shipped to Melbourne for exhibition there ?
  - (3.) If so, should a prize be awarded to Gardiner for the Mat containing the figure of his horse "Darkie," or to any other of the prisoners named, will the prizes be handed to them under the sanction of the Government ?
  - (4.) If any Correspondence upon the subject has taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Commissioners, has the former any objection to lay it upon the Table of the House ?
  - (5.) Has the Colonial Secretary given any instructions to the Sheriff or other Gaol authorities, prohibiting the employment of any prisoners, in future, in manufacturing works of art for exhibition either in Melbourne or Paris ?
2. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that Pre-emptive Lands, granted to Free Selectors, of less than 640 acres, are never chartered ?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that Free Selectors cannot impound off their pre-emptives of less than 640 acres, in consequence of their not being surveyed or chartered ?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to have surveyed all pre-emptives granted to Free Selectors, and tracings of same forwarded to the Land Offices in the districts of such pre-emptives ?
  - (4.) Has any application been made to the Government by Nehemiah Bagnell and James Norris, of Burrundulla Creek, near Mudjee, for tracings of their pre-emptives, in consequence of an adverse decision (by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudjee) as to their right to impound off these lands, the same not having been surveyed and shewn in the Government Map at the Lands Office, Mudjee ?
  - (5.) Do the Government intend protecting these men in their rights ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
4. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants ; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, any application or memorial from Members of this House requesting the Government to permit Members of Parliament to travel free by the Public Railway, together with the signatures appended thereto.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That the 63rd Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church, Sydney.
7. MR. TUNKS 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, containing a copy of the Rules or Regulations for the management of Cockatoo Island, and other Penal Establishments.

ORDER

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Land Reserves; Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

## Questions:—

1. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) If Mr. L. E. Bayly became the purchaser of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches of Land at a Government Land Sale held by Captain Brown on behalf of the Government in Mudgee, on or about the 5th February, 1858?
  - (2.) Who forwarded Mr. Bayly's purchase money to the Government?
  - (3.) Was a Deed of the Land made out in Mr. Bayly's favour, and afterwards cancelled?
  - (4.) If cancelled, for what cause?
  - (5.) Did Captain Brown make an application to the Government for the return of Mr. Bayly's purchase money; and, if so, what reason did he assign for so doing?
  - (6.) Was the purchase money refunded to Captain Brown?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?
3. MR. MORRICE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why Tenders are not called for by the Government for the Leather used in the Gaol at Berrima?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Public Schools Bill :—
  - (1.) The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—
    - (1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—
      - (1.) From Roman Catholics of Armidale and vicinity, in the District of New England. By Mr. Hart.
      - (2.) From Residents in the District of Pennant Hills. By Mr. Macpherson.
      - (3.) From Residents in the District of Ryde. By Mr. Tunks.
    - (2.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill* :—
      - (4.) From Inhabitants of American Creek, in the Electorate of Illawarra. By Mr. J. Stewart.
      - (5.) From Inhabitants of Campbelltown. By Mr. R. Stewart.
      - (6.) From Inhabitants of Parramatta. By Mr. Farnell.
      - (7.) From Residents in and around Howlong. By Mr. Mate.
    - (3.) *Special* :—
      - (8.) From Residents in the District of Canterbury, praying that they may not be deprived of the School they at present possess, until the proposed " Council of Education " are in a position to establish another in its place. By Mr. Parkes. Petitions received.
  - (2.) Public Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*) :—
    - (1.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from eighty of the Teachers of National Schools in the City and suburbs of Sydney, for the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
    - (2.) Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from Inhabitants of Wilberforce, Pitt Town, and Sackville Reach, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
    - (3.) Mr. Hart, on behalf of Mr. Egan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Egan on the 4th October, from 260 Roman Catholics of Moruya, against the Bill now before the House called the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
    - (4.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Roman Catholic Residents at Kiama, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 4th October, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
    - (5.) Mr. Nowlan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th October, from Roman Catholics of Clarence Town, Brookfield, and Dungog, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.

(6.)

(6.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Hurley*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Hurley* on 4th October, from *John Norton Oxley* and other Residents in the District of *Narellan*, in opposition to the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(7.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Cowper*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Cowper* on the 4th October, from certain Residents in *Parramatta*, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(8.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Berrima*, presented by him on 4th October on behalf of *Mr. Roberts*, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(9.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from the Roman Catholics of *Campbelltown*, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(10.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th October, from Residents of *Liverpool*, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(11.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of the Principal and Students of *Moore College, Liverpool*, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(12.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of Inhabitants of *Denham Court* and neighbourhood, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 3rd October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(13.) *Mr. Macpherson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of Inhabitants of the Parish of *Holdsworthy* and neighbourhood, presented by him on 3rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

2. *Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill*:—*Mr. Forster*, 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 25th September last,—together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Whereupon *Mr. Forster* moved, that the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.

Question put and passed.

3. *Ministerial Salaries Bill*:—*Mr. Forster* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

<i>Mr. Martin,</i>	<i>Mr. Forlonge,</i>
<i>Mr. Isaacs,</i>	<i>Mr. White,</i>
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Dr. Lang,</i>
<i>Mr. Byrnes,</i>	<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Wilson,</i>	<i>Mr. R. Stewart,</i>
<i>Mr. De Salis,</i>	<i>Mr. Tighe,</i>
<i>Mr. Egan,</i>	<i>Mr. Tunks,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dodds,</i>	<i>Mr. Stimpson,</i>
<i>Mr. Donnelly,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Hart,</i>	
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Stewart,</i>
<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>	<i>Mr. Windeyer.</i>

Noes, 6.

<i>Mr. Samuel,</i>
<i>Mr. Hay,</i>
<i>Mr. Gordon,</i>
<i>Mr. Mate,</i>
<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Nowlan,</i>
<i>Mr. Macpherson.</i>

Bill thereupon read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of *Mr. Forster*, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

4. Postponements:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of *Mr. Forster*, until this day week.
- (2.) The Order of the Day No. 3 of Other Business postponed, on motion of *Mr. Buchanan*, until this day week. (3.)

- (3.) The Order of the Day No. 4 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Hart, until Tuesday next.
- (4.) The Order of the Day No. 5 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.
5. Disease in Fruit Trees :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Disease in Fruit Trees be now adopted, and that the same be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
6. Hartley Vale Colliery Bill—60th and 62nd Standing Orders :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to enable him to bring in the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. 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 Question, whether the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders should be suspended, in order to facilitate the introduction of the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee."  
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 there inserted,—put and passed.  
Whereupon Question,—That the Question whether the 60th and 62nd Standing Orders should be suspended, in order to facilitate the introduction of the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee,—put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Parramatta Market Bill :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Bill to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Tunks, Mr. Graham, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Driver, Mr. Rodd, and the Mover.  
(3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Evidence taken by a former Committee appointed by this House to consider and report upon the said Bill.  
Question put and passed.
9. Motions Dropped :—Mr. Windeyer not making the Motions Nos. 18 and 19 on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
10. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Macpherson withdrew the Motion No. 20 on the Notice Paper of to-day.
11. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Thursday next.  
The House adjourned at thirteen 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, OCTOBER 9.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. COWPER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
(1.) Whether the Exhibition Commissioners have authority to employ the prisoners in Gaol upon any work, without reference to the Colonial Secretary?  
(2.) Whether it is the fact, that the Mats described by me in my Question of the 3rd instant, have been shipped to Melbourne for exhibition there?  
(3.) If so, should a prize be awarded to Gardiner for the Mat containing the figure of his horse "Darkie," or to any other of the prisoners named, will the prizes be handed to them under the sanction of the Government?  
(4.) If any Correspondence upon the subject has taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Commissioners, has the former any objection to lay it upon the Table of the House?  
(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary given any instructions to the Sheriff or other Gaol authorities, prohibiting the employment of any prisoners, in future, in manufacturing works of art for exhibition either in Melbourne or Paris?

2. **MR. TERRY** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—
- (1.) Is it true that Pre-emptive Lands, granted to Free Selectors, of less than 640 acres, are never chartered?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that Free Selectors cannot impound off their pre-emptives of less than 640 acres, in consequence of their not being surveyed or chartered?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to have surveyed all pre-emptives granted to Free Selectors, and tracings of same forwarded to the Land Offices in the districts of such pre-emptives?
  - (4.) Has any application been made to the Government by Nehemiah Bagnell and James Norris, of Burrundulla Creek, near Mudgee, for tracings of their pre-emptives, in consequence of an adverse decision (by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee) as to their right to impound off these lands, the same not having been surveyed and shewn in the Government Map at the Lands Office, Mudgee?
  - (5.) Do the Government intend protecting these men in their rights?
3. **MR. GARRETT** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—
- (1.) Whether the Government granted a lease to a Mr. Disher, in the early part of this year, of a portion of land near Deniliquin, for the purpose of the erection of a Brewery thereon?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the obligations imposed on it by that lease?
  - (3.) If not, for what reasons?
  - (4.) Is the Government, in the event of not carrying out their portion of the said lease, prepared to compensate Mr. Disher for the injury he has sustained by the non-carrying out of the conditions of such lease by the Government?

**OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—**

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.
2. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
3. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
4. **MR. TERRY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.
5. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, any application or memorial from Members of this House requesting the Government to permit Members of Parliament to travel free by the Public Railway, together with the signatures appended thereto.
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9. **MR. R. STEWART** to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Campbelltown, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.
10. **MR. PARKES** to move, That the Petition from certain Householders of Canterbury, in reference to a School in that District, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.
11. **MR. J. STEWART** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from 56 Inhabitants of American Creek, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
12. **MR. FARNELL** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from certain Residents in Parramatta, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. **MR. MATE** to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Howlong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.

14. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from twenty-one Residents in the District of Ryde, against the Bill for making better provision for Public Education, be printed.
15. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from certain Roman Catholics in the District of the Sacred Heart, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from the Very Reverend the Vicar Foran and other Roman Catholics, Inhabitants of Armidale, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
17. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, from Roman Catholics of Patrick's Plains, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Land Reserves: Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question.
2. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Questions:—

1. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) If Mr. L. E. Bayly became the purchaser of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches of Land at a Government Land Sale held by Captain Brown on behalf of the Government in Mudgee, on or about the 5th February, 1858?
  - (2.) Who forwarded Mr. Bayly's purchase money to the Government?
  - (3.) Was a Deed of the Land made out in Mr. Bayly's favour, and afterwards cancelled?
  - (4.) If cancelled, for what cause?
  - (5.) Did Captain Brown make an application to the Government for the return of Mr. Bayly's purchase money; and, if so, what reason did he assign for so doing?
  - (6.) Was the purchase money refunded to Captain Brown?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?
  - (2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?
3. MR. MORRICE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why Tenders are not called for by the Government for the Leather used in the Gaol at Berrima?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Ministerial Salaries Bill; third reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
4. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution, viz. :—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Manufactures by Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol for Intercolonial Exhibition:—

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

(1.) Whether the Exhibition Commissioners have authority to employ the prisoners in Gaol upon any work, without reference to the Colonial Secretary?

(2.) Whether it is the fact, that the mats described by me in my Question of the 3rd instant, have been shipped to Melbourne for exhibition there?

(3.) If so, should a prize be awarded to Gardiner for the mat containing the figure of his horse "Darkie," or to any other of the prisoners named, will the prizes be handed to them under the sanction of the Government?

(4.) If any Correspondence upon the subject has taken place between the Colonial Secretary and the Commissioners, has the former any objection to lay it upon the Table of the House?

(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary given any instructions to the Sheriff or other Gaol authorities, prohibiting the employment of any prisoners, in future, in manufacturing works of art for exhibition either in Melbourne or Paris?

Mr. Parkes answered:—

(1.) The Exhibition Commissioners have no authority of the kind.

(2.) The mats alluded to have been shipped to Melbourne, for the Intercolonial Exhibition.

(3.) In the possible case of prizes being awarded to any of the prisoners, the prizes will be held over and given to the prisoners on the expiration of their sentences.

(4.) The Colonial Secretary has not corresponded with the Exhibition Commissioners in this matter.

(5.) The Colonial Secretary has given no special instructions to the Sheriff, or other Gaol authorities, in respect to the specimens of prison manufactures that have been forwarded to Melbourne, and it does not appear to him necessary to give any such instructions. The articles have not been sent to Melbourne in the interest of the prisoners, but as results of the system of prison industry that is enforced in the Gaol at Darlinghurst.

- (2.) Pre-emptive Lands of Free Selectors:—*Mr. Donnelly*, on behalf of *Mr. Terry*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Pre-emptive Lands, granted to Free Selectors, of less than 640 acres, are never charted?

(2.) Are the Government aware that Free Selectors cannot impound off their pre-emptives of less than 640 acres, in consequence of their not being surveyed or charted?

(3.) Do the Government intend to have surveyed all pre-emptives granted to Free Selectors, and tracings of same forwarded to the Land Offices in the districts of such pre-emptives?

(4.) Has any application been made to the Government by Nehemiah Bagnell and James Norris, of Burrundulla Creek, near Mudgee, for tracings of their pre-emptives, in consequence of an adverse decision (by the Bench of Magistrates at Mudgee) as to their right to impound off these lands, the same not having been surveyed and shewn in the Government Map at the Lands Office, Mudgee?

(5.) Do the Government intend protecting these men in their rights?

Mr.

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Government is aware that there is some difficulty in the matter.
- (3.) The Government has no such intention. Such a course is simply impossible.
- (4.) Some such application has been made by Bagnell.
- (5.) Bagnell has been informed that pre-emptive leases of less than 640 acres are not charted; and he has been referred to that portion of the Regulations under the Occupation Act which relates to disputes between two or more claimants. I am not aware that any special protection can be afforded to Bagnell.

(3.) Mr. Disher, Deniliquin :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Whether the Government granted a lease to a Mr. Disher, in the early part of this year, of a portion of land near Deniliquin, for the purpose of the erection of a Brewery thereon?
- (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the obligations imposed on it by that lease?
- (3.) If not, for what reasons?
- (4.) Is the Government, in the event of not carrying out their portion of the said lease, prepared to compensate Mr. Disher for the injury he has sustained by the non-carrying out of the conditions of such lease by the Government?

Mr. Wilson answered,—On the 14th of March last a letter was written to Mr. Disher, promising him a lease of four acres for the erection of a Brewery; but the Survey Department not having been informed of the promise, the land, which had previously been surveyed, was sold. Mr. Disher had taken no steps to erect the Brewery, and he has been informed that he may either make a selection of adjoining land, or have his rent refunded, as he may elect.

2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Certain Free Selectors tried before Judges Meymott and Francis—Case of Robert Cook—(Administration of Justice)," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Lucas, on 25th September, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Report of the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs on the progress and general condition of Electric Telegraphs in New South Wales, for the years 1865 and 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Crown Land Statistics, Electorate of The Clarence," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Laycock, on 9th January, 1866.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be Dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1, (marked "9 of 1866").

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Sydney Infirmary," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Farnell, on 2nd October, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented by the Members respectively named :—

(1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill :—*

(1.) From Residents in the District of Richmond. By Mr. Cowper.

(2.) From Members of the Church of England and others resident in the District of Raymond Terrace. By Mr. Cowper.

(3.) From Inhabitants of Brisbane Water, in the Diocese of Newcastle. By Mr. Cowper.

(4.) From Inhabitants of Wollombi and the surrounding District. By Mr. Cowper.

(5.) From Residents at Jerry's Plains and Camberwell. By Mr. Cowper.

(6.) From Roman Catholics of the Districts of Eden and Bega. By Mr. Egan.

(7.) From Roman Catholics of Grafton and the Clarence River Districts. By Mr. Egan.

(8.) From Roman Catholics of Queanbeyan. By Mr. De Salis.

(2.) *In favour of the said Bill :—*

(9.) From the Hunter River National Teachers Association. By Mr. Parkes.

(10.) From Inhabitants of Morpeth. By Mr. Parkes.

(11.) From Ministers of the Primitive Methodist Church, in the Colony of New South Wales. By Mr. Pemell.

(12.) From the Minister and Elders of the Scots Church, Pitt-street, Sydney. By Mr. R. Stewart.

Petitions received.

4. Hartley Vale Colliery Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Waratah Coal Company, under the Seal of the Corporation, adverse to the passing of the said Bill, and praying to be heard by Counsel, Solicitor, or Agent, against the Preamble and Clauses of the said Bill.

Petition received.

(2.)



- (2.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Waratah Coal Company, under the Seal of the Corporation, praying that the Standing Orders may not be suspended in order to facilitate the introduction of the said Bill.  
Petition received.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Cowper, *made with the concurrence of the House* that the said last-mentioned Petition be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.
5. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Mesac Thomas, Doctor in Divinity, Lord Bishop of Goulburn, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn, and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn. And Mr. Cowper having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Goulburn Herald and Chronicle*, Newspapers, containing notices for four consecutive weeks, in the month of September last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Donnelly*, on behalf of Mr. Terry, withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Cockatoo Island and other Penal Establishments ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tunks moved pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, containing a copy of the Rules or Regulations for the management of Cockatoo Island, and other Penal Establishments.  
Question put and passed.
8. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions) :—
- (1.) *Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Macpherson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Residents in the District of Pennant Hills, presented by Mr. Macpherson on 5th October, against the second reading of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Campbelltown, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Householders of Canterbury, in reference to a School in that District, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from fifty-six Inhabitants of American Creek, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from certain Residents in Parramatta, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Howlong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 5th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th October, from twenty-one Residents in the District of Ryde, against the Bill for making better provision for Public Education, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office.  
Question put and passed.
10. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Navigation of the River Manning :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.  
Question put and passed.

12. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament travelling by Railway:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, any application or memorial from Members of this House requesting the Government to permit Members of Parliament to travel free by the Public Railway, together with the signatures appended to such application or memorial.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Phelps,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Windeyer.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Pemell,  
Mr. Tunks,

Mr. Graham,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. J. Stewart,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. De Salis.

13. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill—Suspension of 63rd Standing Order:—

(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 63rd Standing Order be suspended, with a view to the introduction of a Bill to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church, Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cowper 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 Legalize the Exchange of a portion of the Allotment of the Scots Church Sydney,*"—read a first time.

14. Motions Dropped:—Mr. Hart not making the Motions Nos. 15, 16, and 17, on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.

15. Hartley Vale Colliery Bill:—Mr. Samuel presented a Petition from Robert Archibald Alison Morehead, of the City of Sydney, adverse to the said Bill, as affecting the interests of himself and one Matthew Young, and praying, on behalf of himself and the said Matthew Young, to be heard by Counsel, Solicitor, or Agent, against the Preamble and Clauses of the said Bill.  
Petition received.

16. Crown Land Reserves:—The Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question—resumed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Dangar, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

(1.) If Mr. L. E. Bayly became the purchaser of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches of Land at a Government Land Sale held by Captain Brown on behalf of the Government in Mudgee, on or about the 5th February, 1858?  
(2.) Who forwarded Mr. Bayly's purchase money to the Government?  
(3.) Was a Deed of the Land made out in Mr. Bayly's favour, and afterwards cancelled?  
(4.) If cancelled, for what cause?  
(5.) Did Captain Brown make an application to the Government for the return of Mr. Bayly's purchase money; and, if so, what reason did he assign for so doing?  
(6.) Was the purchase money refunded to Captain Brown?

2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?  
(2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?
3. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why Tenders are not called for by the Government for the Leather used in the Gaol at Berrima?
4. DR. LANG *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of Government to continue to withhold Letters of Naturalization from natives of China, who have acquired property in this Colony, and some of whom are married to natives of the United Kingdom?
5. DR. LANG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it is the intention of Government to lower the Duty on Licenses to Cut Cedar on the Richmond River and its tributaries, in accordance with a vote of the House during last Session of Parliament?
6. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Under what clause of the Electoral Act are the 301 names entitled to be inserted on the Electoral Roll for East Sydney, qualification stated, "Rooms, Civil Service Club"?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petitions presented by him on 9th October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Richmond, Raymond Terrace, Brisbane Water, The Wollombi, and Jerry's Plains, be printed.
2. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn, and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn.
3. MR. DE SALIS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Queanbeyan, against the Public Schools Bill of 1866, be printed.
4. MR. PEMELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from the Primitive Methodist Ministers of New South Wales, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. R. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from the Minister and Elders of the Scots' Church, Pitt-street, Sydney, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petitions (two) presented by him on the 9th instant, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Eden and Bega, relative to the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him, relative to the Public Schools Bill, on the 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Grafton, be printed.
9. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from the Waratah Coal Company, against the passing of the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be printed.
10. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from Robert Archibald Alison Morehead, in reference to the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be printed.
11. MR. COWPER to move,—  
(1.) That the Bill "to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church Sydney," be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
12. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the petition presented by him on the 3rd October, relative to the Public Schools Bill, from certain Inhabitants of Redfern, Chippendale, and Waterloo, be printed.
13. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition from Mrs. Greenup, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

THURSDAY,

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants ; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
2. Ministerial Salaries Bill ; third reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
4. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution, viz. :—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
5. Navigation of the River Manning ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression or the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
4. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ; second reading.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

## New South Wales.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. L. E. Bayly:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If Mr. L. E. Bayly became the purchaser of 2 acres 1 rood 24 perches of Land at a Government Land Sale held by Captain Brown on behalf of the Government in Mudgee, on or about the 5th February, 1858?

(2.) Who forwarded Mr. Bayly's purchase money to the Government?

(3.) Was a Deed of the Land made out in Mr. Bayly's favour, and afterwards cancelled?

(4.) If cancelled, for what cause?

(5.) Did Captain Brown make an application to the Government for the return of Mr. Bayly's purchase money; and, if so, what reason did he assign for so doing?

(6.) Was the purchase money refunded to Captain Brown?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Mr. Bayly bid for an allotment, and the deposit was paid for him by the Land Agent, Captain Brown.

(2.) The Land Agent forwarded a sum of money to the Treasury representing the entire sale or reputed sale.

(3.) A Deed was prepared but not executed, because it appeared that Mr. Bayly had not paid the balance. The money was paid by Captain Brown into the Treasury in error, and a sum, equal to the balance on the price of the allotment bid for by Mr. Bayly, was refunded to him, and the sale cancelled. The history of this transaction will be found in a report from a Special Commissioner appointed to inquire into this amongst other charges against Captain Brown, which was laid before the Assembly on 8th February, 1859.

- (2.) Mr. N. L. Kentish:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for compensation to Mr. N. L. Kentish, for having been deprived of, or removed from, his situation as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Molong, or to appoint Mr. Kentish to any other similar or equivalent situation in the Public Service?

(2.) If so, when are the Government likely to carry such intentions into effect?

Mr. Martin answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to make such provision for compensation to Mr. Kentish as the Honorable Member refers to, nor have they determined to appoint Mr. Kentish to any situation in the Public Service.

- (3.) Leather used in Berrima Gaol:—Mr. Morrice asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Why Tenders are not called for by the Government for the Leather used in the Gaol at Berrima?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the Leather used in the Gaol at Berrima is supplied by the Contractor in Sydney.

- (4.) Naturalization of Chinese:—Dr. Lang asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of Government to continue to withhold Letters of Naturalization from natives of China, who have acquired property in this Colony, and some of whom are married to natives of the United Kingdom?

Mr.

Mr. Martin answered,—By the Act 11th Victoria No. 39 power was conferred upon the Governor, on the application of any Alien residing in the Colony, to issue to such Alien, if he should so think fit, a Certificate, granting to such Alien all the rights and capacities of a natural born British Subject, except the capacity of being a Member of either the Executive or the Legislative Council, and except the rights and capacities which might by the Governor be especially excepted. By section 9 of the 25th Victoria, No. 3, it was enacted that the Certificate authorized by the 11th Victoria, No. 39, should not thereafter be issued or granted to any Chinaman. While this section remains in force, the Governor cannot grant any such Certificate to a native of China, whether married to a native of the United Kingdom or not.

- (5.) Cedar Cutting Licenses, Richmond River :—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether it is the intention of Government to lower the Duty on Licenses to cut Cedar on the Richmond River and its tributaries, in accordance with a vote of the House during last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to lower the license fee for cutting all kinds of timber, Cedar as well as other, all over the Colony.

- (6.) Members of Civil Service Club Registered as Electors :—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Under what clause of the Electoral Act are the 301 names entitled to be inserted on the Electoral Roll for East Sydney, qualification stated, "Rooms, Civil Service Club"?

Mr. Martin answered,—I am not aware.

2. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—

(1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill :—*

- (1.) From Inhabitants of Dapto. By Mr. J. Stewart.
- (2.) From Inhabitants of Sydney and others. By Mr. Windeyer.
- (3.) From Inhabitants of Newcastle. By Mr. Hannell.
- (4.) From Inhabitants of Jamberoo. By Mr. Parkes.
- (5.) From Inhabitants of Gerringong. By Mr. Parkes.
- (6.) From Members of the Church and Congregation meeting in the Masonic Hall, York Street, Sydney. By Mr. Windeyer.
- (7.) From Inhabitants of Pennant Hills. By Mr. Macpherson.
- (8.) From Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor. By Mr. Walker.
- (9.) From Inhabitants of Richmond. By Mr. Walker.
- (10.) From Inhabitants of Newtown. By Mr. S. Brown.
- (11.) From Parents, Residents, and well-wishers of the cause of Education in and around Black Range. By Mr. Mate.
- (12.) From Inhabitants of Irish Town. By Dr. Lang.
- (13.) From Office-bearers and Members of the Kirk Session of Hunter-street Presbyterian Church, Newcastle. By Dr. Lang.
- (14.) From Inhabitants of the District of Shoalhaven. By Mr. Garrett.
- (15.) From Inhabitants of Cambewarra, Shoalhaven. By Mr. Garrett.
- (16.) From Inhabitants of the District of Camden. By Mr. Morrice.

(2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill :—*

- (17.) From Catholics of the Town and District of Windsor. By Mr. Walker.
- (18.) From Residents in Botany. By Mr. Lord.
- (19.) From Residents in the District of Bathurst. By Mr. Cowper.
- (20.) From Teachers in Denominational Schools in Sydney and Suburbs. By Mr. Cowper.

Petitions received.

3. Member Sworn :—Edward George Brown, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut.

4. Mr. John Long Horsey :—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from John Long Horsey, setting forth that he filled the office of Resident Superintendent of Hyde Park Barracks, when that Establishment was Depôt for Prisoners of the Crown, and was subsequently transferred to the charge of the Convict Branch in the Inspector General's of Police Department, with the award of a certain Pension from Imperial Funds, on such transfer, which Pension merged in subsequent Salary. That a portion of his Salary for the last ten years has been borne by the Home Government, but that he has paid to the present Superannuation Fund the required per-centage on his whole Salary, down to the time of his leaving the Service, at the commencement of the present year. That he has been considered by the Commissioners of the Superannuation Fund as having no claim on that Fund. That, at fifty-three years of age, after thirty-one years of service, he is left without the means of support.—And praying speedy relief.

Petition received.

5. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions) :—

- (1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions presented by him on 9th October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Richmond, Raymond Terrace, Brisbane Water, The Wollombi, and Jerry's Plains, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. De Salis moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Queanbeyan, against the Public Schools Bill of 1866, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Pemell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from the Primitive Methodist Ministers of New South Wales, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from the Minister and Elders of the Scots' Church, Pitt-street, Sydney, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions (two) presented by him on the 9th instant, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Egan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Egan on the 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Eden and Bega, relative to the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Egan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Egan, relative to the Public Schools Bill, on the 9th October, from Roman Catholics of Grafton, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd October, relative to the Public Schools Bill, from certain Inhabitants of Redfern, Chippendale, and Waterloo, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Mrs. Jane Greenup (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Mrs. Greenup, presented by him on the 3rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill:—
- (1.) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn, and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn.  
Question put and passed
- (2.) Mr. Cowper 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 transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn, and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn,*"—read a first time.
8. Hartley Vale Colliery Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from the Waratah Coal Company, against the passing of the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Exchange of Land Scots' Church Sydney Legalising Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill "to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots' Church Sydney," be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
10. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until this day week.
11. Public Schools Bill (Order of the Day No. 3 of Government Business):—The adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Macpherson had moved, by way of amendment, that the word 'now' be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months,"—resumed and continued.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.  
Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Walker,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Phelps,	Tellers.
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Windeyer.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. White,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Gordon,
Tellers.
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Cummings.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

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

12. Assent to Bills, viz.—Felons Apprehension Act Continuation—Cattle Disease Prevention—Advances to Agents intrusted with Goods—Registration of Brands—Partnership Amendment—Church of England Property Management:—The following Messages were respectively delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.)

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

The Bills, intituled,—

- 1st. "An Act to continue the Felons Apprehension Act for another year",—
  - 2nd. "An Act to prevent the introduction or propagation of Infectious or Contagious Diseases amongst Cattle and other Animals",—
  - 3rd. "An Act to amend the Law relating to Advances *bonâ fide* made to Agents intrusted with Goods",—
  - 4th. "An Act to provide for the Registration of Brands",—
  - 5th. "An Act to amend the Law of Partnership",—
- 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 Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 10th October, 1866.

(2.)

JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in New South Wales to manage the property of the said Church," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,  
Sydney, 10th October 1866.

13. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council 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 Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and 'for other purposes therein mentioned,'"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th October, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Eighteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.



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

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Western Railway be opened to Twenty-mile Hollow?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Was the Head Warder of Parramatta Gaol, Mr. Flanders, dismissed from the Public Service on a charge of theft of public stores being preferred against him?
  - (2.) Has Mr. Flanders been re-appointed to a situation in the Public Service?
  - (3.) Was Warder Small, of the same Gaol, dismissed the Service under a similar charge?
  - (4.) Has Warder Small been re-appointed to a situation in the Public Service?
  - (5.) Was the Gaoler at Albury dismissed the Public Service; and if so, on what grounds?
  - (6.) Has the Albury Gaoler been re-employed in the Public Service?
  - (7.) Did the Sheriff recommend any of those dismissed men for re-appointment?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1864?
  - (2.) If so, when?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) With reference to the proposed establishment and construction of a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay, is it the intention of the Government to make provision for rendering such Harbour available for the people of the interior, by opening up a wider and more practicable road than exists at present between Armidale and Trial Bay, by way of the River Macleay?
  - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the extension of Telegraphic communication to Trial Bay, or to Port Macquarie?
  - (3.) If so, when, in both cases?
5. MR. OATLEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps to prevent the filling up of the upper portion of Darling Harbour—which is now fast filling up with earth lately placed near it by the Government?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TERRY *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
  - (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.
2. MR. J. STEWART *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from Inhabitants of Dapto, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the Order of the Day in reference to the "Crown Land Reserves," which lapsed on the 9th October, in consequence of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
4. MR. HANNELL *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from certain Inhabitants of Newcastle, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. WINDEYER *to move*, That the two Petitions presented by him in favour of the Public Education Bill, from certain Citizens of Sydney and others, and from the Church and Congregation meeting in the Masonic Hall, be printed.
6. MR. S. BROWN *to move*, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Newtown, presented by him on the 10th October, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. WALKER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from Roman Catholics of the Town and District of Windsor, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. WALKER *to move*, That the two Petitions presented by him from Inhabitants of the Towns of Windsor and Richmond, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

9. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from certain Inhabitants of Pennant Hills, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
10. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Black Range, District of Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 10th October, be printed.
11. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from John Long Horsey, be printed.
12. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from the Denominational Teachers, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Residents of the Bathurst District, be printed.
14. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from eighty-three of the Inhabitants of Irishtown, in Central Cumberland, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October from fifty Inhabitants of Cambewarra, Shoalhaven, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from two hundred and fifty-two Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
17. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from the Inhabitants in the District of Camden, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
18. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 10th October, from the Office-bearers, or Minister and Elders of the Hunter-street Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, be printed.
19. MR. COWPER to move,—  
(1.) That the Bill "to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn," be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Smart, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.
20. MR. PARKES to move, That the two Petitions in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 10th October, from Residents of Jamberoo and Gerringong, be printed.
21. MR. SAMUEL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from Robert Archibald Alison Morehead, in reference to the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Ministerial Salaries Bill; third reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
4. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution, viz. :—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
5. Navigation of the River Manning; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from the Residents of Botany, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return, shewing the names of all persons who have purchased land conditionally, under the Land Alienation Act of 1861, from the 30th September, 1864, to 30th September, 1866; the quantity of land in each purchase; the name and class of District wherein the land is situated; the amount of money received on each lot; the balance remaining to be received; the date when the balance of the purchase money shall be payable; also, shewing the total quantity of land in the Settled and Unsettled Districts, selected in each year, from 1861, and the aggregate amount of balances of the purchase money payable in each year.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
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4. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members:—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.

## New South Wales.

No. 47.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Western Railway:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the Western Railway be opened to Twenty-mile Hollow?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government have not yet decided upon opening the Western Line before reaching Blackheath; should they do so, the Blue Mountain Inn will be the only available place, distant about twenty miles from Penrith, to which point the permanent way will be complete early in next year.

- (2.) Gaol Officials, Parramatta and Albury:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was the Head Warder of Parramatta Gaol, Mr. Flanders, dismissed from the Public Service on a charge of theft of public stores being preferred against him?

(2.) Has Mr. Flanders been re-appointed to a situation in the Public Service?

(3.) Was Warder Small, of the same Gaol, dismissed the Service under a similar charge?

(4.) Has Warder Small been re-appointed to a situation in the Public Service?

(5.) Was the Gaoler at Albury dismissed the Public Service; and if so, on what grounds?

(6.) Has the Albury Gaoler been re-employed in the Public Service?

(7.) Did the Sheriff recommend any of those dismissed men for re-appointment?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Mr. Flanders was reduced from the rank of Chief Warder in consequence of his part in certain irregularities, and transferred to another establishment as an ordinary Warder.

(3.) No.

(4.) A charge amounting to theft was made against Warder Small, but was not established. He was exchanged into another Gaol.

(5.) The Gaoler at Albury was dismissed in consequence of an inquiry into the management of that Gaol, which disclosed some instances of misconduct on his part, but chiefly on the ground of his unfitness for his position.

(6.) Yes; as an ordinary Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol.

(7.) The appointment was made by the Sheriff, in consequence of a verbal communication with the Chief Secretary.

- (3.) Superannuation Act of 1864:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1864?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure of this kind, and at an early period.

(4.)

(4.) Harbour of Refuge, Trial Bay—Road and Telegraphic Extension thereto :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) With reference to the proposed establishment and construction of a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay, is it the intention of the Government to make provision for rendering such Harbour available for the people of the interior, by opening up a wider and more practicable road than exists at present between Armidale and Trial Bay, by way of the River Macleay?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the extension of telegraphic communication to Trial Bay, or to Port Macquarie?

(3.) If so, when, in both cases?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Should Parliament sanction the proposal to construct a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay, it will be the care of the Government to make such Harbour available for the people of the interior by opening out such Roads as may be necessary.

(2.) It is not the intention of the Government at present to make provision for the extension of telegraphic communication to Trial Bay or to Port Macquarie.

(3.) The foregoing replies dispose of Question No. 3.

(5.) Darling Harbour :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Oatley, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps to prevent the filling up of the upper portion of Darling Harbour—which is now fast filling up with earth lately placed near it by the Government?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The state of Darling Harbour is under the consideration of the Government who have partly decided on a plan for the construction of a Wharf at the head of the Harbour, but the principal shoaling is caused by the City Drains which discharge into the head of the Bay.

2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as Vacates the Seat of a Member of the Legislative Assembly on taking Office*," read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.

3. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—

(1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill :—*

(1.) From Inhabitants of Narellan. By Mr. Wilson.

(2.) From Inhabitants of Largs and Bolwarra. By Mr. Dodds.

(3.) From Inhabitants of St. Mary's, South Creek, and surrounding Districts. By Dr. Lang.

(4.) From Henry H. Gaud, as Chairman of the Committee of Privileges for the Wesleyan Church in New South Wales. By Mr. Parkes.

(5.) From Inhabitants of Shellharbour. By Mr. Parkes.

(6.) From Residents of Waratah and Newcastle. By Mr. Tighe.

(7.) From Inhabitants of Lambton and the surrounding District. By Mr. Tighe.

(8.) From Inhabitants of Wallsend. By Mr. Tighe.

(9.) From Mothers of Families residing at Wollongong and its vicinity. By Mr. J. Stewart. (*Read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker.*)

(10.) From Inhabitants of Smithfield. By Mr. Hay.

(2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill :—*

(11.) From Roman Catholic Priest and People of Brisbane Water. By Mr. Eckford.

(12.) From Clergy and Laity of the Parish of St. Paul, Maitland, in the Diocese of Newcastle. By Mr. Lee.

(13.) From Roman Catholics of Pymont, Redfern, and the Glebe. By Mr. Cummings.

(14.) From Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, at Dungog. By Mr. Nowlan.

(15.) From Residents in the District of Pejar, and parts adjacent. By Mr. Macpherson.

(16.) From Catholics of the District of the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary. By Mr. Macleay.

(17.) From Members of the Church of England and Residents in the District of Port Stephens. By Mr. Nowlan.

Petitions received.

4. Representation of the Electorate of Mudgee :—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Town and District of Mudgee, complaining that they are not adequately represented in Parliament by a single Member; and praying that, as in the cases of Parramatta and the Hawksbury, they may receive, under the sanction of law, the services of an additional Member.

Petition received.

5. Parramatta Market Bill :—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 5 October 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

Whereupon, Mr. Farnell moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.

Question put and passed.

6. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. Applications made by Lands Titles Office for Re-survey of Lands ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return up to October 1, 1866, of all applications made by the Lands Titles Office to the Survey Department for the re-survey of Lands granted by the Crown on account of discrepancies between the original surveys, as shewn in the Government plans and the descriptions in the grants; shewing in each case the name of the Surveyor employed in the re-survey, the name of the person on whose account the application was made, and the dates of the application, of the instructions issued to the Surveyor, of the receipt of the re-survey at the office of the Surveyor General, and of the return of the re-survey to the Lands Titles Office.
  - (2.) Any Correspondence or Documents having reference to the same subject.  
Question put and passed.
8. Public Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from Inhabitants of Dapto, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Hannell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from certain Inhabitants of Newcastle, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Newtown, presented by Mr. S. Brown, on the 10th October, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from Roman Catholics of the Town and District of Windsor, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (5.) Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him from Inhabitants of the Towns of Windsor and Richmond, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (6.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from certain Inhabitants of Pennant Hills, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (7.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Black Range, District of Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 10th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (8.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from the Denominational Teachers, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (9.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, against the Public Schools Bill, from Residents of the Bathurst District, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (10.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from eighty-three of the Inhabitants of Irishtown, in Central Cumberland, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (11.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October from fifty Inhabitants of Cambewarra, Shoalhaven, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (12.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from two hundred and fifty-two Inhabitants of Shoalhaven, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

- (13.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from the Inhabitants in the District of Camden, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) Dr Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 10th October, from the Office-bearers or Minister and Elders of the Hunter-street Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 10th October, from Residents of Jamberoo and Gerringong, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Crown Land Reserves ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day in reference to the "Crown Land Reserves," which lapsed on the 9th October, in consequence of the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.
10. Mr. John Long Horsey ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th October, from John Long Horsey, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
11. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Bill "to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn," be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Smart, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
12. Hartley Vale Colliery Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th October, from Robert Archibald Alison Morehead, in reference to the Hartley Vale Colliery Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
13. 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. Eagar, 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 received to-morrow.
14. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make Arbitrations more effectual*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 11th October, 1866.*  
T. A. MURRAY,  
President.  
Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday next.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Wednesday next.
16. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Windeyer not making the Motion, No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Ministerial Salaries Bill; third reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
4. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution, viz.:—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.
5. Navigation of the River Manning; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.
6. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Crown Land Reserves;—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
9. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th October, from the Residents of Botany, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return, shewing the names of all persons who have purchased land conditionally, under the Land Alienation Act of 1861, from the 30th September, 1864, to 30th September, 1866; the quantity of land in each purchase; the name and class of District wherein the land is situated; the amount of money received on each lot; the balance remaining to be received; the date when the balance of the purchase money shall be payable; also, shewing the total quantity of land in the Settled and Unsettled Districts, selected in each year, from 1861, and the aggregate amount of balances of the purchase money payable in each year.
3. MR. TERRY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from the Electors of Mudgee, praying for an additional Member, be printed, and referred to the Committee now sitting on the "Proposed Electoral Alterations" for their consideration and report.
4. MR. LEE to move, That the Petition from the Parish of St. Paul, Maitland, presented by him on the 11th October, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from a hundred and one Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Wesleyans, residing in the District of St. Mary's, South Creek, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Committee of Privileges of the Wesleyan Church in New South Wales, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.
7. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Shellharbour, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.
8. MR. DONDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from seventy-three Inhabitants of Largs and Bolwarra, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
9. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition from one hundred and eighty-five Inhabitants of Narellan, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th of October, be printed.
10. MR. RYAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from Inhabitants of Emu Plains, against the Public Schools Bill now before the House, be printed.
11. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Wallsend, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.



12. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Waratah and surrounding District, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Lambton and surrounding District, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
14. MR. ECKFORD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from seventy Inhabitants of Brisbane Water, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from forty-one Mothers, residing at Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Pejar, presented by him on the 11th October, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
17. MR. Cowper, on behalf of MR. HART, to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 3rd October, from certain Roman Catholics in the District of the Sacred Heart, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
18. MR. Cowper, on behalf of MR. HART, to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 5th October, from the Very Reverend the Vicar Foran and other Roman Catholics, Inhabitants of Armidale, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
19. MR. Cowper, on behalf of MR. HART, to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart, on the 3rd October, from Roman Catholics of Patrick's Plains, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
20. MR. HAY to move, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Smithfield, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.
21. MR. NOWLAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from Members of the Church of England and Residents in the District of Port Stephens, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
22. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from eight hundred and forty-five Catholics of the District of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
23. MR. NOWLAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from seventy Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, at Dungog, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution from Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Question :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that in the encounter between the Police and bushrangers, on the occasion when Sergeant Parry was shot, the Police Magistrate of Gundagai, Mr. A. C. S. Rose, was a passenger in the coach, and prevented Constable Roche from firing on the bushrangers, whereupon Constable Roche retreated into the bush, and the Police Magistrate was taken prisoner by the bushrangers ?
  - (2.) Is the Government aware that an official investigation into Roche's conduct took place a few days after at Yass, before Messrs. Campbell, O'Connor, and Blake, J.P.'s., at which the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, was examined as a witness ?
  - (3.) Is the Government aware, that after the evidence was closed, the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, applied for his expenses from Gundagai to Yass, the Bench declining to make any order, whereupon Mr. Rose became very angry, and turning to Roche, used the following language :—“ If I knew I was not to get my travelling “ expenses coming here, I would have given very different evidence against you “ to-day ” ?
  - (4.) Is the Government aware that the *Yass Courier* newspaper published the whole affair, printing in italics Mr. Rose's language, to the effect, that if he had known he was not to receive his travelling expenses, he would have given very different evidence against Roche ?
  - (5.) Is the Government aware that the matter was brought under the notice of the late Government, the result being that Mr. Rose, the Police Magistrate, was compelled to vindicate his character by bringing an action against the *Yass Courier*, or be dismissed.
  - (6.) Is the Government aware that the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, raised an action against the *Yass Courier* in the Supreme Court, laying damages at £1,000, and, after considerable delay, Mr. Rose withdrew the action, paying all the *Yass Courier's* expenses ?
  - (7.) Will the Government make inquiries as to the truth of all these allegations, particularly in reference to the one charging the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, with stating that, if he had known he was not to have received his expenses, his evidence against Constable Roche would have been very different ?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
4. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.
5. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.

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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
  2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members:—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—
  - (1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (1.) From Residents of Branxton. By Mr. Burns.
    - (2.) From Alexander Campbell, as Chairman of a certain Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Woollahra. By Mr. Parkes.
    - (3.) From Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf and Mount Vincent. By Mr. Dodds.
    - (4.) From W. H. Mullen, as Chairman of a certain Public Meeting held at Maitland. By Mr. Burns.
    - (5.) From Inhabitants of Cowra, in the District of Carcoar. By Mr. Stimpson.
  - (2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (6.) From Residents in the District of Sofala. By Mr. Donnelly.
 Petitions received.
2. Road from Armidale to Grafton :—Mr. Cooper presented a Petition from certain Graziers, Farmers, and others resident in the District of Armidale, setting forth the advantages which would accrue to the Petitioners if a first-class road, shorter than the existing one, were opened up from Armidale to Grafton, and representing that if such road be not opened up immediately they must utterly fail, in consequence of the impossibility of disposing of their produce ;—and praying for favourable consideration of their case.  
Petition received.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church, Sydney, Legalizing Bill :—Mr. Cowper *with the concurrence of the House* moved, without Notice—That the Evidence taken by the Select Committees of Sessions, 1862, 1863-4, and 1865-6, respectively, on the "Exchange of Land Scots Church, Sydney, Legalizing Bill" be referred to the Committee appointed during the present Session, to consider and report upon the same Bill.  
Question put and passed.
4. Representation of the Electorate of Mudgee—Proposed Electoral Alterations ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from the Electors of Mudgee, praying for an additional Member, be printed, and referred to the Committee now sitting on the "Proposed Electoral Alterations" for their consideration and report.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
5. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions) :—
  - (1.) Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Parish of St. Paul, Maitland, presented by him on the 11th October, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from a hundred and one Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Wesleyans, residing in the District of St. Mary's, South Creek, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of the Committee of Privileges of the Wesleyan Church in New South Wales, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Shellharbour, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from seventy-three Inhabitants of Largs and Bolwarra, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from one hundred and eighty-five Inhabitants of Narellan, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th of October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from Inhabitants of Emu Plains, against the Public Schools Bill now before the House, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Wallsend, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Waratah and surrounding District, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from certain Inhabitants of Lambton and surrounding District, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Eckford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Eckford on the 11th October, from seventy Inhabitants of Brisbane Water, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from forty-one Mothers, residing at Wollongong, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (13.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Pejar, presented by him on the 11th October, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Hart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 3rd October, from certain Roman Catholics in the District of the Sacred Heart, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Hart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 5th October, from the Very Reverend the Vicar Foran and other Roman Catholics, Inhabitants of Armidale, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (16.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Hart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart, on the 3rd October, from Roman Catholics of Patrick's Plains, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (17.)

- (17.) Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Smithfield, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (18.) Mr. Nowlan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from Members of the Church of England and Residents in the District of Port Stephens, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (19.) Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October, from eight hundred and forty-five Catholics of the District of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (20.) Mr. Nowlan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th October from seventy Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, at Dungog, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Duty on Rum," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 3rd October, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Tighe, until this day fortnight.
8. Ministerial Salaries Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill "be" now read a third time.  
Mr. S. Brown 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, "recommended, with a view to the omission from section 2 of the words 'shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and'"  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. White,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. De Salis.

Original Question then put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 28.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. White,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. S. Brown.

## Noes, 16.

Mr. Forster,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Stimpson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Burns,	

## Noes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Garrett,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Macpherson.

- Whereupon Bill read a third time.
9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until this day week.
10. License Fee upon Publicans and Auctioneers:—On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the following Resolution, viz.:—That, considering the present depressed state of the Country generally, in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce a measure having for its object a substantial reduction of the license fee imposed upon Publicans and Auctioneers.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed from the proposed Resolution.

11. Navigation of the River Manning:—On motion of Mr. Forster, 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 cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Manning.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.
13. Crown Land Reserves:—Order of the Day read, for the resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House the late enormous reserves are in violation of the true spirit of the Land Law. That the Government should cancel them all forthwith, with the view of making such reserves as may be deemed necessary, not for the personal advantage of any squatter or squatters, but for the purpose of protecting the use of water for the general public, the plain object, meaning, and intent of the Land Law of 1861,"—upon which Mr. Forster had moved the Previous Question. Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Buchanan,

Tellers.

Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Lee,

Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. S. Brown,  
Mr. Dodds,

Tellers.

Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Windeyer.

14. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. S. Brown, until Friday next.
15. Common Law Procedure Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. S. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. S. Brown.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Eckford,

Mr. Lee,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Lucas.

16. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of Proposed New Standing Order in substitution for the existing Standing Order No. 65, postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.
17. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Lord not making the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
18. Conditional Purchases under Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return, shewing the names of all persons who have purchased land conditionally, under the Land Alienation Act of 1861, from the 30th September, 1864, to 30th September, 1866; the quantity of land in each purchase; the name and class of District wherein the land is situated; the amount of money received on each lot; the balance remaining to be received; the date when the balance of the purchase money shall be payable; also, shewing the total quantity of land in the Settled and Unsettled Districts, selected in each year, from 1861, and the aggregate amount of balances of the purchase money payable in each year. Question put and passed.
19. Ways and Means:—The Chairman of Committees reported, from the Committee of Ways and Means, 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 1867, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,887 ls. 5d.

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

The House adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Question :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that in the encounter between the Police and bushrangers, on the occasion when Sergeant Parry was shot, the Police Magistrate of Gundagai, Mr. A. C. S. Rose, was a passenger in the coach, and prevented Constable Roche from firing on the bushrangers, whereupon Constable Roche retreated into the bush, and the Police Magistrate was taken prisoner by the bushrangers?

(2.) Is the Government aware that an official investigation into Roche's conduct took place a few days after at Yass, before Messrs. Campbell, O'Connor, and Blake, J.P's., at which the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, was examined as a witness?

(3.) Is the Government aware, that after the evidence was closed, the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, applied for his expenses from Gundagai to Yass, the Bench declining to make any order, whereupon Mr. Rose became very angry, and turning to Roche, used the following language :—" If I knew I was not to get my travelling expenses coming here, I would have given very different evidence against you "to-day"?"

(4.) Is the Government aware that the *Yass Courier* newspaper published the whole affair, printing in italics Mr. Rose's language, to the effect, that if he had known he was not to receive his travelling expenses, he would have given very different evidence against Roche?

(5.) Is the Government aware that the matter was brought under the notice of the late Government, the result being that Mr. Rose, the Police Magistrate, was compelled to vindicate his character by bringing an action against the *Yass Courier*, or be dismissed.

(6.) Is the Government aware that the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, raised an action against the *Yass Courier* in the Supreme Court, laying damages at £1,000, and, after considerable delay, Mr. Rose withdrew the action, paying all the *Yass Courier's* expenses?

(7.) Will the Government make inquiries as to the truth of all these allegations, particularly in reference to the one charging the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, with stating that, if he had known he was not to have received his expenses, his evidence against Constable Roche would have been very different?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—

That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.

2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

4. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.

5. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

6. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 12th October, from certain Inhabitants of Branxton, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

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 Return of the number of persons executed in New South Wales during the last twenty years, mentioning what Country they were natives of, and what Religious sect they professed to belong to.

8. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from Mr. W. H. Mullen, Chairman of a Public Meeting recently held at West Maitland, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
9. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from Members of the Church of England residing at Sofala, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
10. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
11. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Honorable Alexander Campbell, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of Woollahra, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 12th October, be printed.
12. MR. STIMPSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from the Inhabitants of Cowra, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 11th October, from four hundred and eighty-one Catholics, Residents of Pymont, the Glebe, and Redfern, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from seventy-six Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf and Mount Vincent, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. TISHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members:—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- Mr. Rose, Police Magistrate at Gundagai:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that in the encounter between the Police and bushrangers, on the occasion when Sergeant Parry was shot, the Police Magistrate of Gundagai, Mr. A. C. S. Rose, was a passenger in the coach, and prevented Constable Roche from firing on the bushrangers, whereupon Constable Roche retreated into the bush, and the Police Magistrate was taken prisoner by the bushrangers?

(2.) Is the Government aware that an official investigation into Roche's conduct took place a few days after at Yass, before Messrs. Campbell, O'Connor, and Blake, J.P's., at which the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, was examined as a witness?

(3.) Is the Government aware, that after the evidence was closed, the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, applied for his expenses from Gundagai to Yass, the Bench declining to make any order, whereupon Mr. Rose became very angry, and turning to Roche, used the following language:—"If I knew I was not to get my travelling expenses coming here, I would have given very different evidence against you to-day"?

(4.) Is the Government aware that the *Yass Courier* newspaper published the whole affair, printing in italics Mr. Rose's language, to the effect, that if he had known he was not to receive his travelling expenses, he would have given very different evidence against Roche?

(5.) Is the Government aware that the matter was brought under the notice of the late Government, the result being that Mr. Rose, the Police Magistrate, was compelled to vindicate his character by bringing an action against the *Yass Courier*, or be dismissed.

(6.) Is the Government aware that the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, raised an action against the *Yass Courier* in the Supreme Court, laying damages at £1,000, and, after considerable delay, Mr. Rose withdrew the action, paying all the *Yass Courier's* expenses?

(7.) Will the Government make inquiries as to the truth of all these allegations, particularly in reference to the one charging the Police Magistrate, Mr. Rose, with stating that, if he had known he was not to have received his expenses, his evidence against Constable Roche would have been very different?

Mr.

Mr. Martin answered,—Sergeant Parry was shot on the 16th November, 1864. On the 29th November Constable Roche, one of the constables present on that occasion was charged before certain magistrates at Yass, with unlawfully deserting his post, and Mr. Rose, the Police Magistrate at Gundagai, was examined as a witness on the inquiry which took place on that day into such charge. The result of the inquiry was, on the 3rd November, reported by the Inspector-General of Police to the Colonial Secretary, and in that report the Inspector-General spoke of Mr. Rose's conduct during the encounter with the police and the bushrangers on the 16th November, as "highly improper." On the 10th December the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Forster) endorsed on the Inspector General's report the following minute:—"Mr. Rose's conduct appears to me so highly objectionable, that I have no other course left to me than to call upon him "to shew cause why he should not be dismissed from the Public Service for "improper and unauthorized interference with a constable on duty." On the 22nd December, Mr. Rose sent in his explanation to the Colonial Secretary, in which, among other things, he says:—"Before concluding, I beg to add that the "report of my remarks to the Bench of Magistrates at Yass at the close of Roche's "trial, as published in the *Yass Courier* and copied into several provincial newspapers, is utterly false. I have instructed Mr. Walsh, solicitor, of Goulburn, to "institute legal proceedings against the publisher. Mr. Walsh informs me that "Captain Zouch can give unqualified evidence that the words put into my "mouth are a fabrication of the reporter's, and that my conduct was not in "any way unseemly." On the 30th December, the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Forster) endorsed on Mr. Rose's explanation the following minute:—"Mr. "Rose's explanation I think is so far satisfactory, that it relieves him of the "charge of undue interference; but I cannot acquit him of a certain degree of "indiscretion in his conversations with the constable, for which he appears to me "to merit censure." On the 5th January, 1865, an action was commenced in the Supreme Court by Mr. Rose against James John Brown. In that action issue was joined on the 28th of the following March, and no further proceeding appears since to have been taken by Mr. Rose on that action. I am not aware whether or not, at the close of the inquiry into Roche's case, Mr. Rose used the language imputed to him, nor am I aware whether such language was published in the *Yass Courier*, newspaper; but it appears, as already stated, that Mr. Rose has denied the truth of the statement (whatever it was) which appeared in that paper. The Government do not think it necessary to inquire into the truth of the allegations referred to, or to take any steps to ascertain whether or not such allegations were published in the newspaper mentioned by the honorable member.

2. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
  - (1.) Despatch, dated 31 July, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to Address, in reference to "Clerical Precedence," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 7th November, 1865.
  - (2.) Despatch dated 22 August, 1866, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to proposed erection of a new Diocese in the Colony of New South Wales. Ordered to be printed.
3. Public Schools Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
  - (1.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Croki, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
  - (2.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Tarree Estate, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
  - (3.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Oxley Island, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
  - (4.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Ghinni Ghinni, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
  - (5.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Tarree. By Mr. Forster.
  - (6.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Redbank. By Mr. Forster.
  - (7.) From Inhabitants of Dungog and its vicinity. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (8.) From Inhabitants of Ryde. By Mr. Farnell.
  - (9.) From Inhabitants of Tumut. By Mr. E. Brown.
  - (10.) From Members of the Church and Congregation assembling for Divine Worship in the Congregational Church, Redfern. By Mr. Sutherland.
  - (11.) From Inhabitants of Redfern. By Mr. Sutherland.
  - (12.) From Inhabitants of the Municipality of Paddington and its vicinity. By Mr. Sutherland.
 Petitions received.
4. Motions Withdrawn:—
  - (1.) *Mr. Donnelly*, on behalf of Mr. Cummings, withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to day
  - (2.) *Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to day.
5. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Certain Appointments made in the Customs Department," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on 25th September, 1866. Ordered to be printed.

6. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Burns*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Burns*, on the 12th October, from certain Inhabitants of *Branxton*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Persons Executed in New South Wales ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons executed in New South Wales during the last twenty years, mentioning what Country they were natives of, and what Religious sect they professed to belong to.  
Question put and passed.
8. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Burns*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Burns* on the 12th October, from *Mr. W. H. Mullen*, Chairman of a Public Meeting recently held at *West Maitland*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) *Mr. Donnelly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from Members of the Church of England residing at *Sofala*, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) *Mr. Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Honorable *Alexander Campbell*, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of *Woollahra*, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 12th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) *Mr. Donnelly*, on behalf of *Mr. Stimpson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Stimpson* on the 12th October, from the Inhabitants of *Cowra*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed:  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) *Mr. Donnelly*, on behalf of *Mr. Cummings*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Cummings* on 11th October, from four hundred and eighty-one Catholics, Residents of *Pymont*, the *Glebe*, and *Redfern*, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Proposed Rewards for Discovery of New and Payable Gold Fields:—*Mr. Rodd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following Resolution,—  
That it is the opinion of this Committee,—looking to the prevailing depression of the mining interests of New South Wales, and the disturbing interest of that depression on every department of trade and commerce,—that steps should be taken to render our Gold Fields more attractive to the miner, and to disclose the productive power of the Territory in respect of its Mineral resources. It is accordingly hereby 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 the present year, the sum of £10,000, to be distributed under revised regulations, as rewards for the discovery of new and payable Gold Fields within the Colony.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.
- | Ayes, 8.  |   | Noes, 28.   |
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| <p><i>Mr. Buchanan,</i><br/><i>Mr. Graham,</i><br/><i>Mr. Egan,</i><br/><i>Mr. R. Stewart,</i><br/><i>Mr. Sutherland,</i><br/><i>Mr. Donnelly,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Rodd,</i><br/><i>Mr. Pickering.</i></p> | <p><i>Mr. Martin,</i><br/><i>Mr. Cowper,</i><br/><i>Mr. Smart,</i><br/><i>Mr. Wilson,</i><br/><i>Mr. Byrnes,</i><br/><i>Mr. Parkes,</i><br/><i>Mr. Joseph,</i><br/><i>Mr. White,</i><br/><i>Mr. Phelps,</i><br/><i>Mr. Forster,</i><br/><i>Mr. Lee,</i><br/><i>Mr. Lloyd,</i><br/><i>Mr. Campbell,</i><br/><i>Mr. Wisdom,</i><br/><i>Mr. Landale,</i></p> | <p><i>Mr. Farnell,</i><br/><i>Mr. Tighe,</i><br/><i>Mr. Neale,</i><br/><i>Mr. Dangar,</i><br/><i>Mr. Oatley,</i><br/><i>Mr. Hay,</i><br/><i>Mr. Garrett,</i><br/><i>Mr. Gordon,</i><br/><i>Mr. J. Stewart,</i><br/><i>Mr. Bagar,</i><br/><i>Mr. Hannell,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. De Salis,</i><br/><i>Mr. Alexander.</i></p> |
10. Public Schools Bill:—*Mr. Macpherson* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the District of *St. Mary's*, *South Creek*, against the Passing of the said Bill.  
Petition received.

11. **Count Out**:—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to make the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to day,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and, there being only Fourteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at thirteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

*Questions* :—

1. **MR. R. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
  - (1.) What number of vessels have been wrecked on the coast since 1st January last?
  - (2.) Of what description and tonnage?
  - (3.) Where wrecked?
  - (4.) What was the cause of wreck?
  - (5.) What number of lives were lost in each?
2. **MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that many of the steam vessels leaving this port carry numbers of steerage passengers that they have no accommodation for, at the same time charging them a large fee as passage money?
  - (2.) Is the Treasurer aware that some of those vessels are, by the nature of the voyage, four days at sea, during which time the steerage passengers are compelled to lie littered about the deck as best they can, there being no sleeping accommodation for them?
  - (3.) If this is the case, will the Government at once adopt such measures as will prevent the continuance of such an abuse?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. EAGAR to move**, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Public Schools Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FORSTER to move**, That the six Petitions presented by him on October 16, from Local Patrons and Teachers of National Schools in the Manning River District, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. **MR. PARKES to move**, That the Petition of Residents at Dungog, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 16th October, be printed.
3. **MR. MACPHERSON to move**, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Cooper*, on 12th October, from certain Residents in the District of Armidale, with reference to a Road from Armidale to Grafton, be printed.
4. **MR. E. BROWN to move**, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of The Tumut, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 16th October, be printed.
5. **MR. FARNELL to move**, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from one hundred and thirty-five Residents of Ryde, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. **MR. MACPHERSON to move**, That the Petition from one hundred and seventy-two Inhabitants of the District of St. Mary's, South Creek, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 16th October, be printed.
7. **MR. SUTHERLAND to move**, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from the Deacons and Members of the Congregational Church, Redfern, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. **MR. SUTHERLAND to move**, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from the Inhabitants of Redfern, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

9. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from one hundred and thirty-three Ratepayers of Paddington, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
11. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.
12. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from seventy-six Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf and Mount Vincent, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members :—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.
3. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
4. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 50.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17-OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) *Mr. R. Stewart withdrew the Question No. 1.*
  - (2.) *Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Question No. 2.*
  2. Public Schools Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
    - (1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill:—*
      - (1.) From Local Patrons, Parents, and Teacher of the Parkhaugh National School. By Mr. Forster.
      - (2.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Purfleet, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
      - (3.) From Inhabitants of Balmain. By Mr. Smart.
      - (4.) From Inhabitants of Singleton. By Mr. Wilson.
      - (5.) From Inhabitants of Minmi and Wallsend. By Mr. Dodds.
      - (6.) From Inhabitants of the Electorate of East Maitland and Hexham. By Mr. Dodds.
      - (7.) From Inhabitants of Collector and its vicinity. By Mr. Parkes.
      - (8.) From Members of the Independent Church and Congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. John Graham, Pitt-street, Sydney. By Mr. Parkes.
      - (9.) From Inhabitants of Albury. By Mr. Mate.
      - (10.) From Inhabitants of Surry Hills, Sydney. By Mr. R. Stewart.
    - (2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill:—*
      - (11.) From Residents in the District of Darlinghurst. By Mr. Gordon.
      - (12.) From Residents of Upper Colo. By Mr. Cunneen.
      - (13.) From Residents of the District of Collector and Wollogorang. By Mr. Cowper.
      - (14.) From Residents of Meadow Flat. By Mr. Cowper.
      - (15.) From Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood. By Mr. Cowper.
      - (16.) From Inhabitants of The Oaks. By Mr. Morrice.
      - (17.) From Dean O'Connell and other Residents in the District of Picton. By Mr. Morrice.
      - (18.) From James Carter and other Residents of Picton. By Mr. Morrice.
      - (19.) From Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace, Miller's Forest, and the surrounding District. By Mr. Hart.
- Petitions received.
3. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill:—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 Bill was referred on 11th October, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Mr. Cowper then moved, that the second reading of this Bill, (*as amended in Select Committee.*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.  
Question put and passed.

4. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table Schedule shewing Classification and proposed Distribution for 1867, with reference to Subordinate Roads of New South Wales.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from James Fullerton, LL.D., Minister of the Scots Church, Pitt-street, Sydney, praying that, for the reasons therein set forth, the said Bill may not be passed.  
Petition received.
6. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the six Petitions presented by him on October 16, from Local Patrons and Teachers of National Schools in the Manning River District, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of Residents at Dungog, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 16th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. E. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of The Tumut, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 16th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from one hundred and seventy-two Inhabitants of the District of St. Mary's, South Creek, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 16th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (5.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from the Deacons and Members of the Congregational Church, Redfern, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (6.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from the Inhabitants of Redfern, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (7.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from one hundred and thirty-three Ratepayers of Paddington, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Road from Armidale to Grafton (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, that the Petition presented by Mr. Cooper, on 12th October, from certain Residents in the District of Armidale, with reference to a Road from Armidale to Grafton, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Gold Duties Reduction Bill:—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Eagar, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.  
Question put and passed.
9. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.
10. Public Schools Bill:—On the Order of the Day (No. 3 of Government Business) 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.

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

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1866, A.M.,—

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Friday next. Question proposed,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next. Question amended, on motion of Mr. Martin, made with the concurrence of the House, by the addition of the words "then to take precedence of all other business."

Whereupon Question,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next, then to take precedence of all other business,—put and passed.

11. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Facilitation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.) Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate The Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17th October, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, A.M., until Friday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What number of vessels have been wrecked on the coast since 1st January last?
  - (2.) Of what description and tonnage?
  - (3.) Where wrecked?
  - (4.) What was the cause of wreck?
  - (5.) What number of lives were lost in each?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that many of the steam vessels leaving this port carry numbers of steerage passengers that they have no accommodation for, at the same time charging them a large fee as passage money?
  - (2.) Is the Treasurer aware that some of those vessels are, by the nature of the voyage, four days at sea, during which time the steerage passengers are compelled to lie littered about the deck as best they can, there being no sleeping accommodation for them?
  - (3.) If this is the case, will the Government at once adopt such measures as will prevent the continuance of such an abuse?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill ; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
7. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65 ; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES



## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th October, from seventy-six Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf and Mount Vincent, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Local Patrons, Teachers, and Parents, connected with National Schools on the Manning River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Meadow Flat, and Collector, and certain Residents in the City of Sydney, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
4. MR. SMART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from one hundred and ninety-seven Inhabitants of Balmain, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from eighty-four Inhabitants of Minmi and Wallsend, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from one hundred and one Inhabitants of East Maitland and Hexham, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of Singleton, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Collector, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Members of the Congregational Church, Pitt-street, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.
10. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition from Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.
11. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Clergyman and eighty-nine Members of St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
12. MR. R. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from certain Inhabitants of Surry Hills, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Inhabitants of Colo River, Hawkesbury Electorate, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
14. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of The Oaks, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. MORRICE to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of the District of Picton, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Rev. James Fullerton, LL.D., against the Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the said Bill.
17. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
18. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th October, from one hundred and thirty-five Residents of Ryde, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
19. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
3. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members :—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
  2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Vessels Wrecked:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What number of vessels have been wrecked on the coast since 1st January last?
- (2.) Of what description and tonnage?
- (3.) Where wrecked?
- (4.) What was the cause of wreck?
- (5.) What number of lives were lost in each?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The answer to the honorable Member's question assumes rather the form of a return, which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Steerage Passengers by Steam Vessels:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Is he aware that many of the steam vessels leaving this port carry numbers of steerage passengers that they have no accommodation for, at the same time charging them a large fee as passage money?
- (2.) Is the Treasurer aware that some of those vessels are, by the nature of the voyage, four days at sea, during which time the steerage passengers are compelled to lie littered about the deck as best they can, there being no sleeping accommodation for them?
- (3.) If this is the case, will the Government at once adopt such measures as will prevent the continuance of such an abuse?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I have been furnished by the Immigration Officer with the following information, which I beg leave to read:—"The Passenger Act applies to every vessel carrying more than fifty passengers, or a greater number of passengers than in the proportion of one statute adult to every thirty-three tons of registered tonnage of such ships, if propelled by sails, or than one statute adult to every twenty tons if propelled by steam. All vessels carrying passengers in such proportions, and sailing for ports beyond the Colony should be cleared at the Emigration Office before being allowed to sail, and the steerage passengers on board of vessels which clear at the Emigration Office have steerage berths 6 feet by 18 inches provided for them. The accommodation has no reference to the amount of money paid. It is quite possible that passengers may at times have been taken on board of steamers or other vessels after they have been cleared, and I can see no remedy for such an abuse but that of having the vessel searched by the water police at the moment of sailing."

2. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return of Vessels Wrecked on the Coast since 1st January, 1866. (*In reference to Question 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—
- (1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill :—*
- (1.) From Inhabitants of Muswellbrook. By Mr. White.
  - (2.) From Inhabitants of Aberdeen. By Mr. White.
  - (3.) From Inhabitants of Singleton. By Mr. Wilson.
  - (4.) From Inhabitants of Clarence Town and its vicinity. By Mr. Nowlan.
  - (5.) From Mothers and Daughters, Inhabitants of Sydney and Suburbs. By Mr. R. Stewart. (*Read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker.*)
  - (6.) From Local Patrons and Teacher of the National School at Dumaresq Island, Manning River. By Mr. Forster.
  - (7.) From Inhabitants of Bathurst. By Mr. Parkes.
  - (8.) From Inhabitants of the Town of Berrima and vicinity. By Mr. Morrice.
  - (9.) From Workmen engaged in the Composing Room of the *Sydney Morning Herald*. By Dr. Lang.
  - (10.) From William Purves, Moderator, and James B. Laughton, Assembly Clerk, on behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales. *Suggesting certain Amendments.* By Dr. Lang. (*Read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker.*)
- (2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill :—*
- (11.) From Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (12.) From the Bishop and Clergy of the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (13.) From Residents of Gullen, Crookwell, Goulburn, and adjacent places. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (14.) From Members of the Church of England, Residents in the District of Yass. By Mr. Cowper.
  - (15.) From Roman Catholics of Yass. By Mr. Isaacs.
  - (16.) From Roman Catholics of Ryde. By Mr. Tunks.
  - (17.) From Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Burragorang. By Mr. Morrice.
- Petitions received.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Cummings moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
5. Public Schools Bill ("*Formal*" *Motions*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 12th October, from seventy-six Inhabitants of Sugar Loaf and Mount Vincent, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Local Patrons, Teachers, and Parents, connected with National Schools on the Manning River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Meadow Flat, and Collector, and certain Residents in the City of Sydney, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Smart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Smart on the 17th October, from one hundred and ninety-seven Inhabitants of Balmain, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (5.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 17th October, from eighty-four Inhabitants of Minmi and Wallsend, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (6.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 17th October, from one hundred and one Inhabitants of East Maitland and Hexham, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
  - (7.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of Singleton, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
- (8.)

- (8.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Collector, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Members of the Congregational Church, Pitt-street, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Albury, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 17th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) *Mr. Cooper*, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Gordon on the 17th October, from the Clergyman and eighty-nine Members of St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from certain Inhabitants of Surry Hills, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (13.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of "The Oaks," against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 17th October, from Inhabitants of the District of Picton, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (16.) *Mr. Lee*, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Farnell on the 16th October, from one hundred and thirty-five Residents of Ryde, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—  
Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Rev. James Fullerton, L.L.D., against the Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the said Bill.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
7. Public Schools Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Public Schools 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 the following Point of Order:—The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having addressed the Committee at considerable length, stated that he had now said all that he intended with regard to the question under discussion, and that what further remarks he should offer would be of no consequence, as he was going to talk against time.  
Mr. Windeyer thereupon raising a question that the Honorable Member was in contempt, the Chairman said that such a question could only be entertained in the House, by the Speaker.  
The Chairman therefore now reported the matter to the House.  
Mr. Windeyer then moved, That the conduct of the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson), reported to this House by the Chairman of Committees, is, in the opinion of this House, a contempt, in vexatiously interrupting the orderly conduct of the business of the Committee.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1866, A.M.—

The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) explained in his place, and withdrew.

Debate

Debate then ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having been recalled to his place, the Speaker informed him that Mr. Windeyer's Motion had been withdrawn.

After which, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Question proposed,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Question *amended*, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), by the addition of the words "then to take precedence of all other business."

Whereupon Question put,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next, then to take precedence of all other business.

And Division called for. But, there being no Teller for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at eighteen minutes after Two 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, OCTOBER 23.

*Question :—*

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Bill to amend the present Volunteer Act, so often promised, be brought in?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. TIGHE *to move*, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members :—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.
3. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
4. MR. ROBERTSON *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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
5. MR. NOWLAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from eighty-one Inhabitants of Clarence Town and vicinity, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. R. STEWART *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from one thousand four hundred and two Mothers and Daughters, Inhabitants of Sydney and suburbs, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
7. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from the Teacher and certain Local Patrons of the National School on Dumaresq Island, Manning River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. COWPER *to move*, That leave of absence for fourteen days be granted to the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Mr. Josephson, on account of indisposition.
9. MR. ISAACS *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 19th October, from ninety-two Inhabitants of Yass, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

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10. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That leave of absence for six weeks be granted to the Honorable Member for Orange, W. Forlonge, Esq., on account of urgent private business.
11. MR. CUMMINGS 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 please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—
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| James Reid Maxwell    | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| William Chisholm      | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| John Cummins          | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| Edward Shorter        | ... | ... | One hundred and forty-five pounds. |
| John Coulter          | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| Walter William Millet | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| G. Simmonds           | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
12. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from seventy-nine Inhabitants of Singleton, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
13. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Inhabitants of Aberdeen, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
14. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Roman Catholics of Ryde, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
16. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from three hundred and fifteen Inhabitants of Bathurst, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 19th October, be printed.
17. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Inhabitants of Berrima, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
18. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Burragorang, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
19. MR. MORRICE to move, That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
- (1.) That having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
20. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from forty-seven of the Workmen engaged in the Composing-room of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
21. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, through its Moderator, the Rev. William Purves, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
22. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, signed by the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Goulburn, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
23. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Residents in Sydney, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
24. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Members of the Church of England, in the District of Yass, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
25. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition from the Residents of Botany, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 10th October, be printed.
26. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Inhabitants of Colo River, Hawkesbury Electorate, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
27. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
28. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.
29. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill ; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
7. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65 ; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
3. Public Institutions Inspection Bill ; second reading.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion ; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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## New South Wales.

No. 52.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Volunteer Act :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, When will the Bill to amend the present Volunteer Act, so often promised, be brought in ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government will not introduce any new measure, nor proceed with any other business, until the Public Schools Bill has been disposed of.

2. Carriers and Carriers Agents :—Mr. Kemp presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Licensed Victuallers, Traders, and others, of the town and district of Yass, praying that this House will pass a Bill for licensing Carriers and Carriers Agents.  
Petition received.
3. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—
  - (1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (1.) From Inhabitants of Yass. By Mr. Parkes.
    - (2.) From Inhabitants of Gunning and surrounding District. By Mr. Parkes.
    - (3.) From John Graham, as Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales. *Special Prayer.* By Mr. Sutherland. (*Read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker.*)
    - (4.) From Inhabitants of Mulwala. By Mr. Mate.
  - (2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (5.) From Residents in the District of Queanbeyan, Bungendore, and Molonglo. By Mr. De Salis.  
Petitions received.
4. Reserve, Lavender Bay :—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 to whom this subject was referred, on 31 July, 1866,—together with Appendix.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, withdrew the Motion, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Public Schools Bill (*Formal* Motions) :—
  - (1.) *Mr. White*, on behalf of Mr. Nowlan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Nowlan on the 19th October, from eighty-one Inhabitants of Clarence Town and vicinity, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from the Teacher and certain Local Patrons of the National School on Dumaresq Island, Manning River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Isaacs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Isaacs on 19th October, from ninety-two Inhabitants of Yass, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from seventy-nine Inhabitants of Singleton, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Inhabitants of Aberdeen, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from certain Roman Catholics of Ryde, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from three hundred and fifteen Inhabitants of Bathurst, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 19th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (9.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Inhabitants of Berrima, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Burragorang, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Cowper on the 19th October, signed by the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Goulburn, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (12.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Cowper on the 19th October, from certain Residents in Sydney, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (13.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Cowper on the 19th October, from Members of the Church of England, in the District of Yass, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (14.) Mr. White, on behalf of Mr. Lord, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Residents of Botany, against the Public Schools Bill, presented by Mr. Lord on the 10th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (15.) Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th October, from the Inhabitants of Colo River, Hawkesbury Electorate, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Leave of Absence ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for fourteen days be granted to the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Mr. Josephson, on account of indisposition.  
Question put and passed. (2.)

- (2.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Robertson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for six weeks be granted to the Honorable Member for Orange, *W. Forlonge, Esq.*, on account of urgent private business.  
Question put and passed.
8. *Pawnbrokers*:—*Dr. Lang* presented a Petition from *William Ross*, of the City of Sydney, labourer, complaining of the rate of interest charged by Pawnbrokers, and of the shortness of the period after which pledges may be sold by them, in this Colony, as compared with England; and praying relief in this matter for himself, and others who, like him, are compelled to obtain pecuniary assistance from Pawnbrokers in Sydney.  
Petition received.
9. *Public Schools 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.

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

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1866, A.M.—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of *Mr. Martin*, at twenty minutes after Seven o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

*Question* :—

1. *MR. MACLEAY* to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Does the Colonial Secretary intend to propose or enter into any new arrangement with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for the conveyance of mails to and from Sydney and England, *via* King George's Sound, in lieu of the existing arrangement, which he gave notice some months ago that it was the intention of his Government to terminate?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. *Public Schools Bill*; to be further considered in Committee.
2. *Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill*; to be considered in Committee.
3. *Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill*; second reading.
4. *Public Institutions Inspection Bill*; second reading.
5. *Gold Duties Reduction Bill*; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
6. *Ways and Means*; resumption of the Committee.
7. *Supply*; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. *MR. PARKES* to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Yass, in support of the *Public Schools Bill*, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.
2. *MR. PARKES* to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Gunning, in favour of the *Public Schools Bill*, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.
3. *MR. SUTHERLAND* to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from the Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, on behalf of that body, in favour of the *Public Schools Bill*, be printed.
4. *MR. MATE* to move, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Mulwala, in favour of the *Public Schools Bill*, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.
5. *MR. KEMP* to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from Storekeepers and others of the Town and District of Yass, in favour of an Act to regulate Carriers and Carriers Agents, be printed.
6. *MR. DE SALIS* to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, against the passing of the *Public Schools Bill*, from certain Inhabitants of Queanbeyan, Bundgendore, and Molonglo, be printed.

7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
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|-----------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|
| James Reid Maxwell    | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| William Chisholm...   | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| John Cummins          | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| Edward Shorter        | ... | ... | One hundred and forty-five pounds. |
| John Coulter          | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| Walter William Millet | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| G. Simmonds           | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
12. MR. MORRICE to move, That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
- (1.) That having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
13. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from forty-seven of the Workmen engaged in the Composing-room of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
14. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, through its Moderator, the Rev. William Purves, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
15. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
16. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.
17. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
7. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

*Question:—*

1. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether the following Runs were last year appraised by Mr. David Bell, viz., Currajong, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Robcron, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Back of Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Exbendery, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Ubba, Martin & Co., lessees; Merri Merrigal, West, lessee; Carilla, West, lessee; Merriwa, J. Smith, lessee; Merowie, J. Smith, lessee?
  - (2.) What was the sum paid to Mr. Bell for such appraisalment?
  - (3.) What was the amount of rental fixed by him in each case?
  - (4.) Have the said Runs been appraised by any other person or persons during the present year?
  - (5.) If so, by whom, and at what amount in each case?
  - (6.) What sum has been paid or is to be paid for such re-appraisalment?
  - (7.) Under whose directions, and by what authority has such re-appraisalment been made?
  - (8.) What amount of loss will the Revenue sustain by such re-appraisalment?
  - (9.) What is the total area, and what is the rate per acre payable for such Runs under said re-appraisalment?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Steam Postal Service *via* King George's Sound:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does the Colonial Secretary intend to propose or enter into any new arrangement with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for the conveyance of mails to and from Sydney and England, *via* King George's Sound, in lieu of the existing arrangement, which he gave notice some months ago that it was the intention of his Government to terminate?

Mr. Parkes answered,—By the mail that left here in last May, the requisite official notice was given of the determination of this Government to retire from the existing contract for the conveyance of the English Mails from Point de Galle to the Australian Colonies. Since then no further step has been taken in the matter. A feeling of dissatisfaction and disagreement has existed for some time between the Colonies who are parties to the contract; the Government of South Australia having also given notice of its intention to retire from the arrangement. A lengthy communication has however been received within the last few days from the Government of Victoria, proposing the re-opening of the whole question, with a view to a more satisfactory general agreement. In that letter it is stated that if the assistance of this Colony is continued to the Suez line, Victoria will be prepared to consider any proposal for an annual payment in support of the Postal Service *via* Panama. There is reason to hope that in a short time some better understanding will be arrived at, which will lead to a more satisfactory adjustment of existing arrangements.

2. Public Schools Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, were presented respectively by the Members named:—

- (1.) From Residents of the District of Balmain. By Mr. Cowper.
- (2.) From Residents of the District of Mudgee. By Mr. Cowper.
- (3.) From Residents in the District of Bungonia. By Mr. Cowper.
- (4.) From Residents of the District of Gunning. By Mr. Cowper.
- (5.) From Inhabitants of Bombala and District. By Mr. Graham.
- (6.) From Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood. By Mr. Cowper.

Petitions received.

3. Paper:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Correspondence, with accompanying Chart relative to Trial Bay as a Harbour of Refuge.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions):—

- (1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Yass, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Gunning, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from the Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, on behalf of that body, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Mulwala, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 23rd October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. De Salis moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, from certain Inhabitants of Queanbeyan, Bundgendore, and Molonglo, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from one thousand four hundred and two Mothers and Daughters, Inhabitants of Sydney and suburbs, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from forty-seven of the Workmen engaged in the Composing-room of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th October, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, through its Moderator, the Rev. William Purves, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Carriers and Carriers Agents ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Kemp moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from Storekeepers and others of the Town and District of Yass, in favour of an Act to regulate Carriers and Carriers Agents, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Public Schools 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.  
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-nine minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is the contract with the Government of New Zealand, for establishing Steam Postal Communication between this Colony and Great Britain by way of Panama, completed, or do the Government intend completing such contract?
  - (2.) When is it likely that such contract will be completed?
  - (3.) Will the carriage of letters or newspapers by the said route, across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain, be charged by weight?
  - (4.) What will be the probable difference, if any, between the total amount of postage chargeable upon letters or newspapers posted in this Colony, and the total cost of carriage of such letters and newspapers, by the said route?
  - (5.) What will be the total cost of conveyance of such letters and newspapers by the said route, including the cost of the subsidy?
  - (6.) What arrangements have the Government made, or do they intend making, to meet any extra charge upon letters or newspapers for carriage across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain?
  - (7.) Are the Government likely to be induced, by the apparent success of the late experiment for the establishment of Steam Postal Communication between the Australian Colonies and Great Britain by way of Torres' Straits, and the difficulties which have arisen with regard to the Panama route, to take such steps as may be consistent with public good faith, for transferring the interest of this Colony from the latter to the former scheme?
  - (8.) Do the Government intend making any arrangements for co-operating with the Government of Queensland in the establishment of Steam Postal Communication by way of Torres' Straits?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) With reference to the so-called plan of retrenchment proposed upon the Estimates for 1867, is it intended by the Government to effect a reduction of one-twelfth upon the amounts actually submitted, or upon those which may be voted by the House?
  - (2.) Is such reduction intended to operate upon all salaries secured by Statute, including those of the Governor, Ministers of the Crown, and Judges?
  - (3.) If so, is it intended to effect the reduction of such salaries by an alteration of the Statute Law?
  - (4.) Otherwise, how will such reduction operate upon future Ministers or Judges?
  - (5.) What will be the probable amount saved by such a plan of retrenchment?
  - (6.) Do the Government intend proposing any other plan?
3. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When do the Government intend to introduce the Municipalities Act, leave to introduce which was given on the 27th September last?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
4. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from certain Residents of the District of Balmain, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Mudgee, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Bungonia, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Gunning, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from William Ross, of Sydney, praying for the reduction of the rates charged by Pawn-brokers in this Colony, be printed.
6. MR. GRAHAM to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from seventy-three Inhabitants of the Town and District of Bombala, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.



7. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from Residents in Sydney and neighbourhood, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
9. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report, to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members:—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.
10. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or contracting parties, to commence the work at the Bathurst end of said line, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
11. MR. CUMMINGS 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 please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—
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|-----------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|
| James Reid Maxwell    | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| William Chisholm      | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| John Cummins          | ... | ... | Fifty pounds.                      |
| Edward Shorter        | ... | ... | One hundred and forty-five pounds. |
| John Coulter          | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| Walter William Millet | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| G. Simmonds           | ... | ... | Twenty-five pounds.                |
12. MR. MORRICE to move, That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
- (1.) That having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
13. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
14. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.
15. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
5. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
7. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

*Question :—*

1. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether the following Runs were last year appraised by Mr. David Bell, viz., Currajong, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Roberon, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Back of Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Exbendery, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Ubba, Martin & Co., lessees; Merri Merrigal, West, lessee; Carilla, West, lessee; Merriwa, J. Smith, lessee; Merowie, J. Smith, lessee?
  - (2.) What was the sum paid to Mr. Bell for such appraisement?
  - (3.) What was the amount of rental fixed by him in each case?
  - (4.) Have the said Runs been appraised by any other person or persons during the present year?
  - (5.) If so, by whom, and at what amount in each case?
  - (6.) What sum has been paid or is to be paid for such re-appraisement?
  - (7.) Under whose directions, and by what authority has such re-appraisement been made?
  - (8.) What amount of loss will the Revenue sustain by such re-appraisement?
  - (9.) What is the total area, and what is the rate per acre payable for such Runs under said re-appraisement?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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## New South Wales.

No. 54.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

*Mr. Forster withdrew the Questions Nos. 1 and 2.*

- (1.) Municipalities Bill :—*Mr. S. Brown* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When do the Government intend to introduce the Municipalities Act, leave to introduce which was given on the 27th September last?  
*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I hope to be in a position to introduce this Bill next week.
2. Public Schools Bill :—*Mr. Cowper*, on behalf of *Mr. Josephson*, presented a Petition from Roman Catholics of Corang and vicinity, near Braidwood, against the Public Schools Bill.  
Petition received.
3. Papers :—*Mr. Wilson* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
  - (1.) Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust, in connection with the various Ferries under their control during the period from 1st January, 1862, to 30th June, 1866. (*Presented with reference to the Petition to this House, ordered to be printed on 11th September, 1866. See Entry No. 8, in Votes and Proceedings, No. 29, of this Session.*)
  - (2.) List of persons who have received bonuses for Cotton grown by them in, and exported from, the Colony, in accordance with the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated 21st October, 1862.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. *Mr. Thomas Woore* :—*Mr. Lucas* presented a Petition from *Thomas Woore*, of Pomeroy, County of Argyle, representing that several years ago he was employed by the Provisional Railway Committee to examine the country between Sydney and Goulburn, with a view to the construction of a Railway; that he made a survey accordingly at considerable expense and privation, in consideration of which a Select Committee of this House recommended the payment to him of a certain sum of money, which he has not received, although, since the recommendation, his plans have been advantageously used, and his surveyed line from Picton to Goulburn adopted, with a single deviation, by the Government; and praying for such redress as may appear just and right.  
Petition received.
5. Public Schools Bill (“*Formal*” *Motions*) :—
  - (1.) *Mr. Cowper* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from certain Residents of the District of Balmain, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) *Mr. Cowper* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Mudgee, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

(3.)

- (3.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Bungonia, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the District of Gunning, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (5.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from seventy-three Inhabitants of the Town and District of Bombala, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from Residents in Sydney and neighbourhood, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Pawnbrokers (*"Formal" Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd October, from William Ross, of Sydney, praying for the reduction of the rates charged by Pawnbrokers in this Colony, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Public Schools 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 the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments.  
Mr. Parkes then moved,—“That” this Report be now adopted, and the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. 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 adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.”  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Mate,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Landale,	
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Lloyd,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Smart,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

8. Sale of Colonial Brandy 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 permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards,” with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 25 October, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## SALE OF COLONIAL BRANDY BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, “An Act to permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards,” returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 25th October 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. After Clause 3 insert the following new Clause, viz. :—

“4. Every owner of a vineyard who may distil Brandy under the authority of the said nineteenth Section of the Act thirteenth Victoria number twenty-seven shall keep at the place of distillation for the inspection at all reasonable times on demand of any Inspector of Distilleries a book in which shall be entered the date of every occasion  
“ on

“ on which distillation shall take place the number of gallons of spirits  
 “ distilled on each occasion and the manner in which the spirits so  
 “ distilled may have been disposed of and no permit issued under this  
 “ Act shall be deemed to be a valid permit unless such book shall be  
 “ kept and submitted to inspection as herein provided.”

Examined—

GEO. ALLEN,  
 Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.

*Question :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is it true that the Gangers on the Government Railways had their wages reduced 1s. per day, seven or eight months ago?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Gangers have again received notice that their wages will be again reduced 1s. per day, commencing immediately?
  - (3.) At whose suggestion and by whose authority are these repeated reductions of the wages of the men referred to carried into effect?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensd Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Parramatta Market Bill ; second reading.
7. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
9. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65 ; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
3. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Question:—

1. **MR. J. STEWART** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether the following Runs were last year appraised by Mr. David Bell, viz., Currajong, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Roberon, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Back of Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Exbendery, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Ubba, Martin & Co., lessces; Merri Merrigal, West, lessee; Carilla, West, lessee; Merriwa, J. Smith, lessee; Merowie, J. Smith, lessee?
  - (2.) What was the sum paid to Mr. Bell for such appraisement?
  - (3.) What was the amount of rental fixed by him in each case?
  - (4.) Have the said Runs been appraised by any other person or persons during the present year?
  - (5.) If so, by whom, and at what amount in each case?
  - (6.) What sum has been paid or is to be paid for such re-appraisement?
  - (7.) Under whose directions, and by what authority has such re-appraisement been made?
  - (8.) What amount of loss will the Revenue sustain by such re-appraisement?
  - (9.) What is the total area, and what is the rate per acre payable for such Runs under said re-appraisement?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ROBERTSON** 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

2. Mr. LUCAS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th October, from Mr. Thomas Woore, be printed.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

*Questions :—*

1. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is the contract with the Government of New Zealand, for establishing Steam Postal Communication between this Colony and Great Britain by way of Panama, completed, or do the Government intend completing such contract?
  - (2.) When is it likely that such contract will be completed?
  - (3.) Will the carriage of letters or newspapers by the said route, across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain, be charged by weight?
  - (4.) What will be the probable difference, if any, between the total amount of postage chargeable upon letters or newspapers posted in this Colony, and the total cost of carriage of such letters and newspapers, by the said route?
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  - (6.) What arrangements have the Government made, or do they intend making, to meet any extra charge upon letters or newspapers for carriage across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain?
  - (7.) Are the Government likely to be induced, by the apparent success of the late experiment for the establishment of Steam Postal Communication between the Australian Colonies and Great Britain by way of Torres' Straits, and the difficulties which have arisen with regard to the Panama route, to take such steps as may be consistent with public good faith, for transferring the interest of this Colony from the latter to the former scheme?
  - (8.) Do the Government intend making any arrangements for co-operating with the Government of Queensland in the establishment of Steam Postal Communication by way of Torres' Straits?
2. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) With reference to the so-called plan of retrenchment proposed upon the Estimates for 1867, is it intended by the Government to effect a reduction of one-twelfth upon the amounts actually submitted, or upon those which may be voted by the House?
  - (2.) Is such reduction intended to operate upon all salaries secured by Statute, including those of the Governor, Ministers of the Crown, and Judges?
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1. Public Schools Bill; third reading
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

**New South Wales.**

**No. 55.**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

*FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1866.*

There being only Nine Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

**NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS  
OF THE DAY.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.**

*Questions :—*

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawks Bill; second reading.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
7. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
9. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 56.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Runs appraised by Mr. David Bell:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether the following Runs were last year appraised by Mr. David Bell, viz., Currajong, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Roberon, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Back of Whela, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Exbendery, Isaac Shepherd, lessee; Udba, Martin & Co., lessees; Merri Merrigal, West, lessee; Carilla, West, lessee; Merriwa, J. Smith, lessee; Merowie, J. Smith, lessee?

(2.) What was the sum paid to Mr. Bell for such appraisalment?

(3.) What was the amount of rental fixed by him in each case?

(4.) Have the said Runs been appraised by any other person or persons during the present year?

(5.) If so, by whom, and at what amount in each case?

(6.) What sum has been paid or is to be paid for such re-appraisalment?

(7.) Under whose directions, and by what authority has such re-appraisalment been made?

(8.) What amount of loss will the Revenue sustain by such re-appraisalment?

(9.) What is the total area, and what is the rate per acre payable for such Runs under said re-appraisalment?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It will be more convenient to answer the Honorable Member's questions as a whole, without following them seriatim. I believe by so doing I shall make myself more distinctly understood. With the exception of Merri Merrigal, and Carilla, the Runs are those referred to in Mr. Cowper's answer to questions put by Mr. Forster, on the 13th and 23rd December, 1865, and have recently been appraised pursuant to the advice of the Crown Law Officers, to the effect that Mr. Bell having omitted to give the parties the notice required by the regulations, of the time and place for holding his Court of Appraisalment, his appraisements were null, and that the parties were entitled to a re-appraisalment. In the cases of Merri Merrigal, and Carilla, a re-appraisalment was ordered, on its being shewn that Mr. Bell had included in his valuations back blocks held by the same parties, but separately paid for by them. The rents under Mr. Bell's appraisements would have been as follows:—Whoey, £125; Back of Whoey, £60 10s.; Guagong, £104; Boberoy, £160 5s.; Erebindiny, £150; Merrawec, £83 10s.; Merriwa, £200; Uabba, £150; Merri Merrigal, £125; Carilla, £104. Under the re-valuations which have been made by Mr. Futter, as Government appraiser, and Mr. P. W. Street, as appraiser appointed by the lessees, the rents are as follows:—Whoey, £67 10s.; Back of Whoey, £20; Guagong, £72; Boberoy, £120; Erebinderry, £110; Merrowee, £50; Merriwa, £126; Uabba, £100; Merri Merrigal, £75; Carilla, £75. The amount paid to Mr. Bell was at the rate of £10 for each Run,—£100; and the same amount is payable to Mr. Futter. There is a reduction under the re-appraisalment of £446 15s. The total area of the Runs is 206,600 acres, and the rate payable under the re-appraisalment is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a penny per acre.

(2.)

- (2.) Gangers on Government Railways :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Gangers on the Government Railways had their wages reduced 1s. per day, seven or eight months ago?
  - (2.) Is it true that the Gangers have again received notice that their wages will be again reduced 1s. per day, commencing immediately?
  - (3.) At whose suggestion and by whose authority are these repeated reductions of the wages of the men referred to carried into effect?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) The first reduction was made on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief, and the present reduction on that of the Engineer of existing lines. In each case the reduction was authorized by the Minister for Works.
2. The Unemployed :—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition signed by Wm. Henry Anderson, as Chairman of a Meeting held at the Temperance Hall on the 25th instant, setting forth that there are now in the City and Suburbs large numbers of persons, many having families, who have been for some time, and still are, unable to find employment,—in consequence of which they suffer great distress ;—and praying that such relief may be afforded to the sufferers as the circumstances may seem to this House to require.  
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—Petition received.
3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. Papers :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Sheriff's Report, dated 24 October, 1866, on Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute, Port Macquarie.
  - (2.) Further Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Service.
  - (3.) Return to Address, in reference to "Cockatoo Island and other Penal Establishments," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Tunks, on 9th October, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motions Withdrawn :—
- (1.) Mr. Robertson withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
  - (2.) Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, withdrew the Motion No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented respectively by the Members named :—
- (1.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (1.) From Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. By Mr. Parkes.
    - (2.) From Residents of Raymond Terrace. By Mr. Wisdom.
    - (3.) From Inhabitants of Eagleton, Williams River and its neighbourhood. By Mr. Wisdom.
    - (4.) From Mothers and Daughters of North Sydney, Parish of Willoughby. By Mr. Tunks.
    - (5.) From Inhabitants of North Sydney, Parish of Willoughby. By Mr. Tunks.
    - (6.) From Inhabitants of Reedy Flat, in the District of Tumut. By Mr. E. Brown.
    - (7.) From Inhabitants in and around Thurgoona, District of Albury. By Mr. Mate.
    - (8.) From Inhabitants of Mummell and Tarlo. By Mr. Alexander.
    - (9.) From Inhabitants of Crookwell and vicinity. By Mr. Alexander.
    - (10.) From Inhabitants of Goulburn and vicinity. By Mr. Alexander.
  - (2.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—
    - (11.) From Roman Catholics of Bungonia and Collector. By Mr. Windeyer.
    - (12.) From Roman Catholics of the Parish of St. Patrick and other parts of the City of Sydney and the neighbourhood. By Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Eagar.
    - (13.) From Residents in the District of Tarago, Springfield, and Tirranna, near Goulburn, County Argyle. By Mr. Dignam.
 Petitions received.
7. Presbyterian College Bill :—D. Lang 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 Incorporate the Presbyterian College," read a first time.
8. Mr. Thomas Woore ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th October, from Mr. Thomas Woore, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion, No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—
- (1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision for the Admission of Attorneys," read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.

11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion, No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to day.
12. Alleged irregularity in Registration of a Deed:—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from J. A. Campbell, relating to an alleged irregularity in the registration of a deed, be referred, for consideration and report to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers; and that such Committee consist of the following Members:—Messrs. Parkes, De Salis, Farnell, J. Stewart, Dodds, Lucas, Oatley, R. Stewart, Neale, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
13. Alleged Losses in consequence of Insecurity of Post Office, Sofala:—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—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 please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—
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14. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Morrice not making the Motion No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Motion No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Tighe, until Friday week.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lee, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Windeyer, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at seven minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

### Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is the contract with the Government of New Zealand, for establishing Steam Postal Communication between this Colony and Great Britain by way of Panama, completed, or do the Government intend completing such contract?
  - (2.) When is it likely that such contract will be completed?
  - (3.) Will the carriage of letters or newspapers by the said route, across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain, be charged by weight?
  - (4.) What will be the probable difference, if any, between the total amount of postage chargeable upon letters or newspapers posted in this Colony, and the total cost of carriage of such letters and newspapers, by the said route?
  - (5.) What will be the total cost of conveyance of such letters and newspapers by the said route, including the cost of the subsidy?
  - (6.) What arrangements have the Government made, or do they intend making, to meet any extra charge upon letters or newspapers for carriage across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain?
  - (7.) Are the Government likely to be induced, by the apparent success of the late experiment for the establishment of Steam Postal Communication between the Australian Colonies and Great Britain by way of Torres' Straits, and the difficulties which have arisen with regard to the Panama route, to take such steps as may be consistent with public good faith, for transferring the interest of this Colony from the latter to the former scheme?
  - (8.) Do the Government intend making any arrangements for co-operating with the Government of Queensland in the establishment of Steam Postal Communication by way of Torres' Straits?

2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) With reference to the so-called plan of retrenchment proposed upon the Estimates for 1867, is it intended by the Government to effect a reduction of one-twelfth upon the amounts actually submitted, or upon those which may be voted by the House?
  - (2.) Is such reduction intended to operate upon all salaries secured by Statute, including those of the Governor, Ministers of the Crown, and Judges?
  - (3.) If so, is it intended to effect the reduction of such salaries by an alteration of the Statute Law?
  - (4.) Otherwise, how will such reduction operate upon future Ministers or Judges?
  - (5.) What will be the probable amount saved by such a plan of retrenchment?
  - (6.) Do the Government intend proposing any other plan?

*Contingent Notice.*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for the third reading of the *Public Schools Bill*), That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of further considering the ninth clause.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the enclosure of a part of New-street, in the Town of Parramatta.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Schools Bill; third reading.
2. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendment.
3. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
5. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petitions presented by him from certain Citizens of Sydney and others, and from the Church and Congregation worshipping in the Temperance Hall, in favour of the Public Schools Bill; as also the Petition from Catholics of Bungonia and Collector against the Bill, presented by him on the 30th October, be printed.
2. MR. WISDOM to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The quantity of Gold melted at the Mint since its establishment.
  - (2.) The quantity lost in the process of melting.
  - (3.) The quantity afterwards recovered from the Gold apparently lost.
  - (4.) The destination of the Gold thus recovered.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 30th October, be printed.
5. MR. EAGAR to move, That the Petition presented on his behalf by Mr. Wilson on the 30th October, from Catholics of the Parish of St. Patrick, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
6. MR. E. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, from Inhabitants of Reedy Flat, in the District of Tumut, be printed.
7. MR. MATE to move, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Thurgoona, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 30th October, be printed.
8. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th October, from certain Inhabitants of North Sydney, parish of Willoughby, in favour of the "Bill to make better provision for Public Education," be printed.
9. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th October, from forty-five Mothers and Daughters of North Sydney, parish of Willoughby, in favour of the "Bill to make better provision for Public Education," be printed.
10. MR. SUTHERLAND to move,—
  - (1.) That it is expedient and desirable to employ temporarily on Public Works of undoubted utility such persons as are at the present time suffering distress from want of employment in the ordinary pursuits of society.
  - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
11. DR. LANG to move:—
  - (1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College 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. Cowper, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

12. Mr. MACLEAY to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the Distress at present existing among the Working Classes.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. Donnelly, Cunneen, Driver, Egan, Forster, Lucas, Macpherson, R. Stewart, Sutherland, and the Mover.
13. Mr. ALEXANDER to move, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
4. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
6. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
7. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
8. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Question:—

1. Mr. KEMP to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the relief of the Widow and Family of the late B. H. M'Cann, Inspector of National Schools?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Alleged losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—

James Reid Maxwell	...	...	Fifty pounds.
William Chisholm	...	...	Fifty pounds.
John Cummins	...	...	Eighty-five pounds.
Edward Shorter	...	...	One hundred and forty-five pounds.
Walter William Millett	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.
G. Simmonds	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
2. Mr. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
3. Mr. R. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Land conditionally purchased under clause 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, and not occupied, and temporary boundaries determined by the purchaser within one month after such time of purchase, as required by clause 16 of the Act, shall again be open for Conditional Purchase, under clauses 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.
4. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That leave of absence be given to T. G. G. Dangar, Esq., for six weeks, on account of urgent private business.
5. Mr. CUMMINGS to move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
  2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
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New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Steam Postal Communication *via* Panama, and Torres Straits:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is the contract with the Government of New Zealand, for establishing Steam Postal Communication between this Colony and Great Britain by way of Panama, completed, or do the Government intend completing such contract?

(2.) When is it likely that such contract will be completed?

(3.) Will the carriage of letters or newspapers by the said route, across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain, be charged by weight?

(4.) What will be the probable difference, if any, between the total amount of postage chargeable upon letters or newspapers posted in this Colony, and the total cost of carriage of such letters and newspapers, by the said route?

(5.) What will be the total cost of conveyance of such letters and newspapers by the said route, including the cost of the subsidy?

(6.) What arrangements have the Government made, or do they intend making, to meet any extra charge upon letters or newspapers for carriage across the Isthmus, or thence to Great Britain?

(7.) Are the Government likely to be induced, by the apparent success of the late experiment for the establishment of Steam Postal Communication between the Australian Colonies and Great Britain by way of Torres Straits, and the difficulties which have arisen with regard to the Panama route, to take such steps as may be consistent with public good faith, for transferring the interest of this Colony from the latter to the former scheme?

(8.) Do the Government intend making any arrangements for co-operating with the Government of Queensland in the establishment of Steam Postal Communication by way of Torres Straits?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The conditions on which the Government of this Colony is prepared to execute articles of agreement with the Government of New Zealand for carrying out the Panama Steam Service have been submitted as explained in papers laid on the Table, and a despatch has recently been received from New Zealand accepting those conditions. The agreement itself, drawn by the New Zealand Government in accordance with our terms, is expected by the mail steamer. The carriage of letters and newspapers across the Isthmus of Panama will be charged by weight. The Imperial Government carries them from Colon to England free of charge. It is not possible at present to give any fair estimate of the total cost of conveyance of letters and newspapers by this route, as correct data can only be supplied by more experience in the working of the line. At present we do not know the amount with which the Colonies will be credited from the Imperial Post Office, nor can any calculations be formed of the extent to which the Panama line is likely to be used as a postal service. No arrangements

arrangements have been determined upon to meet any extra charge for carriage of letters and newspapers across the Isthmus, and thence to Great Britain. The Government has no present intention of making any arrangement with the Government of Queensland for promoting the establishment of a Steam Postal Service by way of Torres' Straits.

(2.) Retrenchment in Public Expenditure :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2,—

(1.) With reference to the plan of retrenchment proposed upon the Estimates for 1867, is it intended by the Government to effect a reduction of one-twelfth upon the amounts actually submitted, or upon those which may be voted by the House?

(2.) Is such reduction intended to operate upon all salaries secured by Statute, including those of the Governor, Ministers of the Crown, and Judges?

(3.) If so, is it intended to effect the reduction of such salaries by an alteration of the Statute Law?

(4.) Otherwise, how will such reduction operate upon future Ministers or Judges?

(5.) What will be the probable amount saved by such a plan of retrenchment?

(6.) Do the Government intend proposing any other plan?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I beg to state, in answer to the Honorable Member's Questions, as to—

(1.) That a reduction of one-twelfth is intended upon the amounts actually submitted.

(2.) That such reduction is not intended to operate upon the salaries of the Governor and Judges.

(3.) That it is not intended to alter the Statute Law in relation to those salaries, nor the salaries of Ministers that are secured by law.

(4.) That such reduction can operate upon future Ministers so secured only by their own consent.

(5.) That the saving of the proposed plan of retrenchment is £41,857.

(6.) That the Government are not prepared at present to state their intentions.

2. Public Schools Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, relative to the Public Schools Bill, were presented respectively by the Members named :—

(1.) *Against the passing of the said Bill* :—

(1.) From Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood. By Mr. Cowper.

(2.) From Residents in the District of Corowa. By Mr. Cowper.

(3.) From Inhabitants of Moruya. By Mr. Egan.

(2.) *In favour of the passing of the said Bill* :—

(4.) From Landowners and other Residents of the District of Macleay River. By Mr. Forster.

Petitions received.

3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill :—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 Bill was referred on 10th October, instant.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.

Question put and passed.

4. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill :—

(1.) (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the enclosure of a part of New-street, in the Town of Parramatta.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the Enclosure of a part of New-street in the Town of Parramatta*," read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

5. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motions*) :—

(1.) Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 30th October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. Eagar, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on behalf of Mr. Eagar on the 30th October, from Catholics of the Parish of St. Patrick, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. E. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, from Inhabitants of Reedy Flat, in the District of Tumut, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

- (5.) Mr. Mate moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Inhabitants of Thurgoona, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on 30th October, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (6.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th October, from certain Inhabitants of North Sydney, parish of Willoughby, in favour of the "Bill to make better provision for Public Education," be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (7.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th October, from forty-five Mothers and Daughters of North Sydney, parish of Willoughby, in favour of the "Bill to make better provision for Public Education," be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
- (8.) Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 30th October, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. The Unemployed ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That it is expedient and desirable to employ temporarily on Public Works of undoubted utility such persons as are at the present time suffering distress from want of employment in the ordinary pursuits of society.  
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
Mr. Forster having objected to the Motion as out of order,—  
The Speaker directed the attention of the House to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons of 29th March, 1707, and of 25th June, 1852, p. 423, May (Ed. 1859); and said that, if the Motion were intended to authorize the expenditure of money not already granted by Parliament, it would be irregular in its present shape; but as it was not clear that this was the object of the Motion, he would not be justified in ruling it to be out of order.  
Question then put and passed.
7. Presbyterian College Bill:—  
(1.) ("*Formal*" Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College 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. Cowper, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Dr. Lang, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, That the Report and Evidence on the Presbyterian College Bill, brought up on 6 October, 1863, be referred to the Select Committee on this subject this day appointed.  
Question put and passed.  
(3.) Dr. Lang presented the undermentioned Petitions in favour of the said Bill:—  
(1.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Molong.  
(2.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Mudgee.  
Petitions received.
8. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.  
(*And Mr. Buchanan not proposing the Amendment of which Contingent Notice stands on the Paper for to-day*),—  
Debate ensued.  
Motion made by Mr. Forster, and Question put, (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. White,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Dignam,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Terry,	

## Noes, 29.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. White,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Stimpson,	

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Egan, and Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.  
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## The House divided.

## Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Tunks,

## Tellers.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Macpherson.

## Noes, 36.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Egar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. White,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Hay,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Alexander,	Tellers.
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Farnell,	

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Hart, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 22.

Mr. De Salis,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Macpherson,	Tellers.
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Driver,	

## Noes, 33.

Mr. Martin,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Egar,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Sutherland,	Tellers.
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Campbell.
Mr. White,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	

Main Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 40.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egar,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. White,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Phelps,	Tellers.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Stimpson,	

## Noes, 5.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Donnelly,
Tellers.
Mr. Pickering.
Mr. Macpherson.

The Barriers being closed in the usual way by the Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Speaker, at the time of the last Division being taken, several Members on the side of the Noes, after the Question had been put a second time, and before the Tellers could record the names, left the Chamber.

The Speaker ruled that, under the circumstances, the last Division must be treated as a nullity, and that the Main Question must be again put.

And the Honorable Member for East Macquarie, Mr. Cummings, claiming to have addressed the Speaker before the voices had been given, and the Speaker giving his opinion to the contrary,—and a discussion arising thereupon,—

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight:—

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The Speaker again stated the Main Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Motion then made by Mr. Macpherson, and Question put,—That the Honorable Member for East Macquarie, Mr. Cummings, be now heard.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Macleay,

Tellers.

Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Eagar,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Ryan,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Landale,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Tellers.  
Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Oatley.

Main Question then,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—again put, and passed.

And Bill read a third time.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Motion made by Mr. Terry, and Question,—That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until to-morrow,—put and negatived.

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Macpherson, and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put (after Debate), and negatived.

Main Question stated.

Debate ensued.

Main Question, That this Bill do now *pass*,—put and passed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for Public Education.*"

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 make better provision for Public Education,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 1 November, 1866, A.M.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned on motion of Mr. Martin, at five minutes 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, NOVEMBER 1.

*Contingent Notice.*

1. MR. COWPER to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*),—  
(1.) That this House declines to consider the plan of retrenchment proposed by the Government in its present shape.  
(2.) That this House regrets that Ministers have made no attempt to reorganize the Government Departments during the recess.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill; consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendment.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
4. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from certain Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from certain Residents at Corowa, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from one hundred and twenty-five of the Inhabitants of Moruya, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from the Macleay River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
5. DR. LANG to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 31st October, praying for the passing of the Presbyterian College Bill, from ninety-eight of the Inhabitants of Molong, and seventy-three of the Inhabitants of Mudgee, respectively, be printed.
6. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petitions presented by him from certain Citizens of Sydney and others, and from the Church and Congregation worshipping in the Temperance Hall, in favour of the Public Schools Bill; as also the Petition from Catholics of Bungonia and Collector against the Bill, presented by him on the 30th October, be printed.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing—
  - (1.) The quantity of Gold melted at the Mint since its establishment.
  - (2.) The quantity lost in the process of melting.
  - (3.) The quantity afterwards recovered from the Gold apparently lost.
  - (4.) The destination of the Gold thus recovered.
8. MR. MACLEAY to move,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the Distress at present existing among the Working Classes.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. Donnelly, Cunneen, Driver, Egan, Forster, Lucas, Macpherson, R. Stewart, Sutherland, and the Mover.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
4. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
6. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
7. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
8. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

*Question:—*

1. MR. KEMP to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the relief of the Widow and Family of the late B. H. M'Cann, Inspector of National Schools?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Alleged losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—

James Reid Maxwell	...	...	Fifty pounds.
William Chisholm	...	...	Fifty pounds.
John Cummins	...	...	Eighty-five pounds.
Edward Shorter	...	...	One hundred and forty-five pounds.
Walter William Millett	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.
G. Simmonds	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

2. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
3. MR. R. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Land conditionally purchased under clause 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, and not occupied, and temporary boundaries determined by the purchaser within one month after such time of purchase, as required by clause 16 of the Act, shall again be open for Conditional Purchase, under clauses 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That leave of absence be given to T. G. G. Dangar, Esq., for six weeks, on account of urgent private business.
5. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
  2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
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## New South Wales.

No. 58.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Public Schools Bill ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from certain Residents in Sydney and the neighbourhood, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from certain Residents at Corowa, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from one hundred and twenty-five of the Inhabitants of Moruya, against the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from the Macleay River, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(5.) Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions presented by Mr. Windeyer from certain Citizens of Sydney and others, and from the Church and Congregation worshipping in the Temperance Hall, in favour of the Public Schools Bill; as also the Petition from Catholics of Bungonia and Collector against the Bill, presented by Mr. Windeyer on the 30th October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

2. Presbyterian College Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan, on behalf of Dr. Lang, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the two Petitions presented by Dr. Lang on the 31st October, praying for the passing of the Presbyterian College Bill, from ninety-eight of the Inhabitants of Molong, and seventy-three of the Inhabitants of Mudgee, respectively, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Gold Melted at the Mint ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing—

(1.) The quantity of Gold melted at the Mint since its establishment.

(2.) The quantity lost in the process of melting.

(3.) The quantity afterwards recovered from the Gold apparently lost.

(4.) The destination of the Gold thus recovered.

Question put and passed.

4. The Unemployed ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the Distress at present existing among the Working Classes.

(2.)



- (2.) That such Committee consist of Messrs. Donnelly, Cunneen, Driver, Egan, Forster, Lucas, Macpherson, R. Stewart, Sutherland, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
5. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers:—  
(1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Applications made by Land Titles Office for Re-survey of Lands," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Terry, on 11 October, 1866.  
(2.) Return to Address, in reference to "Mr. Cole, Commissioner of Crown Lands," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Lucas, on 25 September, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Yarrawa, Burrang, and Yurango, in favour of the passing of the said Bill.  
Petition received.
7. Connexion of Great Southern and Western Railway with Port Jackson:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Pymont and its vicinity, setting forth the expediency of connecting, without further delay, the Great Southern and Western Railway with the Harbour of Port Jackson; and praying favourable consideration of the subject.  
Petition received.
8. Presbyterian College Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the passing of the Presbyterian College Bill, were presented respectively by Dr. Lang:—  
(1.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Grafton.  
(2.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Berrima.  
(3.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Queanbeyan.  
(4.) From Presbyterians and others in the Towns and Districts of Tumut and Adelong.  
Petitions received.
9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business, postponed, respectively, as follows, on motion of the Members named:—  
(1.) Order No. 1 to follow Order No. 7. Mr. Eagar.  
(2.) Order No. 2 to follow Order No. 1, *as postponed*. Mr. Parkes.  
(3.) Order No. 3 to follow Order No. 2, *as postponed*. Mr. Parkes.  
(4.) Order No. 4, until Wednesday next. Mr. Parkes.  
(5.) Order No. 5, until Wednesday next. Mr. Eagar.  
(6.) Order No. 6, to follow Order No. 3, *as postponed*. Mr. Eagar.
10. Supply:—The Order of the Day (No. 7 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice* on the Paper for to-day, 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 declines to consider the plan of retrenchment proposed by the Government in its present shape."  
(2.) That this House regrets that Ministers have made no attempt to reorganize "the Government Departments during the recess."

*Interruption:*

11. Privilege:—The Honorable Member for West Maitland, Mr. Lee, claiming to have his name inserted in the Tellers' List with the Ayes, in the *irregular* Division which took place yesterday on the Question for the third reading of the Public Schools Bill,—from which List his name had been omitted by the Tellers,—and the Tellers for the Ayes agreeing that the Honorable Member was with the Ayes on that occasion,—and objection being taken on the side of the Noes to such insertion,—  
Mr. Martin moved, That the name of Mr. Lee be added to the said List.  
Question put and passed; and Original List corrected by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, accordingly.
12. Supply:—Debate ensued upon the Question recorded in entry No. 10, above.  
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wisdom,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Farnoll,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. White,	Mr. Windcyer,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Lec,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Landale,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lucas,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Joseph,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Macpherson.

Mr.

Mr. Martin intimating that he had received a letter from an Honorable Member, stating that the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Garrett) was detained from the House by indisposition,—moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “and that Mr. Tighe do take the Chair of the Committee of Supply for this Evening.”

Question put and passed.

Question then,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that Mr. Tighe do take the Chair of the Committee of Supply for this Evening,—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

*Mr. Tighe*, as Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave for the Committee to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty 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, NOVEMBER 2.

*Question :—*

1. *MR. KEMP to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the relief of the Widow and Family of the late B. H. M'Cann, Inspector of National Schools?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Alleged losses in consequence of insecurity of Post Office, Sofala; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—
 

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William Chisholm	...	...	Fifty pounds.
John Cummins	...	...	Eighty-five pounds.
Edward Shorter	...	...	One hundred and forty-five pounds.
Walter William Millett	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.
G. Simmonds	...	...	Twenty-five pounds.
2. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Parramatta Market Bill; second reading.
7. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
9. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Proposed New Standing Order, in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House, No. 65; consideration in Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. *MR. FORSTER to move*, That the two papers relating to Electoral Rolls, laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 4th September, be referred to the Committee now sitting on proposed alterations in the Electoral Law.
2. *MR. MORRICE to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st November, from the Inhabitants of Yarrawa, Burrang, and Yurango, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
3. *MR. MORRICE to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz:—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.

4. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st November, from two hundred and eleven of the Inhabitants of Pyrmont, praying for the completion of the Railway to its proposed Terminus to the deep water in Darling Harbour, agreeably to the original plan, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendment.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
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3. MR. R. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Land conditionally purchased under clause 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, and not occupied, and temporary boundaries determined by the purchaser within one month after such time of purchase, as required by clause 16 of the Act, shall again be open for Conditional Purchase, under clauses 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any application or memorial from the Macleay River, praying that steps may be taken by the Government towards opening or improving the navigation of that River, been recently received by the Government ?
  - (2.) If so, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government in the matter ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds ?
  - (2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed ?
  - (3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member ?
  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating and recommending the discontinuance of the practice in question ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill ; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
  2. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
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## New South Wales.

No. 59.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
Mr. B. H. M'Cann (Deceased):—Mr. Kemp asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If it is the intention of the Government to place any sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the relief of the Widow and Family of the late B. H. M'Cann, Inspector of National Schools?  
Mr. Parkes answered,—Yes.
2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. Joseph Levy:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Joseph Levy, late Senior Constable stationed at Parramatta, complaining of his dismissal from office, after long service in various situations in the Police and Gaol Departments, in the manner set forth in the said Petition,—into the circumstances attending which he suggests inquiry; and praying for such redress as the House, in its wisdom, may deem meet.  
Petition received.
4. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Oatley presented a Petition from Roman Catholics, residents of Petersham, Ashfield, Enfield, Burwood, and Concord, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Presbyterian College Bill:—Dr. Lang presented, respectively, the undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill:—  
(1.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Eden, Twofold Bay.  
(2.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Bega.  
(3.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town of Young and District of Burrangong.  
(4.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Dubbo.  
(5.) From Presbyterians and others at the Macleay River.  
Petitions received.
6. Proposed Electoral Alterations (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two papers relating to Electoral Rolls, laid on the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 4th September, be referred to the Committee now sitting on proposed alterations in the Electoral Law.  
Question put and passed.
7. Public Schools Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st November, from the Inhabitants of Yarrawa, Burrang, and Yurango, in favour of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Connection of Great Southern and Western Railway with Port Jackson (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 1st November, from two hundred and eleven of the Inhabitants of Pymont, praying for the completion of the Railway to its proposed Terminus to the deep water in Darling Harbour, agreeably to the original plan, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.

9. Alleged Losses in consequence of Insecurity of Post Office, Sofala:—On motion of Mr. Cummings, 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 please to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1866, the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds, as compensation in the following manner to the persons hereinafter mentioned, for losses sustained by them in consequence of the robbery from the Post Office, Sofala, on the 21st July, 1862, of letters posted by them thereat, and which letters contained, in bank notes, the respective amounts set against their names:—
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| James Reid Maxwell ... ..    | Fifty pounds.                      |
| William Chisholm ... ..      | Fifty pounds.                      |
| John Cummins ... ..          | Eighty-five pounds.                |
| Edward Shorter ... ..        | One hundred and forty-five pounds. |
| Walter William Millett... .. | Twenty-five pounds.                |
| G. Simmonds ... ..           | Twenty-five pounds.                |

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill (*as Amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to 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 Tuesday next.
11. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this Bill “be” now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Mate moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word “be” with a view to inserting in their place the words “referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.”  
“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Tighe, Mr. White, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, and the mover.”  
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 there inserted,—put and passed.  
Whereupon Question,—  
(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Tighe, Mr. White, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, and the mover,—put and passed.
12. Campbell’s Exchange of Ways Bill, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
13. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday, the 16th November.
14. Parramatta Market Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Farnell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Farnell, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
15. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday, the 23rd November.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.
16. Commercial Banking Company’s Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
17. Proposed New Standing Order in substitution for the existing Standing Order of this House No. 65:—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 said proposed new Standing Order. (*See Votes and Proceedings, 3 October, 1866. No. 42, Entry 9.*)  
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The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the proposed new Standing Order,—the House, on motion of Mr. Cowper, adopted that Report. Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Standing Order, as so adopted by this House, be by the Speaker presented for approval to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

18. James Gibson :—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—

(1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.

Question put and passed.

19. Sale of Colonial Brandy Bill :—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of 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. Martin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT.

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the produce of such Vineyards.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 2nd November, 1866.*

Speaker.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at six minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Questions :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the communication lately received from the Victorian Government, in which, as stated by him a few days ago in answer to a question, that Government expresses some intention of sharing, with the Government of New South Wales, the cost of the Panama Mail Service?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has the endowment for the past year, claimed by the Municipality of Kiama, been paid to the credit of the Treasurer of said Municipality?
  - (2.) If so, when was the amount paid?
  - (3.) If not, why was it not so credited?
3. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the opening and maintenance of Minor Roads?
  - (2.) If so, when?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

3. MR. R. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Land conditionally purchased under clause 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861, and not occupied, and temporary boundaries determined by the purchaser within one month after such time of purchase, as required by clause 16 of the Act, shall again be open for Conditional Purchase, under clauses 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That leave of absence be given to T. G. G. Dangar, Esq., for six weeks, on account of urgent private business.
5. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
6. MR. TIGHE to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862.
7. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the Harris family, or their agents, on the subject of their claims in connection with the proposed continuation of the Railway to a deep water Terminus in Darling Harbour, since the 1st of January, 1866.
8. MR. OATLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of November, from seventy-nine Roman Catholic Residents at Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, and Concord, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.
9. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd November, from Joseph Levy, be printed.
10. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Inquests held by the present Coroner for the Macleay River, specifying in each case the place, date, and occasion of the Inquest, and the Jurors summoned thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill ; third reading.
2. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill ; third reading.
3. Parramatta Market Bill ; third reading.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
5. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any application or memorial from the Macleay River, praying that steps may be taken by the Government towards opening or improving the navigation of that River, been recently received by the Government ?
  - (2.) If so, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government in the matter ?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds ?
  - (2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed ?
  - (3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member ?
  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating and recommending the discontinuance of the practice in question ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill ; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY,



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; second reading.
4. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion ; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

## New South Wales.

No. 60.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Steam Postal Service *viâ* Panama:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the communication lately received from the Victorian Government, in which, as stated by him a few days ago in answer to a question, that Government expresses some intention of sharing, with the Government of New South Wales, the cost of the Panama Mail Service?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have no objection to produce the paper asked for.

- (2.) Municipality of Kiama:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the endowment for the past year, claimed by the Municipality of Kiama, been paid to the credit of the Treasurer of said Municipality?

(2.) If so, when was the amount paid?

(3.) If not, why was it not so credited?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The endowment to the Municipality of Kiama is in course of payment.

- (3.) Minor Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to regulate the opening and maintenance of Minor Roads?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government, during this Session, to introduce a Bill for that purpose.

2. Papers :—

- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Persons Executed in New South Wales," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 16 October, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, "Opinion of the Solicitor General in reference to Mr. Bell's Appraisements, alluded to by the Minister for Lands in his reply to a Question by Mr. J. Stewart, 30th October, 1866." (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 56, Entry 1.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Residents of the Town and District of Queanbeyan, in favour of the passing of the Public Schools Bill. Petition received.

4. Motions Withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

(2.) Dr. Lang withdrew the Motion No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Leave of Absence ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be given to T. G. G. Dangar, Esq., for six weeks, on account of urgent private business.

Question put and passed.

6. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862.  
Question put and passed.
7. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Oatley moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd of November, from seventy-nine Roman Catholic Residents at Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, and Concord, against the passing of the Public Schools Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Joseph Levy (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd November, from Joseph Levy, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Inquests held at Macleay River (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Inquests held by the present Coroner for the Macleay River, specifying in each case the place, date, and occasion of the Inquest, and the Jurors summoned thereto.  
Question put and passed.
10. Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment 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 transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn.*"  
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 transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn,*" 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, 6th November, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
11. Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill, (*"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 abolish a certain back lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street near the Circular Quay in the City of Sydney and a portion of another back lane leading southerly thereout and all rights of way connected therewith and to vest the fee-simple thereof in Robert Campbell Esquire and to create and dedicate to the Public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new lane or street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned lane or street from the said Robert Campbell.*"  
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 abolish a certain back lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street near the Circular Quay in the City of Sydney and a portion of another back lane leading southerly thereout and all rights of way connected therewith and to vest the fee-simple thereof in Robert Campbell Esquire and to create and dedicate to the Public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new lane or street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned lane or street from the said Robert Campbell,*"—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, 6th November, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
12. Parramatta Market Bill, (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.  
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta.*"  
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta," 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, 6th November, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill, ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned.'"

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 has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th November, 1866.

Speaker.

#### COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney,' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" returned to the Legislative Council with Message of 6th November, 1866.

CHA. TOMPSON,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 22. Omit "sixth."

„ 2. Omit clause 2.

Examined,—

THOMAS GARRETT,  
Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

14. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cummings,	Tellers.
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. White,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Pickering,

Tellers.

Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Alexander.

15. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament travelling by Railway :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Robertson, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week ;—

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.

16. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. R. Stewart withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to day.

17. Postponements :—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until this day week.

(2.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.

18. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. De Salis.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to 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 to-morrow.

19. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has any application or memorial from the Macleay River, praying that steps may be taken by the Government towards opening or improving the navigation of that River, been recently received by the Government?
  - (2.) If so, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds?
  - (2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed?
  - (3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member?
  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1868, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating and recommending the discontinuance of the practice in question?
3. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Whether the Government intend to pay over to trustees the one hundred and twenty pounds granted to the late Member for Canterbury, to be expended on public works in that Electorate, which sum has been by him lately returned to the Government?
  - (2.) If so, does the Government intend to adopt the same course in reference to all other sums voted for public works, but not expended in all the other Electorates of the Colony?
4. MR. DIGNAM *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the Government recovered the missing Mail Bags dispatched from Goulburn to Sydney, on the 9th October?
  - (2.) If not, has their loss been in any way accounted for?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill; second reading.
2. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill; third reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Queaubeyan, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 6th November, be printed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.
4. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—  
 (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the Harris family, or their agents, on the subject of their claims in connection with the proposed continuation of the Railway to a deep water Terminus in Darling Harbour, since the 1st of January, 1866.
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1. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament Travelling by Railway; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

## New South Wales.

No. 61.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Navigation of the Macleay River :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any application or memorial from the Macleay River, praying that steps may be taken by the Government towards opening or improving the navigation of that River, been recently received by the Government?

(2.) If so, what steps have been, or are intended to be, taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) A memorial was received from the inhabitants of the Macleay, on the 16th August last, praying that steps might be taken by the Government towards the improvement of the navigation of that river.

(2.) Finding that to form a channel 9 feet deep at low water by 300 feet in width, which would be required to open the River to the large stclass of coasting vessels up to Pelican Island, would involve the removal of some 530,000 cubic yards of sand and mud, and which would require the service of a powerful steam dredge with all requisite appliances, and having regard to the peculiarly unfavourable state of the money market which has prevailed for some time past, the Government do not feel that they would be justified in entering on so heavy a work at the present time.

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

- (2.) Unexpended Grants for Public Works in Canterbury and other Electorates :—Mr. Egan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether the Government intend to pay over to trustees the one hundred and twenty pounds granted to the late Member for Canterbury, to be expended on public works in that Electorate, which sum has been by him lately returned to the Government?

(2.) If so, does the Government intend to adopt the same course in reference to all other sums voted for public works, but not expended in all the other Electorates of the Colony?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Government have arrived at no determination as to the course to be adopted in reference to other moneys voted for public works and not expended.

- (3.) Goulburn Mails Lost :—Mr. Dignam asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Government recovered the missing Mail Bags dispatched from Goulburn to Sydney, on the 9th October?

(2.) If not, has their loss been in any way accounted for?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) There has been no satisfactory account of their loss, but there is every reason to believe that they were dropped from the coach between Goulburn and Picton.



2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Dignam moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Gold Melted at the Mint," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, on 1st November, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal 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 repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861.*"  
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 repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 7th November, 1866.*  
Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
5. Public Schools Bill (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Queanbeyan, in support of the Public Schools Bill, presented by him on the 6th November, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, 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 to-morrow.
7. Postponements :—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Institutions Inspection Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until this day week.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold, postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.
8. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On the motion of Mr. Eagar (after Debate) 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. Adjournment :—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question *amended*, on motion of Mr. Egan, *made with the concurrence of the House*, by the addition of the words "until Seven o'clock To-morrow."  
Question then,—That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock To-morrow,—put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at *Seven* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

*Question :—*

1. MR. KEMP *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Did he promise to a deputation that waited upon him at Bathurst in July last, that the working sections of the Great Western Railway from Piper's Flat to Bathurst would be laid on the Table of this House within three or four months?  
(2.) If so, what has caused the delay of such working sections not being furnished?  
(3.) When do the Government consider they will be able to give out the contract or contracts for making said section of the Western Railway?  
(4.) When will the Western line of Railway to Bathurst be opened for traffic?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill; third reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.
4. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—  
(1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
5. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. PICKERING *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the scale of charges for interment in the new Cemetery, Haslem's Creek, is intended to be the same as that in the Sydney Cemeteries, in respect to the cost of ground and sexton's fees?

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2. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—If there be any arrangement between the Government of this Colony and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, by which goods, the produce of New South Wales, liable to duty in the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, can be transmitted to Wentworth, Euston, Moama, and other New South Wales ports on the Murray, *via* said Colonies, free of duty?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the Harris family, or their agents, on the subject of their claims in connection with the proposed continuation of the Railway to a deep water Terminus in Darling Harbour, since the 1st of January, 1866.
2. MR. R. STEWART to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all land conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and abandoned, ought to be again open for conditional purchase.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament Travelling by Railway; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds?
  - (2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed?
  - (3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member?
  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating, and recommending the discontinuance of, the practice in question?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
    - (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?
    - (2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs?
    - (3.) Do the Government intend to still continue the system by which New South Wales colonists to the west, are obliged to pay double duties on all goods in broken packages imported from Victoria or South Australia?
    - (4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies?
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 62.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

*Mr. Kemp withdrew the Question on the Notice Paper for to-day.*

2. Presbyterian College Bill:—Dr. Lang presented, respectively, the undermentioned Petitions in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill:—

- (1.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Orange.  
 (2.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Murrumbidgee.  
 (3.) From Presbyterians and others in the Town and District of Penrith.

Petitions received.

3. Adjournment ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. White,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Matc,	

Noes, 7.

Dr. Lang,  
 Mr. Morrice,  
 Mr. Donnelly,  
 Mr. Cummings,  
 Mr. Rodd,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Buchanan,  
 Mr. Kemp.

4. New-street Parramatta Enclosure 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 authorize the Enclosure of a part of New-street in the Town of Parramatta.*"

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 authorize the Enclosure of a part of New-street in the Town of Parramatta,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 8th November, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cummings withdrew the motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

6. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Tighe having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862*,” read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd November.

7. Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company’s Incorporation Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,

*Message, No. 12.*

*Governor.*

A Bill intituled “*An Act to incorporate ‘The Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine Company Limited,’*”—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, November 7th, 1866.*

8. Presbyterian College Bill:—Dr. Lang, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 31st October, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

Whereupon Dr. Lang moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*), stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 23rd November.

Question put and passed.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold, postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), until Wednesday next.

10. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On the motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-two minutes after Ten o’clock—standing adjourned 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

*Questions:—*

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  - (3.) When do the Government consider they will be able to give out the contract or contracts for making said section of the Western Railway?
  - (4.) When will the Western line of Railway to Bathurst be opened for traffic?

4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. G. K. Holden has written several letters to the public journals on the Education Bill, in one of which he intimates his intention to place in the hands of a Member of the Upper House, with the view to their being moved, several amendments, and one or two new clauses, which, if carried, would have the effect of completely destroying the character of the Bill?

(2.) Is Mr. G. K. Holden an officer in the Public Service; and, if so, does the Government permit any public servant thus to interfere with the political affairs of the Country, while at the same time he continues to hold his office?

(3.) What course does the Government intend to pursue with reference to the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in adopting a course from which all public officers are strictly prohibited, namely, interfering prominently with the political affairs of the Country?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the Harris family, or their agents, on the subject of their claims in connection with the proposed continuation of the Railway to a deep water Terminus in Darling Harbour, since the 1st of January, 1866.
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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
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  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating, and recommending the discontinuance of, the practice in question?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
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3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Fees charged at Cemetery, Haslem's Creek :—Mr. Pickering asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the scale of charges for interment in the new Cemetery, Haslem's Creek, is intended to be the same as that in the Sydney Cemeteries, in respect to the cost of ground and sexton's fees?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—It is not intended that the scale of charges for interment in the new Cemetery, Haslem's Creek, shall be the same as that in the Sydney Cemeteries. Each separate portion of the Cemetery is to be granted separately to trustees of the respective Religious Denominations, and each set of trustees has been invited to prepare a scale of charges, subject to the approval of the Government. As yet the matter has not been matured by the adoption of any such scale. I may mention that only one set of trustees have sent in their scale of charges for the approval of the Government.

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

- (2.) Railway to Bathurst :—Mr. Kemp asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Did he promise to a deputation that waited upon him at Bathurst in July last, that the working sections of the Great Western Railway from Piper's Flat to Bathurst would be laid on the Table of this House within three or four months?

(2.) If so, what has caused the delay of such working sections not being furnished?

(3.) When do the Government consider they will be able to give out the contract or contracts for making said section of the Western Railway?

(4.) When will the Western line of Railway to Bathurst be opened for traffic?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—

(1.) No. The plans and sections of the Western Railway from Piper's Flats to Bathurst were laid upon the Table of the Assembly on the 10th November, 1865, and approved on the 29th of the same month.

(2.) No delay has taken place, the sections being now finished.

(3.) As soon as funds are available for the purpose.

(4.) The time cannot be fixed at present.

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

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

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of the Fish River Caves, in accordance with the 5th clause of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1.—*(Presented in accordance with the said Section of the said Act.)*

(2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the Act 25 Vict., No. 1, made up from 24th September to 24th October, 1866.—*(Presented in accordance with the said Section of the said Act.)*

Ordered to be printed.

3. Presbyterian College Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, were presented, respectively, by Dr. Lang :—
- (1.) From Presbyterians and others in the District of the Richmond River.
  - (2.) From Presbyterians and others in the Towns and Districts of Shellharbour, Terry's Meadows, and Wingeecarrie.
  - (3.) From Presbyterians and others in Rocky Mouth or McLean, Clarence River.
- Petitions received.
4. Alleged Irregularity in the Registration of a Deed :—
- (1.) Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from John Archibald Campbell of Waverley, in the County of Cumberland, praying for leave to be heard by Counsel or personally, from time to time, as circumstances may require, before the Select Committee now sitting on the said subject.  
Petition received.
  - (2.) Mr. Tighe then, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, That the said Petition be now referred to the said Committee.  
Question put and passed.
5. The Unemployed :—Mr. Macleay, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice, That the Report and Evidence on the "State of Manufactures and Agriculture in the Colony," of Session 1862, be referred to the Committee now sitting on "The Unemployed."  
Question put and passed.
6. Railway through the Ultimo Estate :—
- (1.) ("*Formal Motion*") :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the Harris family, or their agents, on the subject of their claims in connection with the proposed continuation of the Railway to a deep water Terminus in Darling Harbour, since the 1st of January, 1866.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Railway through the Ultimo Estate," made by this House, this day, on motion of Dr. Lang (*see preceding Entry*).  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Crown Lands Conditionally Purchased, and Abandoned :—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, "all" land conditionally purchased under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and abandoned, ought to be again open for conditional purchase.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "all" with a view to inserting in their place the words "forfeited free selections ought to be open for re-selection, unless declared to be required for public purposes, or being improved to the extent of one pound per acre at the time of proclamation of forfeiture."  
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 there inserted,—put and passed.  
Whereupon Question,—That in the opinion of this House, all forfeited free selections ought to be open for re-selection, unless declared to be required for public purposes, or being improved to the extent of one pound per acre at the time of proclamation of forfeiture,—put and passed.
8. Great Western Line of Railroad :—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to make it one of the conditions with the contracting party or parties to commence the work at the Bathurst end of the Great Western Line of Railroad, as well as a continuation from No. 5 Contract, with a view of getting the work completed with as little delay as possible.  
Debate ensued.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House at Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds?
  - (2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed?
  - (3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member?
  - (4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating, and recommending the discontinuance of, the practice in question?
2. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—If there be any arrangement between the Government of this Colony and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, by which goods, the produce of New South Wales, liable to duty in the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, can be transmitted to Wentworth, Euston, Moama, and other New South Wales ports on the Murray, *via* said Colonies, free of duty?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that Mr. G. K. Holden has written several letters to the public journals on the Education Bill, in one of which he intimates his intention to place in the hands of a Member of the Upper House, with the view to their being moved, several amendments, and one or two new clauses, which, if carried, would have the effect of completely destroying the character of the Bill?
  - (2.) Is Mr. G. K. Holden an officer in the Public Service; and, if so, does the Government permit any public servant thus to interfere with the political affairs of the Country, while at the same time he continues to hold his office?
  - (3.) What course does the Government intend to pursue with reference to the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in adopting a course from which all public officers are strictly prohibited, namely, interfering prominently with the political affairs of the Country?
4. MR. PICKERING to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—The names and residences of the Police Magistrates at Timbarra, Nundle, and Bingera, advertised in the *Armidale Express* and the *Tamworth Examiner*, newspapers, of the 10th instant, as being empowered to issue "Miners' Rights" in those several localities?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament Travelling by Railway; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.

6. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
7. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to still continue the system by which New South Wales colonists to the west, are obliged to pay double duties on all goods in broken packages imported from Victoria or South Australia?
  - (4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in writing repeated letters to the Public Journals on Political questions, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
2. 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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Members of Legislative Assembly employed by the Government:—Mr. Forster asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly, if any, other than Ministers of the Crown, have been, temporarily or otherwise, employed by the present Government in services for which such Member or Members have received, or become entitled to, payment from public funds?

(2.) On what occasions, and in what particular services, has such Member or Members been so employed?

(3.) What was the rate of payment, the total amount paid or due for each of such services, and the total amount paid or due for all such services, in the case of each Member?

(4.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, dated September 10, 1863, and laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the same day, strongly deprecating, and recommending the discontinuance of, the practice in question?

*Mr. Martin* answered,—

(1.) Mr. Windeyer and Mr. Wisdom.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer was employed in February, 1866, in prosecuting at Darlinghurst the following cases:—

Regina v. Armstrong.  
Regina v. Ferris.  
Regina v. Kelly.

Regina v. Kavanagh.  
Regina v. Stedman.

On the 23rd April, 1866, in prosecuting at Maitland the following cases:—

Regina v. Perry. | Regina v. Watts.

On the 17th August, 1866, in prosecuting at Darlinghurst the case:—

Regina v. Macfarland.

On the 22nd March, 1866, in arguing before the Court, in King-street, points reserved in the case:—

Regina v. Armstrong.

And in October, 1866, in prosecuting at the Central Police Office the case:—

Regina v. Scott.

Mr. Wisdom was employed, on the 9th July, 1866, in defending an Aboriginal at Tamworth.

(3.) Mr. Windeyer received for each prosecution, except Scott's, £5 10s.; for the argument in Armstrong's case, £3 5s. 6d.; and for the prosecution in Scott's case, £62 2s.; amounting in all to £109 7s. 6d.

Mr. Wisdom received for the defence of the Aboriginal, £5 5s.

(4.) The attention of the Government was not directed to the report referred to until the Honorable Member gave notice of his question. Since then that report has been looked at, but the Government have not been able to discover that it was ever adopted by this House.

(2.)

- (2.) Border Customs Duties :—Mr. Phelps asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If there be any arrangement between the Government of this Colony and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, by which goods, the produce of New South Wales, liable to duty in the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, can be transmitted to Wentworth, Euston, Moama, and other New South Wales ports on the Murray, *via* said Colonies, free of duty?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—No arrangement appears to be necessary for the purpose stated. As the law at present stands, the wines of Albury, for example, are frequently sent *via* Melbourne to Sydney, and are admitted free of duty by the Customs authorities of this port. In like manner, Camden or Cawarra wine sent from Sydney to Wentworth, Euston, or Moama, if properly authenticated, would be admitted by the officers there free of duty.

- (3.) Mr. G. K. Holden :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. G. K. Holden has written several letters to the public journals on the Education Bill, in one of which he intimates his intention to place in the hands of a Member of the Upper House, with the view to their being moved, several amendments, and one or two new clauses, which, if carried, would have the effect of completely destroying the character of the Bill?

(2.) Is Mr. G. K. Holden an officer in the Public Service; and, if so, does the Government permit any public servant thus to interfere with the political affairs of the Country, while at the same time he continues to hold his office?

(3.) What course does the Government intend to pursue with reference to the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in adopting a course from which all public officers are strictly prohibited, namely, interfering prominently with the political affairs of the Country?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—I am aware of the circumstances referred to by the Honorable Member. Mr. Holden holds an appointment in the Civil Service. I cannot find that any rule has been laid down by the Government of this Colony in regard to members of the Civil Service writing in the public press on subjects of a general political character. In the year 1850, a letter was addressed by Mr. Deas Thomson, then Colonial Secretary, to an officer holding an important appointment, severely censuring him for writing in a Sydney newspaper, in explanation and defence of his official conduct, in which letter the following passages occur :—

“His Excellency cannot admit the right of any officer of the Government to appeal to public opinion in vindication of his conduct in the execution of his official duties, from whatever quarter it may be arraigned. \* \* \* \* \*  
“Such being the ordinary and recognised rule in all Governments, and without the strict observance of it no Government could maintain its authority or secure the respect and confidence of the Public, His Excellency cannot allow any departure from it to escape the censure which it deserves; and I am therefore desired to request that you will apprise that gentleman that any repetition of this offence will be visited with the severest mark of disapprobation which the Government has in its power to inflict.”

It will be observed that this instance is confined to discussions in the public press of official conduct, and does not meet the question now raised. In the case of an officer who was removed from the public service last year, the matters which were held to justify his dismissal are thus stated in the Papers laid on the Table of this House :—

1st. Writing certain slanderous attacks upon more than one Member of the Government in a newspaper.

2nd. Writing political articles in another.

3rd. Endeavouring to obtain employment as a paid writer of leading articles in a newspaper violently opposed to the existing administration.

In that case a letter from the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, addressed to the offending officer, says :—“Mr. Samuel cannot suppose you were ignorant of the rule, which is acted upon by all Governments, that no official person is knowingly permitted to write political articles while he holds office.”

The present case is quite different from either of these. It is not whether an officer of the Government may write in the public press, or if so, whether he may engage in political discussion; but Mr. Holden, by his published letters, avowedly seeks to alter and modify a Bill before Parliament, for which the Government is responsible, and which has received the assent of the Legislative Assembly. This is done without any communication being made to the Government of Mr. Holden's views or intentions. As far as the Government is aware, this course of conduct is without precedent in England.

The Government has come to no decision in reference to Mr. Holden's conduct.

- (4.) Police Magistrates empowered to issue Miners' Rights :—Mr. Pickering asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—The names and residences of the Police Magistrates at Timbarra, Nundle, and Bingera, advertised in the *Armidale Express* and the *Tamworth Examiner*, newspapers, of the 10th instant, as being empowered to issue “Miners' Rights” in those several localities?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—James Buchanan, Esq., P.M., Tepterfield, visits Timbarra periodically; D. W. Irving, Esq., P.M., Tamworth, visits Nundle periodically; James Snape, Esq., P.M., Warialda, visits Bingera periodically. These Officers were directed to visit, in their Magisterial capacity, the places mentioned in connection with their names, respectively.

2. William Morris:—Mr. Rodd presented a Petition from William Morris, of Mudmalong, in the District of Braidwood, setting forth that he has sustained severe pecuniary losses, and his wife is suffering serious illness, in consequence of the depredations of the outlaw Clarke and his gang; and praying that the House will favourably entertain his Petition, and legislate thereupon as it may deem meet. Petition received.

3. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—

- (1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. White,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Terry,	Tellers.
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Mac,	Mr. Hannell.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Morrice,
Tellers.
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Macpherson.

- (2.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.

4. Public Institutions Inspection Bill, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to 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 to-morrow.

5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.

6. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, 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, 15 NOVEMBER, 1866, A.M.,—

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

7. Sheep Disease Prevention 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 for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 14 November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

SHEEP DISEASE PREVENTION BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 14th November, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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| Page 5, clause 14, lines 4 and 5. | Omit "in every three months" insert "a year."  |
| Page 6, clause 25, line 39.       | After "Inspector" insert "other than a Director acting as such under section thirteen" |
| Page 7, clause 27, line 4.        | Omit "found" insert "declared"   |
| " " line 10.                      | Omit "post" insert "affix on some conspicuous place"                                   |
| " " lines 12 and 13.              | Omit "stating that disease had broken out thereon"                                     |
| " " line 17.                      | After "Inspector" insert "stating that disease had broken out thereon"                 |
| " clause 28, line 43.             | Omit "more"  |

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- Page 7, clause 28, line 46. *Omit* "as against such Owner"  
 Page 8, clause 33, line 40. *Omit* "six," *insert* "three"  
 Page 9, clause 35, line 6. *After* "S," *insert* "and thereupon the Directors shall make such order in the matter as to them shall seem proper"  
 " clause 40, line 53. *After* "Minister," *insert* "as a Colony in which infection exists"  
 Page 14, clause 64, line 2. *After* "imported into this colony" *insert* "otherwise than by sea"  
 Page 17, clause 86, line 37. *Omit* "forty-eight" *insert* "ninety-six"  
 Page 19, clause 96, line 19. *After* "abode or" *insert*, "in cases of notices or intimations by or at the instance of an owner or proprietor"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
 Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, 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. Martin, at 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, NOVEMBER 15.

*Question* :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
 (1.) By whose authority the public are prevented from landing, for the purpose of recreation, on the extreme south point of Garden Island, being entirely out of sight of, and at a distance of about a quarter of a mile or more from the centre of the Island, where there is a naval temporary work-shop or depôt of some kind in existence?  
 (2.) By whose authority a board has been put up on the extreme south and other points of the Island, signed "W. S. Wiseman, Commodore," intimating that any person who lands without the express permission of the said W. S. Wiseman, will be prosecuted?  
 (3.) Has the matter referred to ever before come under the notice of the Government; and, if so, what information have they given on the subject?  
 (4.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that any person has been prosecuted or threatened by the said W. S. Wiseman, or any person appointed by him, for landing for purposes of recreation or shelter at the said south point, or other parts of Garden Island?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Institutions Inspection Bill; third reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move*, That one week's leave of absence be given to the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. Eagar, on account of illness.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, as a matter of Privilege,—  
 (1.) That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom, on the 13th of August, 1863, was referred the question of the employment of Members of Parliament by the Government, having, on the 10th of September, 1863, reported to the following effect, namely,—  
 "Your Committee is strongly impressed with a sense of the danger to the independence and purity of the Legislative Assembly, which may arise from the practice of selecting Members of Parliament, even for temporary employment, under the Government.  
 "Your Committee is unanimously of opinion that the practice alluded to ought no longer to be continued in any department of the Public Service,"—  
 This House deprecates the practice alluded to by the said Committee, and coincides in the opinion that such practice ought no longer to be continued in any department of the Public Service.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament Travelling by Railway; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cowper, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament upon the subject.
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 (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
7. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

*Special Order of the Day.*

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. State Aid to Religion; Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Macpherson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

*Question :—*

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?  
 (2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs?  
 (3.) Do the Government intend to still continue the system by which New South Wales colonists to the west, are obliged to pay double duties on all goods in broken packages imported from Victoria or South Australia?  
 (4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in writing repeated letters to the Public Journals on Political questions, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
2. 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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.
3. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths, and that the same be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.

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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
  2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
  3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.
  4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Garden Island :—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) By whose authority the public are prevented from landing, for the purpose of recreation, on the extreme south point of Garden Island, being entirely out of sight of, and at a distance of about a quarter of a mile or more from the centre of the Island, where there is a naval temporary work-shop or depôt of some kind in existence ?

(2.) By whose authority a board has been put up on the extreme south and other points of the Island, signed "W. S. Wiseman, Commodore," intimating that any person who lands without the express permission of the said W. S. Wiseman, will be prosecuted ?

(3.) Has the matter referred to ever before come under the notice of the Government ; and, if so, what information have they given on the subject ?

(4.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that any person has been prosecuted or threatened by the said W. S. Wiseman, or any person appointed by him, for landing for purposes of recreation or shelter at the said south point, or other parts of Garden Island ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is difficult for me to answer the questions as put by the Honorable Member ; but I will give him all the information I have upon the subject, from which he may draw his own conclusions. Originally Fort Macquarie was given to the Naval Authorities as a naval depôt, but during the time of the Parker Government an arrangement was made that Fort Macquarie should be given up to New South Wales, and that a portion of Garden Island should be given to the Naval Authorities as a depôt. A portion of Garden Island was so given—or, in other words, a shed or store was erected by the Colonial Government on Garden Island, and handed over to the Naval Authorities ; but no actual dedication of any portion of that island was made. In 1864 representations were made by the Commodore that it was necessary, in order to make certain extensions and improvements in the store accommodation of the Island, that a portion of the island should be dedicated for that purpose. I hold in my hand a Minute of the Executive Council, dated 16th August, 1864, which is to the following effect :—"It is recommended to His Excellency the Governor, and the Executive Council, that, in compliance with the urgent request of Commodore Wiseman, the portion of Garden Island within described, which has for several years past been used as a depôt for the use of Her Majesty's ships in this port, be formally dedicated to that purpose in terms of the fifth clause of the Alienation Act, 25 Vict., No. 1. J. Bowie Wilson."

This dedication of a portion of the island then took place, and the abstract of it was laid upon the Table of the House, in accordance with the law ; and I may state that the subject was at that time brought under the notice of the House. The only further information I can give upon the subject to the Honorable Member is the

following

following minute, dated 15th November, 1865. "Referring to the minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the dedication of a certain portion of Garden Island as a depôt for the use of Her Majesty's Ships of War in this port, it is now recommended to His Excellency and the Council that, subject to the reservations suggested by the Attorney General for the erection of any works for the defence of the harbour and City of Sydney, the remaining portion of the island in question, of which a description is enclosed, be dedicated to the same purpose. Charles Cowper."

In accordance with this minute, the whole of the island has been dedicated, in accordance with the 5th section of the Alienation Act, to the Naval Authorities as a depôt. Consequently, it is entirely in their charge, and I suppose that any action taken with regard to that island is taken under the authority of the Commodore.

2. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to establish Municipalities,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

3. Public Institutions Inspection 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 make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue."

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 make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 15th November, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Leave of Absence ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That one week's leave of absence be given to the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. Eagar, on account of illness.

Question put and passed.

5. Members of Parliament employed by the Government:—Mr. Forster, as a matter of Privilege, moved, out of its proper order, with the concurrence of the House, (pursuant to notice),—

(1.) That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom, on the 13th of August, 1863, was referred the question of the employment of Members of Parliament by the Government, having, on the 10th of September, 1863, reported to the following effect, namely,—

"Your Committee is strongly impressed with a sense of the danger to the independence and purity of the Legislative Assembly, which may arise from the practice of selecting Members of Parliament, even for temporary employment, under the Government.

"Your Committee is unanimously of opinion that the practice alluded to ought no longer to be continued in any department of the Public Service,"—

This House deprecates the practice alluded to by the said Committee, and coincides in the opinion that such practice ought no longer to be continued in any department of the Public Service.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Hart.	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Forster.	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Cowper.
Mr. Neale.	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Alexander,	Tellers.
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Tighé,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Dodds,	Tellers.
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Roberts,	

6. New Standing Order (*Expenses on Private Bills*) in substitution for Standing Order No. 65:—The Speaker reported that he had this day presented to the Governor the Standing Order, adopted by this House on the 2nd instant, in substitution for Standing Order No. 65; and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

7. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Companies Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the incorporation regulation and winding up of Trading Companies and other Associations,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 15 November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a first time.

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

(2.) Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 15 November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

8. Gold Duties Reduction Bill :—The Chairman of Committees reported, from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.

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

9. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again, and reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be received on Wednesday next.

10. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill :—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

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

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-three 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, NOVEMBER 16.

Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) What was the reason which led to the postponement of the case of William Henry Scott, charged with the crime of murder?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to place the prisoner William Henry Scott on his trial, for the crime he is charged with, without delay?

2. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When do the Government intend to form and ballast the new streets in the recently reclaimed land, Woolloomooloo Bay?

3. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for Tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad, from No. 5 Contract to the Town of Bathurst?

4. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Has either of the present Ministers of the Crown recommended him to stop the further progress of the Great Western Line of Railroad at Wallarowong, with a view of the construction of a Branch Line of Railroad from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga?

Special Order of the Day.

CALL OF THE HOUSE, to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question.

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## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

## Questions :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs ?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs ?
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  - (4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies ?
2. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When it is expected that the Great Southern Line of Railway will be completed to Sutton Forest ?
  - (2.) When it is intended to call for Tenders for the erection of a Station House at Sutton Forest ?

OTHER

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5. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes of Executive Council, or other Papers not already laid on the Table of the House, connected with the dedication of Garden Island.
6. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

*Question :—*

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway?
  - (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection?
  - (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland?
  - (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains?
  - (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date?
  - (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening?

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Companies Bill; second reading.

## New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) *Re* William Henry Scott, charged with Murder (Administration of Justice) :—

Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What was the reason which led to the postponement of the case of William Henry Scott, charged with the crime of murder ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to place the prisoner William Henry Scott on his trial, for the crime he is charged with, without delay ?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) I believe that the postponement referred to was ordered by Mr. Justice Cheeke, on the ground that the prisoner could not get up his defence and procure his witnesses in time for the late sittings at Darlinghurst, and that the strong prejudice then existing in the public mind against him would be likely to prevent a jury from giving an impartial verdict, unless the delay asked for were granted.

(2.) The prisoner cannot be tried before the day to which the Judge has ordered the trial to be postponed.

- (2.) New Streets in Reclaimed Land, Woolloomooloo Bay :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When do the Government intend to form and ballast the new streets in the recently reclaimed land, Woolloomooloo Bay ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—This is a matter which rests with the City Corporation. When they perform the work, the Government pay for it in those streets where they are entitled to pay for it.

- (3.) Great Western Railway :—

(1.) Contracts at Bathurst End :—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will the Government call for Tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad, from No. 5 Contract to the Town of Bathurst ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Tenders for the construction of the Great Western Railway into the Town of Bathurst will be invited so soon as the Government are in a position to provide the requisite funds to carry on the works.

(2.) Interruption of, with a view to construction of Branch Line from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Cummings asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Has either of the present Ministers of the Crown recommended him to stop the further progress of the Great Western Line of Railroad at Wallarowong, with a view of the construction of a Branch Line of Railroad from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga ?

Mr. Martin answered,—The progress of the Great Western Line of Railroad is not entrusted to me as Attorney General. No such recommendation as that referred to in the Honorable Member's question has been made.

2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill :—Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold,*"—read a first time.

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



3. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Hannell presented a Petition from James Barron Winship of Newcastle, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of "the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company," and on behalf of the said Company, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to Incorporate the said Company.  
And Mr. Hannell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Newcastle Chronicle*, Newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the months of October and November, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
4. Punt on Richmond River at Lismore:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Township of Lismore, and adjacent District, on the Richmond River, praying, under the circumstances therein set forth, for the removal of the Punt at that place to another situation therein indicated.  
Petition received.
5. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without notice,—That the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the "Fisheries Bill," in Session 1865, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Fisheries Act Amendment Bill."  
Question put and passed.
6. William Morris ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th November, from William Morris, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Call of the House:—The Order of the Day for the Call of the House to consider the adjourned Debate on the State Aid Question having been read,—Mr. Macpherson moved, That the Call of the House be now proceeded with.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon the Speaker,—having reported that he had received letters (which he then read to the House) from John Charles Lloyd, Esquire, Robert Landale, Esquire, and Richard Hutchinson Roberts, Esquire, excusing themselves respectively from attendance upon the Call of the House to-day, on the ground of urgent private business requiring their presence elsewhere,—directed the Clerk to call over the Roll of Members.  
The Clerk thereupon called over the names of the Members of the Assembly, in alphabetical order.  
And all the Members having answered in their places except the three Members above referred to, who had sent letters of excuse; Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, the Honorable Geoffrey Egar, Esquire, and William Forlonge, Esquire, who were absent with the leave of the House; and the following Members who had not either sent excuse or obtained leave of absence, namely—John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, James Campbell, Esquire, James Augustine Cunneen, Esquire, Philip Dignam, Esquire, William Forster, Esquire, John Hay, Esquire, the Honorable Robert Macintosh Isaacs, Esquire, John Lucas, Esquire, John Robertson Nowlan, Esquire, James Tobias Ryan, Esquire, and William Charles Windeyer, Esquire,—  
The Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, again read over the names of those Members who had not answered in their places,—  
Whereupon John Lucas, Esquire, answered in his place.
8. State Aid to Religion:—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject having been read,—Mr. Macpherson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

## Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. White,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Stimpson.	

## Noes, 26.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fennell,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Farnell,	

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the following Question of Order had arisen in the Committee:—That the House having resolved to go into Committee to consider the following Resolution, viz.,—That an Address be presented to the Governor,

Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend, by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the sum of £28,000 annually, for defraying the expense of Public Worship,—and an Honorable Member proposing that the sum be reduced by £27,999 19s. 11½d.—is it in order, or not, to consider the amendment?

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

Mr. Macpherson then proposing to move,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Committee resume,—and objection being taken to such a motion without notice,—the Speaker gave it as his opinion that, as the Committee had not obtained, (as usual in such cases, if desired), leave to sit again, the proposed Question could not be entertained, and the Committee had lapsed.

9. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Buchanan,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Sutherland.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Eckford,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. Roberts,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Graham,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Garrett,

*Tellers.*

Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Tunks.

10. Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no motion being made with reference thereto, it dropped.

11. Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament travelling by Railway:—The Adjourned Debate, on the Motion of Mr. Cowper,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of "Parliament" upon the subject,—resumed.

Motion made by Mr. Driver, and Question,—That the Question be amended by inserting, after the word "Parliament," the words "or any other persons,"—put and passed.

Question, as so amended, put (after Debate), viz. :—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all opinions given by Crown Law Officers respecting the power of the Executive Government to grant Free Railway Tickets to Members of Parliament, and of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary for Public Works and Members of Parliament, or any other persons, upon the subject.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Neale,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Forster,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Nowlan,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. Donnelly,

Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Tunks,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Dignam,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Roberts,  
Mr. J. Stewart.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past 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, NOVEMBER 20.

*Questions :—*

1. **MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, —**
  - (1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs?
  - (3.) Do the Government intend to still continue the system by which New South Wales colonists to the west, are obliged to pay double duties on all goods in broken packages imported from Victoria or South Australia?
  - (4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies?
2. **DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS, —**
  - (1.) When it is expected that the Great Southern Line of Railway will be completed to Sutton Forest?
  - (2.) When it is intended to call for Tenders for the erection of a Station House at Sutton Forest?
3. **MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, —** Do the Government intend this Session to introduce a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act?
4. **MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER, —**
  - (1.) What was the total cost of the two Pilot Schooners formerly employed outside the Heads?
  - (2.) What was realized respectively by their sale?
  - (3.) Was the outside system of pilotage abolished, and the sale of the vessels made, by authority of Parliament?
  - (4.) Is the present system of pilotage one of competition or one of rotation?
5. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, —** Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session, any measure to regulate the safe keeping of Petroleum, and the sale thereof?

**OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. BUCHANAN to move,** That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in writing repeated letters to the Public Journals on Political questions, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
2. **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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.
3. **MR. GARRETT to move,** That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land.
4. **MR. TUNKS to move,** That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths, and that the same be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
5. **MR. MACPHERSON to move,** That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes of Executive Council, or other Papers not already laid on the Table of the House, connected with the dedication of Garden Island.
6. **MR. DRIVER to move, —**
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
7. **MR. HANNELL to move** for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company.
8. **MR. ROBERTSON to move,** That the Petition presented by him on the 16th November, from certain Inhabitants of the Clarence River District, be printed.

9. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudjee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudjee to Rylstone *viâ* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudjee, in connection therewith.
10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
2. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
4. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; second reading.
5. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
6. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes ; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply ; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Question :—

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway ?
  - (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection ?
  - (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland ?
  - (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains ?
  - (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date ?
  - (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening ?

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
  2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
  3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
  4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Companies Bill ; second reading.
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[Pries, Gd.]

## New South Wales.

No. 67.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Border Customs Duties:—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Are the Government about taking any steps towards entering into communication with the Government of Victoria, for the re-adjustment of the vexed question of the Border Customs?

(2.) Are the Government aware that great discontent and agitation prevail in the Border Districts, in consequence of the continual harass of these Border Customs?

(3.) Do the Government intend to still continue the system by which New South Wales colonists to the west, are obliged to pay double duties on all goods in broken packages imported from Victoria or South Australia?

(4.) Are the Government disposed to apply to the Secretary for the Colonies, or to the Imperial Parliament, for such change in our Constitution Act, as will abrogate differential duties as between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods, the produce of said Colonies?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) On the 9th of the present month a letter was received from the Government of Victoria, suggesting the expediency of re-opening the question of the Border Customs Duties, with a view to a more satisfactory adjustment of the fiscal relations existing between the two Colonies. This letter was replied to on the same day inviting a definite proposal as a basis of negotiation, and a further communication from Melbourne is daily expected.

(2.) The Government is aware that much discontent exists among the inhabitants of the Border Districts, in consequence of the collection of the Customs duties on the Murray, and though the enforcement of these duties is strictly in conformity with law, the Government admits that considerable hardship in some instances is suffered.

(3.) The Government is desirous of effecting such a change in the mode of collecting the revenue due to this Colony as shall be more satisfactory to the Murray River settlers, but the general interests of the Colony cannot be lost sight of in any such change.

(4.) It is intended to apply to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of differential duties.

- (2.) Great Southern Railway:—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) When it is expected that the Great Southern Line of Railway will be completed to Sutton Forest?

(2.) When it is intended to call for Tenders for the erection of a Station House at Sutton Forest?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Probably in May, 1867.

(2.) In January, 1867.

- (3.) Licensed Publicans Act:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Do the Government intend this Session to introduce a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act?

Mr.

*Mr. Martin* answered,—The attention of the Government has been invited to the necessity for amending the Licensed Publicans Act. A Bill for that purpose will be introduced this Session, should the state of business permit.

*Mr. Hart, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, withdrew the Question No. 4.*

- (4.) Petroleum:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session, any measure to regulate the safe keeping of Petroleum, and the sale thereof?  
*Mr. Martin* answered,—Yes.

2. Papers:—

(1.) *Mr. Wilson* laid upon the Table, Schedule of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1 (*Marked No. 10 of 1866.*)

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) *Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table, Correspondence between the Colonial Agent General and Miss Florence Nightingale, respecting the engagement of Hospital Nurses in England for the Sydney Infirmary (*dated September, 1866.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—

*Mr. Tighe*, on behalf of *Mr. Hannell*, moved, pursuant to Notice for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company.

Question put and passed.

4. *Mr. G. K. Holden*:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of *Mr. G. K. Holden*, in writing repeated letters to the Public Journals on Political questions, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.

Debate ensued.

*Disorder*:—The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, *Mr. Macpherson*, having, in the course of his address, made use of certain language, to which *Mr. Speaker* took exception, on the ground that it was calculated to give personal offence to another Honorable Member, and likely to lead to disorder,—and requested the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland either to withdraw the words excepted to, or explain to the House that they were not intended to be personally offensive,—

And *Mr. Macpherson* having declined to comply with this request,—

*Mr. Martin* moved, "That *Mr. Speaker* having called the Honorable Member for "Central Cumberland (*Mr. Macpherson*) to order, for saying, in reference to the "Honorable Member for East Macquarie (*Mr. Buchanan*), that he compared him "to a swine, and for speaking of what he termed the filth in which that Honorable "Member was accustomed to wallow, and having requested the Honorable Mem- "ber for Central Cumberland either to withdraw those expressions, or to state "that they were not intended to be personally offensive, and that Honorable "Member having refused either to withdraw the expressions complained of, or to "make the statement suggested, this House deems it necessary to support the "Speaker, and resolves that the language complained of is disorderly."

*Mr. Macpherson* having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Attention was called to the presence of strangers, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of the Speaker, having cleared the galleries, &c.,—

Debate ensued.

Question put on *Mr. Martin's* Motion and passed.

And *Mr. Macpherson* having entered the House, was informed by the Speaker of the resolution just arrived at by the House.

The Honorable Member having addressed the House, and stated that he had used the words excepted to politically and not personally,—withdrew.

*Mr. Hart* then moved, That the explanation offered by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland is satisfactory to this House.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by *Mr. Forster* and Question, That the following words be added at the end of the proposed resolution,—“such explanation being to the effect that the words complained of were applied in a political, not a personal, sense,”—put and negatived.

Question put, That the explanation offered by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland is satisfactory to this House.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

*Mr. De Salis,*  
*Mr. Forster,*  
*Mr. Donnelly,*  
*Mr. Dignam,*  
*Mr. Macleay,*  
*Mr. Gordon,*

*Tellers.*

*Mr. Egan,*  
*Mr. Hart.*

Noes, 24.

*Mr. Martin,*  
*Mr. Wilson,*  
*Mr. Parkes,*  
*Mr. Robertson,*  
*Mr. Isaacs,*  
*Mr. E. Brown,*  
*Mr. Windeyer,*  
*Mr. Stimpson,*  
*Mr. Ryan,*  
*Mr. Buchanan,*  
*Mr. White,*  
*Mr. Phelps,*  
*Mr. Rodd,*

*Mr. Tighe,*  
*Mr. Farnell,*  
*Mr. Garrett,*  
*Mr. Graham,*  
*Mr. Pickering,*  
*Mr. Kemp,*  
*Mr. J. Stewart,*  
*Mr. R. Stewart,*  
*Mr. Josephson,*

*Tellers.*

*Mr. Driver,*  
*Mr. Alexander.*

And the Honorable Member, *Mr. Macpherson*, having taken his place, was informed by the Speaker of the decision arrived at by the House, and having addressed the House, again withdrew. Mr.

Mr. Martin moved,—That this House having resolved that certain language reported by Mr. Speaker to the House as having been used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) in reference to the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (Mr. Buchanan) was disorderly, and the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland not having retracted the language complained of, and expressed his regret to the House for using it, now orders the Honorable Member to make such retractation, and express such regret.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 6.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. White,	
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. De Salis.	
Mr. Graham,		
Mr. Pickering,		

Mr. Macpherson having again resumed his place, was informed by the Speaker of the last Resolution arrived at by the House, and the Honorable Member having addressed the House.

Mr. Macleay moved,—That the explanation and apology now and previously given by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, is satisfactory.

Debate ensued.

Question put on Mr. Macleay's Motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.		Noes, 20.
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Martin,
Mr. Macleay,		Mr. Wilson,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Egan,		Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hart.		Mr. Isaacs,
		Mr. E. Brown,
		Mr. Kemp,
		Mr. White,
		Mr. Stimpson,
		Mr. Buchanan,
		Mr. Farnell,
		Mr. Alexander,
		Mr. Rodd,
		Mr. Windeyer,
		Mr. Leo,
		Mr. Pickering,
		Mr. Garrett,
		Mr. Josephson,
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. J. Stewart,
		Mr. Driver.

Mr. Macpherson having again taken his place, was informed by the Speaker of the decision arrived at by the House, and the Honorable Member having addressed the House,—withdrew.

Mr. Martin moved,—That the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having been ordered by the House to retract and express his regret for using certain language, which has been determined by the House to be "disorderly," this House adjudges the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) to be guilty of contempt.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by inserting the following words after the word "disorderly," viz., "and having wilfully disobeyed such order."

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and (after Debate) passed.

Question then, *as amended*, put,—That the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having been ordered by the House to retract and express his regret for using certain language which has been determined by the House to be disorderly, and having wilfully disobeyed such order, this House adjudges the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) to be guilty of contempt.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Macpherson, having entered the House and offered a further explanation,—again withdrew.

Motion made by Mr. Egan, and Question put, That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 24.
Mr. Dignam,		Mr. Martin,
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Tunks,		Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Donnelly,		Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macleay,		Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Gordon,		Mr. E. Brown,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Hart,		Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Egan.		Mr. Joseph,
		Mr. White,
		Mr. Stimpson,
		Mr. R. Stewart,
		Mr. Sutherland,
		Mr. Farnell,
		Mr. Graham,
		Mr. Alexander,
		Mr. Rodd,
		Mr. Windeyer,
		Mr. Lee,
		Mr. Pickering,
		Mr. J. Stewart,
		Mr. Garrett,
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Driver,
		Mr. Piddington.

Debate



Debate resumed.

Motion made by Mr. Dignam, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Funks,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. Gordon,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Egan.

Noes, 27.  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Joseph,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Pickering,  
Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Garrett,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lloyd,

Question then,—That the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having been ordered by the House to retract and express his regret for using certain language, which has been determined by the House to be disorderly, and having wilfully disobeyed such order, this House adjudges the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) to be guilty of contempt,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Garrett,		
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. White,	Mr. Farnell,		
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Pickering,		
Mr. R. Stewart,			

Mr. Macpherson having entered the House,—

Mr. Martin moved, That the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) having been adjudged guilty of contempt, within the meaning of the ninety-fourth Standing Order, Mr. Speaker do now, in accordance with the terms of that Order, issue his Warrant for the committal of that Honorable Member to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Dignam, and Question put (after Debate), That this House do now adjourn.

And Mr. Macpherson having withdrawn,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Dignam,		Mr. Martin,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Donnelly,		Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Macleay,		Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Gordon,		Mr. White,	Mr. Kemp,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Egan,		Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hart,		Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Graham,
		Mr. Ryan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sutherland,
		Mr. Garrett,	Mr. J. Stewart,
		Mr. Phelps,	
		Mr. Lloyd,	

Question,—That the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Macpherson, having been adjudged guilty of contempt, within the meaning of the ninety-fourth Standing Order, Mr. Speaker do now, in accordance with the terms of that Order, issue his Warrant for the committal of that Honorable Member to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 7.	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. White,	Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. J. Stewart,		
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tighe,		
Mr. Pickering,			

Mr.

Mr. Macpherson having again entered the House, stated, in reply to the Speaker, that he had already complied with the Order of the House, and now begged to do so again by retracting the words objected to, and expressing regret for having used them,—

Whereupon the Speaker having expressed his opinion that the retraction and apology now offered was a substantial and unequivocal compliance with the Order of the House,—

Mr. Martin moved,—“That” the order for the issue of a Warrant be rescinded. Debate ensued.

Mr. Wilson moved,—That the question last proposed be amended by the insertion after the word “That” of the following words “in consequence of the compliance of the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland with the order of the House.” Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and (after Debate) passed.

Question then, *as amended*, put,—That in consequence of the compliance of the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland with the order of the House, the Order for the issue of a Warrant be rescinded.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. White,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. E. Brown.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hart.

Main Question stated, viz. :—That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden, in writing repeated letters to the Public Journals on Political questions, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.

Motion made by Mr. Martin, and Question, That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House adjourned accordingly at fifteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

*Question*.:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) If it be the intention of the Government to introduce this Session such alteration of the Licensed Publicans Act, or such special Act, as shall cause a fine or other penalty to be inflicted on Licensed Publicans or other persons who supply spirits or other intoxicating liquors to the aboriginal inhabitants of this Colony?  
(2.) If so, how soon?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of Other Business on Tuesday in each week.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.
2. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land.
3. MR. TUNKS to move, That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths, and that the same be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes of Executive Council, or other Papers not already laid on the Table of the House, connected with the dedication of Garden Island.
5. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th November, from certain Inhabitants of the Clarence River District, be printed.
7. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
4. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.
5. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
6. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
  2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Question :—

1. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway?
  - (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection?
  - (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland?
  - (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains?
  - (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date?
  - (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER '27.

Question :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the total cost of the two Pilot Schooners formerly employed outside the Heads?
  - (2.) What was realized respectively by their sale?
  - (3.) Was the outside system of pilotage abolished, and the sale of the vessels made, by authority of Parliament?
  - (4.) Is the present system of pilotage one of competition or one of rotation?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Companies Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Licensed Publicans Act—Aborigines :—Mr. Phelps asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) If it be the intention of the Government to introduce this Session such alteration of the Licensed Publicans Act, or such special Act, as shall cause a fine or other penalty to be inflicted on Licensed Publicans or other persons who supply spirits or other intoxicating liquors to the aboriginal inhabitants of this Colony ?

(2.) If so, how soon ?

Mr. Martin answered,—The matter to which the Honorable Member refers will be disposed of when the Bill for the Amendment of the Publicans Act is introduced.

2. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the loss of the steamer "Cawarra," together with the Evidence taken at the Inquiry.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Hannell 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 Incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company,*" read a first time.
4. Punt on Richmond River, at Lismore ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th November, from certain Inhabitants of the Clarence River District, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Member for East Macquarie (Mr. Buchanan), in addressing the House, used certain words which were excepted to by the Honorable Member for Gold Fields West (Mr. Donnelly), who requested that the words be taken down.

Words, as dictated by Mr. Donnelly, taken down by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows :—"Honorable Members, seeing the opponents of State Aid quiescent, and that a number of Priests were advocating State Aid, and they not having any opinions of their own, but to secure the favour of the Priests, advocated it."

And the words so taken down having been denied by Mr. Buchanan to be the words uttered by him,—

Question proposed, on motion of Mr. Donnelly, That the words so taken down were the words uttered by Mr. Buchanan.

Debate ensued.

Motion of Mr. Donnelly, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Main Question continued.

The Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) used certain words, which were ordered, on motion of Mr. Kemp, to be taken down, namely, "That he (Mr. Kemp) had better pay five shillings in the pound first."

Mr.

Mr. Buchanan thereupon moved,—That the words used by the Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson), "That the Honorable Member for Bathurst (Mr. Kemp) had better pay five shillings in the pound first," are highly disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Macpherson having withdrawn the words excepted to,—

Mr. Buchanan's Motion by leave withdrawn.

Debate on Main Question continued.

Main Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

6. Additional Day for Government Business (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise "ordered," Government Business shall take precedence of Other Business on "Tuesday" in each week.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mate moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "Tuesday" with a view to inserting in its place the word "Friday."

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question stated.

Mr. Kemp moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "ordered", with a view to inserting in their place the words:—"Monday" be an additional Sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take "precedence of all Other Business on that day."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Joseph,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. S. Brown,

Tellers.

Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Lloyd,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Pemell,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Kemp.

Tellers.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Lloyd,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Pemell,  
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Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Windeyer.

Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. Joseph,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. S. Brown,

Tellers.

Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Whereupon Question put,—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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Stimpson,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Dignam,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Lloyd,  
Mr. E. Brown,  
Mr. Pemell,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Phelps,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Rodd,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. Windeyer,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Windeyer.

Tellers.

Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. J. Stewart.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Driver,  
Mr. Hurley,  
Mr. S. Brown,

Tellers.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Egan.

7. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Hart presented, respectively, the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill:—  
 (1.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of St. Mary's Cathedral.  
 (2.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of the Church of the Sacred Heart.  
 Petitions received.
8. Sheep Disease Prevention Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,  
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep.*"  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 21st November, 1866.* Speaker.
9. Supply:—  
 (1.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), 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.  
 (2.) The Chairman reported from the Committee of Supply, certain Resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1866 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1863 and Previous Years.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78 7s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Police.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17 15s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, and for Advertising for the Public Service generally.

No. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Salaries of Country Postmasters, further sum.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,064 17s. 1d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure, being to cover payments made, and yet to be made, on account of Services of 1863 and Previous Years, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off in the books of the Treasury, under the authority of the Executive Council's Minute of 2nd August, 1864, further sum.

Services of 1864.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16 11s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services, being to cover Election Expenses, further sum.

No. V.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for District Courts.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENDITURE.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31 0s. 2d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure, being to cover payments made on account of Services of 1864, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off in the books of the Treasury, under the authority of the Executive Council's Minute of 31st October, 1865.

Services of 1865.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,498 7s., to defray supplementary charge for Police.  
 (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20 18s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Sydney Gaol.  
 (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8 0s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Bathurst Gaol.  
 (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3 8s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Maitland Gaol.  
 (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20 8s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Albury Gaol. (14.)

- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray supplementary charge for Wagga Wagga Gaol.  
 (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23 10s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Yass Gaol.  
 (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 13s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Port Macquarie Gaol.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22 4s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for District Courts.

No. V.—SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 14s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Stamp Duties Contingencies.  
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services, being for Postage of the various Public Departments, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray supplementary charge for Occupation of Lands.  
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, and for Advertising for the Public Service generally.  
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £172 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Minor Roads.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £834 3s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings.

Services of 1866.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10 17s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Salary to the late Mr. Lennon, to 23rd January.  
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,723, to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers.  
 (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104, to defray supplementary charge for Naval Brigade.  
 (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,419 1s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Police.  
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, to defray supplementary charge for Gaols generally.  
 (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray supplementary charge for Lunatic Asylum, Tarban.  
 (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48 15s., to defray supplementary charge for Registrar General.  
 (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray supplementary charge for Asylums for Infirm and Destitute.  
 (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131 6s., to defray supplementary charge for Grants in aid of Public Institutions; being £50 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, and £81 6s. in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute, in lieu of the balance of the 1861 Vote for this purpose written off.  
 (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,019 18s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances; being £300 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Dubbo, and £2,719 18s. 4d. in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, further sum.  
 (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,005, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £500 as Compensation to Mrs. Caroline Chisholm, for services to this Colony; £3,450 for cost of Seed Wheat supplied to Distressed Wheat Farmers; £350 to defray the cost of the passages to this Colony of Four Ladies who are to be engaged in England, as Nurses for the Sydney Infirmary; £2,000 towards defraying the Expense of the collection and transmission of Articles, the produce and manufacture of the Colony, to the Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris; £500 towards defraying the Expense of the collection and transmission of Articles, the produce and manufacture of the Colony, to the Intercolonial Exhibition, to be held in Melbourne; £100 towards the publication of Bentham's work on the Flora of Australia, further sum; and £105 to defray the cost of an Actuary to investigate state of the Superannuation Fund.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Supreme and Circuit Courts.  
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Sheriff.  
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45, to defray supplementary charge for District Courts.  
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, to defray supplementary charge for Petty Sessions. (39.)



(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £840 7s., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £250 to cover Expenses in England in connection with the application to the Privy Council in the case of the *Queen v. Bertrand*; £525 17s. to cover Law Expenses in England in the case of *Berry v. Graham*, further sum; £9 14s. 6d. to cover Law Expenses in England in the case of *Robertson ats. Dumaresq*, further sum; and £54 15s. 6d., to cover Law Expenses in the Colony, in the case of *Berry v. Graham*, further sum.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £714 16s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Survey of Lands.  
 (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,531, to defray supplementary charge for Occupation of Lands.  
 (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £131 1s., to defray supplementary charge for Gold Fields.  
 (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray supplementary charge for Minor Roads.  
 (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £153 15s., to defray supplementary charge for Prevention of Scab in Sheep.  
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £382, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £325 as Bonus to the producers of Cotton, further sum; and £57 towards re-clearing spaces dividing allotments at General Cemetery, Haslem's Creek.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £274 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways.  
 (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,740, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and Rivers.  
 (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £540, to defray supplementary charge for Fortifications.  
 (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,529, to defray supplementary charge for Public Works; being £2,000 for ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to Public Buildings generally, further sum; £500 for Repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings, further sum; £1,000 for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £321 for Alterations, Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool; £3,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups, further sum; £3,500 for Lunatic Receiving House, Darlinghurst Gaol; £500 for additions to Post Office, Armidale; £50 for Telegraph and Post Office at Dubbo, further sum; £140 for Repairs to roof of Royal Artillery Office, Fort Denison; £68 for erection of a kitchen at the Custom House, Eden; and £450 for addition to the Government Printing Office.  
 (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges.  
 (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,012 1s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Electric Telegraphs.  
 (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,693 13s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £129 14s. for compensation to Mrs. Paine for loss sustained by the resumption of land for Approaches to Dunmore Bridge, and £3,563 19s. 2d. to cover verdict and costs in the case *Queen ats. Sutherland*.

NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Post Office.  
 (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,500, to defray supplementary charge for Conveyance of Mails.

TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1866, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £900, to cover supplementary charge for Bridge at Pitnacree, further sum.  
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1866, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £3,950, to cover supplementary charge for Telegraphs; being £3,000 for Extension from Cooma to Bombala; £450 for Extension from Newcastle to Wallsend; and £500 for Extension to Bulli.  
 (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1866, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £12,000, to cover supplementary charge for Approaches to Gundagai Bridge.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £113 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Treasury.  
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge for Customs.  
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray supplementary charge for Printing, Bookbinding, &c.  
 (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7 16s., to defray supplementary charge for Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island.  
 (62.)

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray supplementary charge for Shipping Master, Sydney.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £232, to defray supplementary charge for Glebe Island Abattoir.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £770, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Lighthouses, and Pilot Department.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,843 9s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being £242 6s. 9d. to cover Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the present condition of the Harbour of Port Jackson; £706 10s. to cover Interest on a temporary Deposit of £15,700 by the Savings Bank of New South Wales, in October, 1865—9 months, at 6 per cent. per annum; £50,000 to cover Interest on Public Accounts overdrawn at the Banks where such are kept, further sum; £5,000, to cover Interest on Advance on Treasury Bills by the Bank of New South Wales; £1,400 to cover Interest to 31st December, 1866, on a temporary Loan of £100,000, at 6 per cent. per annum, from the Savings Bank of New South Wales; £1,900 to cover Interest to same date on a temporary Loan of £100,000, at 8 per cent. per annum, from the Mutual Provident Society; £1,500 to cover Exchange on Remittances; and £94 13s. to cover Expenses of the Board appointed to inquire into the wreck of the steamship "Cawarra" and the management of the Lifeboat at Newcastle.

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

10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin until to-morrow.
11. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the said Resolutions be received to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Midnight, until Three o'clock P.M. To-morrow.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Did the Government confiscate the property of William Fogg, who was convicted of cattle stealing at the Goulburn Quarter Sessions?
  - (2.) Did the Government return any of the property so confiscated to Fogg?
  - (3.) What is the amount of money held by the Government at the present time belonging to Fogg?
  - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the prayer of the Petition presented to them by Fogg, for the return of the money?
2. MR. DONNELLY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is the Government aware that a large number of persons are now located upon, and proceeding to, the Weddin Mountains, for the purpose of gold mining?
  - (2.) If so, has the Government taken any steps in order that facilities may be provided thereat for supplying such persons with Miners' Rights and Business Licenses, and for settling disputes?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When is it probable that the Measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to the Public Lands, the introduction of which, during the present Session, was promised by the Government, in His Excellency's Opening Speech, and afterwards by the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, in answer to my Question of September 5, will be introduced?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Has the Government caused a Circular to be issued to the Crown Lands Agents throughout the Colony, withdrawing the Circular issued to those officers intimating that forfeited Conditional Purchases could not be re-selected,—this House having unanimously arrived at a resolution that such lands should be open to re-selection?
  - (2.) If such Circular has not been issued, what steps do the Government intend to take to carry out the aforesaid resolution of this House?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the laws relating to Minor Roads.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolutions from Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. HANNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That the Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Messrs. Byrnes, Wisdom, Tunks, Tighe, Sutherland, Farnell, Campbell, Neale, Burns, and the Mover.
2. 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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand ; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.
3. Mr. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land.
4. Mr. TUNKS to move, That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths, and that the same be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
5. Mr. MACPHERSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes of Executive Council, or other Papers not already laid on the Table of the House, connected with the dedication of Garden Island.
6. Mr. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
7. Mr. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
8. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
9. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
10. Mr. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
2. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
4. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; second reading.
5. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.

6. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway?
  - (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection?
  - (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland?
  - (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains?
  - (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date?
  - (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening?
2. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) With reference to his answer to a Question of Mr. White's on 2nd August last,—Whether it is intended to call for Tenders during this month, for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook?
  - (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many special trains were run on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, respectively, for carrying guests to a private pic-nic party on the Nepean River, near Penrith; and what were the times of their starting and returning?
  - (2.) How many Government boats and boatmen were employed on the occasion?
  - (3.) How many boats besides were conveyed by the trains?
  - (4.) Were the usual charges made for the trains, or for the carriage of the boats, or the boatmen?
  - (5.) What would have been the charge, according to the authorized scale, for the special trains employed?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (*as amended, and with the Title formally amended, in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) What was the total cost of the two Pilot Schooners formerly employed outside the Heads?
  - (2.) What was realized respectively by their sale?
  - (3.) Was the outside system of pilotage abolished, and the sale of the vessels made, by authority of Parliament?
  - (4.) Is the present system of pilotage one of competition or one of rotation?
2. MR. DE SALIS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the inquiry, which was commenced some months ago, into the condition of the Sydney Grammar School, by the Trustees of that Institution, has been closed?
  - (2.) If so, with what result?
  - (3.) Does Government intend to supply this House with any papers bearing upon the subject?
  - (4.) If so, when?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Companies Bill; second reading.
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**New South Wales.**

No. 69.

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

*THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1866.*

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and negatived.
2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
  - (1.) William Fogg (Administration of Justice):—Mr. Stimpson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) Did the Government confiscate the property of William Fogg, who was convicted of cattle stealing at the Goulburn Quarter Sessions?
    - (2.) Did the Government return any of the property so confiscated to Fogg.
    - (3.) What is the amount of money held by the Government at the present time belonging to Fogg?
    - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the prayer of the Petition presented to them by Fogg, for the return of the money?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—
    - (1.) Fogg's personal property became forfeited to the Crown by reason of his conviction for felony, at the Goulburn Quarter Sessions, in February, 1864. An inquisition of office was subsequently held, and upon such inquisition the jury found that Fogg, at the time of his conviction, possessed a debt due to him for the sum of £1,300, and interest amounting to £190 13s. 4d., together with cattle of the value of £100, furniture of the value of £100, and horses of the value of £20.
    - (2.) The Executive Council, on the 1st August, 1865, on the Petition of Mrs. Fogg, allowed her to retain the cattle, horses, and furniture, valued, as above stated, at £220.
    - (3.) In respect of the debt above stated there was paid into the Treasury the sum of £1,494 9s. 10d., the whole of which is retained by the Government.
    - (4.) The Government have not felt themselves at liberty to return any portion of that sum of £1,494 9s. 10d.
  - (2.) Gold Diggings at Weddin Mountains:—Mr. Donnelly asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
    - (1.) Is the Government aware that a large number of persons are now located upon, and proceeding to, the Weddin Mountains, for the purpose of gold mining?
    - (2.) If so, has the Government taken any steps in order that facilities may be provided thereat for supplying such persons with Miners' Rights and Business Licenses, and for settling disputes?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—
    - (1.) Yes. On the 15th instant the Gold Commissioner for the Southern District reported that there were 1,500 people at Emu Creek, and that others were daily arriving.
    - (2.) The Commissioner was directed by telegram, on the 20th instant, to proceed to Emu Creek, and he starts for that locality to-day. The District Surveyor Twynam also proceeds thither at once, to facilitate the laying out of claims and a township. A strong reinforcement of police has been sent, and Mr. Dalton, late Gold Commissioner, has also been sent in his magisterial capacity.

(3.)

(3.) Amendment of Land Laws :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When is it probable that the Measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to the Public Lands, the introduction of which, during the present Session, was promised by the Government, in His Excellency's Opening Speech, and afterwards by the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, in answer to my Question of September 5, will be introduced ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce the Bill alluded to next week.

(4.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Has the Government caused a Circular to be issued to the Crown Lands Agents throughout the Colony, withdrawing the Circular issued to those officers intimating that forfeited Conditional Purchases could not be re-selected,—this House having unanimously arrived at a resolution that such lands should be open to re-selection ?

(2.) If such Circular has not been issued, what steps do the Government intend to take to carry out the aforesaid resolution of this House ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Instructions have been given for issuing such a Circular as that indicated, but it has not yet been circulated.

3. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of St. Patrick's, Sydney, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.

4. Lawson's Trust Bill :—Mr. Josephson, 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 27th September, 1866,—together with Appendix.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Josephson, that the document be printed, and that the second reading of the said Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.

5. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill :—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the laws relating to Minor Roads.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Message :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wilson, and read by the Speaker :—

JOHN YOUNG,

*Message No. 13.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the fifty-fourth clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends the Legislative Assembly to make provision for an amendment in the Law relating to Minor Roads, and for the necessary expenses connected therewith.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 22nd November, 1866.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject referred to.

6. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Hannell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.—Messrs. Byrnes, Wisdom, Tunks, Tighe, Sutherland, Farnell, Campbell, Neale, Burns, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. Garden Island ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes of Executive Council, or other Papers not already laid on the Table of the House, connected with the dedication of Garden Island.

Question put and passed.

8. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

9. Estimates of Expenditure for 1867 :—The following Message was delivered by Mr. Martin and read by the Speaker :—

JOHN YOUNG,

*Message, No. 14.*

*Governor.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the fifty-fourth clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the appropriation out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the various Salaries and Allowances specified in the Estimates of the probable Expenditure for the year 1867, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by Message No. 7, in addition to the sums therein proposed for such Salaries and Allowances, a farther sum equal to the temporary reductions specified in such Estimates.

*Government House,*

*Sydney, 22nd November, 1866.*

Ordered,

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

10. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table "Copies of opinions given by Crown Law Officers as to the power of the Governor and the Executive Council to give effect to the Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that Members of Parliament should be entitled to travel on the Railways free of charge,"—and, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, that the Document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "That this House, in making such Order, cannot avoid expressing its disapproval of the conduct of the Government in having, on a late occasion, opposed the production of papers which they now consider it their duty to produce."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be there added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Pemell,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. White,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. De Salis.

Original Question then put and negatived.

11. Municipalities Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
12. Gold Duties Reduction Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
13. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) New-street Parramatta Enclosure Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the Enclosure of a part of New-street in the Town of Parramatta*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22 November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (2.) Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22 November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

- (3.) Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 22nd November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

14. Gold Duties Reduction Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, 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 to-morrow.

15. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow next after the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill.

16. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension 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 that the Committee had agreed to 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 to-morrow.

17. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1866, A.M.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next. The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway?
  - (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection?
  - (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland?
  - (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains?
  - (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date?
  - (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening?
2. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) With reference to his answer to a Question of Mr. White's on 2nd August last,—Whether it is intended to call for Tenders during this month, for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook?
  - (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?
3. MR. COWPER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How many special trains were run on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, respectively, for carrying guests to a private pic-nic party on the Nepean River, near Penrith; and what were the times of their starting and returning?
  - (2.) How many Government boats and boatmen were employed on the occasion?
  - (3.) How many boats besides were conveyed by the trains?
  - (4.) Were the usual charges made for the trains, or for the carriage of the boats, or the boatmen?
  - (5.) What would have been the charge, according to the authorized scale, for the special trains employed?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE MINISTER REPRESENTING THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What were the total amounts received for passenger and goods traffic respectively, on the Great Southern Railway, in the month of October, 1865?
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1. MR. PARKES to move,—That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

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1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; third reading.
2. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill; third reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; reception of Resolutions from Committee.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common."

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Questions:—

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Companies Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the laws relating to Minor Roads.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

## New South Wales.

No. 70.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Coal Shoots, Morpeth—Morpeth and Maitland Railway:—Mr. Neale asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended by the Government in the erection of Coal Shoots at Morpeth in connection with the Railway?
- (2.) What quantity of coal has passed through the shoots since their erection?
- (3.) How many passenger trains, and, how many goods trains, run daily between Morpeth and Maitland?
- (4.) What is the average cost of running each of such trains?
- (5.) What is the average daily receipt from passenger traffic, and also from goods traffic, from the opening of the line, to date?
- (6.) What is the total amount of profit or loss arising from the working of the line since its opening?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—

- (1.) £4279 11s. 6d.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Seven passenger and two goods trains on week days, and four passenger on Sundays.
- (4.) 12s. each.
- (5.) £3 15s. 7d.
- (6.) Total profit, £78 11s. 2d.

(2.) Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook:—Mr. White asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) With reference to the answer to a Question of Mr. White's on 2nd August last,—Whether it is intended to call for Tenders during this month, for ballasting and laying the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—An advertisement inviting tenders for the service in question will be found in this day's *Government Gazette*.

(3.) Pic-nic on Nepean River:—Mr. Cowper asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) How many special trains were run on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, respectively, for carrying guests to a private pic-nic party on the Nepean River, near Penrith; and what were the times of their starting and returning?
- (2.) How many Government boats and boatmen were employed on the occasion?
- (3.) How many boats besides were conveyed by the trains?
- (4.) Were the usual charges made for the trains, or for the carriage of the boats, or the boatmen?
- (5.) What would have been the charge, according to the authorized scale, for the special trains employed?

*Mr. Martin* answered,—As the Honorable Member's Questions seem to imply that the Government have been guilty of improper conduct, I trust he will not consider that I am acting with the slightest discourtesy in declining to answer them, and in leaving him, if he thinks the matter of sufficient importance, to submit a motion, in the discussion of which, the Government will have the opportunity of defending themselves from any condemnation with which he may feel it his duty to visit them.

(4.)

(4.) Traffic on Great Southern and Parramatta Railways:—Mr. Garrett asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

- (1.) What were the total amounts received for passenger and goods traffic respectively, on the Great Southern Railway, in the month of October, 1865?  
 (2.) What were the amounts received from same sources during the month of October last?  
 (3.) What were the amounts received for passenger and goods traffic respectively, on the railway between Sydney and Parramatta, in the month of October, 1865?  
 (4.) What were the amounts received from same sources during the month of October last?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

1865.					
(1.)	Passenger Traffic .....	£3,745	5	9	
	Goods Traffic .....	2,672	18	3	
					£6,418 4 0
1866.					
(2.)	Passenger Traffic .....	£3,116	16	6	
	Goods Traffic .....	2,430	10	6	
					£5,547 7 0
1865.					
(3.)	Passenger Traffic .....	£575	7	9	
	Goods Traffic .....	85	19	3	
					£661 7 0
1866.					
(4.)	Passenger Traffic .....	£470	7	10	
	Goods Traffic .....	76	17	5	
					£547 15 3

2. Municipalities Bill (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of the Fifty-fourth Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of introducing a Bill to provide more effectually for the Establishment of Municipalities, and the necessary expenditure connected therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1866.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration with the proposed Bill.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Exception being taken to certain words used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson), while addressing the House in reference to a remark made by the Honorable Member for The Lachlan (Mr. Martin),—those words were, at the instance of Mr. Martin, taken down and read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—"If the Honorable Member says that anything I say is false, he tells the biggest lie he ever did since he swore to one." The Speaker said that the words were disorderly.

And certain words used by the Honorable Member for The Lachlan (Mr. Martin) in reference to the description given of a certain fact by Mr. Macpherson, being excepted to, were taken down and read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—"It was false—false as hell."

And a discussion arising, relative to the points of Order,—

Mr. Wilson moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) are highly disorderly, and ought to be retracted, and regret expressed by the Honorable Member for having used them.

Mr. Macpherson having been heard in his place, and withdrawn,—

Debate ensued on Mr. Wilson's Motion.

Mr. Macpherson, re-entering, again addressed the House, *with its concurrence*; but his observations, in their progress, being objected to by an Honorable Member, he again withdrew, by direction of the Speaker.

Question afterwards,—That the words used by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) are highly disorderly, and ought to be retracted, and regret expressed by the Honorable Member for having used them,—put and passed.

Mr. Macpherson was thereupon recalled to his place, and informed by the Speaker of the decision at which the House had arrived.

Whereupon, Mr. Macpherson retracted his words which had been excepted to, and apologised to the House for having used them.

Motion then made by Mr. Wilson, and Question,—That the said retraction and apology are satisfactory,—put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin withdrew the words used by himself which had been excepted to, and expressed his regret for having used them.

And the House not proceeding further in respect of the points of Order,—

Main Question put,—That this House do now adjourn.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson;	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. White,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Lloyd,	

4. Municipalities Bill (No. 2.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

Question put and passed.

5. Gold Duties Reduction 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 provide for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.*"

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 provide for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

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Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time and passed.

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Question put and passed.

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Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Hurley presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Campbelltown, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Petition received.

8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until this day week.

9. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a second time.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Tighe, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

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11. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Garrett moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for "Monday" next.

Mr. De Salis moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "Monday," with a view to inserting in its place the word "Friday."

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

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.

Original Question then put.

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Ayes, 18.

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Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Kemp.

Noes, 2.

*Tellers.*

Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Macpherson

12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
- (1.) Order No. 5, until this day week. Mr. S. Brown.
  - (2.) Order No. 6, until this day week. Mr. Martin on behalf of Mr. Windeyer.
  - (3.) Order No. 7, until this day fortnight. Mr. Tighe.
  - (4.) Order No. 8, until this day week. Mr. Driver.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Twenty minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Monday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

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2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 71.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters, during certain months in the year.  
Question put and passed.
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Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Coal Fields Regulation Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Tighe then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon, Mr. Tighe 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 Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th November, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
4. Presbyterian College Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Dr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.  
Dr. Lang then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian College as a College within the University of Sydney.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon, Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian College as a College within the University of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 26th November, 1866.* Speaker.  
Question put and passed.
5. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow next after the Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business.

6. Municipalities Bill (No. 2.) (Order No. 2 of Government Business):—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.  
The Chairman having 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 establish Municipalities.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
7. Supply:—The Order of the Day (No. 1 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, 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.
8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 3 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.
9. Ways and Means (Order No. 4 of Government Business):—The Chairman of Committees reported, from the Committee of Ways and Means, certain Resolutions which were read a first time, as follows:—  
(2.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1866 and previous years, the sum of £161,934 14s. 4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.  
(3.) *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £16,850, be raised by the Sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, 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.  
Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time, and agreed to.
10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
11. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Forster not making the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1866, A.M.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely:—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kemp, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at three 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

*Questions:—*

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE GOVERNMENT,—
  - (1.) What was the total cost of the two Pilot Schooners formerly employed outside the Heads?
  - (2.) What was realized respectively by their sale?
  - (3.) Was the outside system of pilotage abolished, and the sale of the vessels made, by authority of Parliament?
  - (4.) Is the present system of pilotage one of competition or one of rotation?
2. MR. DE SALIS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Whether the inquiry, which was commenced some months ago, into the condition of the Sydney Grammar School, by the Trustees of that Institution, has been closed?
  - (2.) If so, with what result?
  - (3.) Does Government intend to supply this House with any papers bearing upon the subject?
  - (4.) If so, when?

3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Superintendent of Police for the Goulburn District has been absent from duty, attending a pic-nic during the last week?
  - (2.) If such is the case, how many days was the Superintendent absent from duty?
  - (3.) While the Superintendent of Police was at the pic-nic was there any portion of the police force in pursuit of Connell, the bushranger?
  - (4.) During the same time was the Gundaroo mail robbed?
  - (5.) If the above statements are true, what course does the Colonial Secretary intend to pursue in reference to the Superintendent of Police?
4. MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Are the Government advertisements in *Bell's Life in Sydney* authorised to be inserted in that paper, and if so, why is not the same patronage extended to the *Sydney Sporting Life*?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that the canvasser of the *Sporting Life* has been systematically refused in the various applications made by him for advertisements to the heads of the different Government departments?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land.
2. MR. STIMPSON to move,—
  - (1.) That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government, belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. HURLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Campbelltown, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. GARRETT to move, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Friday next, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
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 petition of the Ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the late Shoalhaven Municipality, presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 15th April, 1864.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Parkes, Dr. Lang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
6. 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 Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.
7. MR. TUNKS to move, That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths, and that the same be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by Address.
8. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Companies Bill ; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
3. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—  
 (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
4. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes ; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the laws relating to Minor Roads.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters, during certain months in the year.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the late steam-ship "Cawarra," and to report, is unsatisfactory.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
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## New South Wales.

No. 72.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Pilot Schooners:—Mr. Robertson asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the two Pilot Schooners formerly employed outside the Heads?
- (2.) What was realized respectively by their sale?
- (3.) Was the outside system of pilotage abolished, and the sale of the vessels made, by authority of Parliament?
- (4.) Is the present system of pilotage one of competition or one of rotation?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—

(1.) The total cost of "Sea Witch" No. 1, fitted for Pilot Service, was	...	...	...	...	...	£2,235	0	0
The total cost of Pilot Boat No. 2, was	...	...	...	...	...	2,100	0	0
<b>Total</b>	...	...	...	...	...	<b>£4,335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
(2.) The "Sea Witch" realised by sale	...	...	...	...	...	£1,000	0	0
No. 2 realised.....	...	...	...	...	...	1,890	0	0

(3.) The change was made on the authority of the Executive; the papers were submitted to Parliament on its first meeting thereafter (18th October, 1864), and the change approved.

(4.) The present system is one of competition, each Pilot being paid respectively for the amount of work performed.

(2.) Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. De Salis asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Whether the inquiry, which was commenced some months ago, into the condition of the Sydney Grammar School, by the Trustees of that Institution, has been closed?
- (2.) If so, with what result?
- (3.) Does Government intend to supply this House with any papers bearing upon the subject?
- (4.) If so, when?

*Mr. Parkes* answered,—The inquiry into the state of the Sydney Grammar School has been closed, and the evidence will be laid before Parliament in the course of a few days.

(3.) Superintendent of Police, Goulburn—Alleged absence of, from Duty:—

*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Superintendent of Police for the Goulburn District has been absent from duty, attending a pic-nic during the last week?
- (2.) If such is the case, how many days was the Superintendent absent from duty?
- (3.) While the Superintendent of Police was at the pic-nic was there any portion of the police force in pursuit of Connell, the bushranger?
- (4.) During the same time was the Gundaroo mail robbed?
- (5.) If the above statements are true, what course does the Colonial Secretary intend to pursue in reference to the Superintendent of Police?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not aware whether the Superintendent of Police stationed at Goulburn was or was not at a pic-nic last week. The bushranger Connell was apprehended by the Police in the Braidwood District, on the 14th of this month. The Gundaroo mail was robbed on the 16th instant, and not last week.

(4.) Government Advertisements in certain Newspapers:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Are the Government advertisements in *Bell's Life in Sydney* authorised to be inserted in that paper, and if so, why is not the same patronage extended to the *Sydney Sporting Life*?

(2.) Are the Government aware that the canvasser of the *Sporting Life* has been systematically refused in the various applications made by him for advertisements to the heads of the different Government departments?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge of the particular facts embraced in the Honorable Member's Question. When the Government advertises, it is governed by the same rules that govern other advertisers. If it is thought that *Bell's Life* will give publicity to an advertisement, the advertisement will appear in *Bell's Life*.

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in opposition to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
  - (1.) From Roman Catholics of Paddington and Woollahra. By Mr. Neale.
  - (2.) From Roman Catholics of Braidwood and vicinity. By Mr. Josephson.
  - (3.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of Liverpool. By Mr. Macpherson.
  - (4.) From Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Penrith. By Mr. Donnelly.
  - (5.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Camden. By Mr. Donnelly.
  - (6.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Parramatta. By Mr. Macpherson.
 Petitions received.
3. The Unemployed:—Mr. Macleay moved, with the concurrence of the House (*without notice*), That the Petition presented by him on the 30th October last, signed by William Henry Anderson, as Chairman of a meeting held at the Temperance Hall, be referred to the Committee now sitting on "The Unemployed." Question put and passed.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Donnelly, on behalf of Mr. Hurley, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hurley, on the 23rd November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Campbelltown, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
5. Shoalhaven Municipality ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
  - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the petition of the Ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the late Shoalhaven Municipality, presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 15th April, 1864.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Parkes, Dr. Lang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
6. Municipalities Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to Establish Municipalities*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
7. Road from Shoalhaven to Marulan:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Correspondence, to and between the Government and other persons, not already laid on the Table, relative to the opening of the Road from the Shoalhaven to Marulan, especially with reference to that portion of the Road passing through the Cowra Estate on the Argyle Table Land. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
8. William Fogg—(Administration of Justice):—Mr. Stimpson moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—
  - (1.) That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government, belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Question put and passed.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of St. Benedict's, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill. Petition received.

10. Mrs. Halcrow:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on Friday next, to consider the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—  
 (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.
11. The Queen v. Bertrand—(Administration of Justice):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the case transmitted to England, in the appeal, the Queen v. Bertrand; also, all affidavits, declarations upon oath, petitions, memorials, and other papers laid before the Executive Council in reference to the above case.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. J. Stewart.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Kemp,
Mr. Josephson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Farnell,	Tellers.
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. White,	

12. Reserve, Lavender Bay:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—  
 (1.) That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve "alluded to" be permanently dedicated to the public "as a place of Recreation, and" as a site for public baths.  
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended in the first Resolution by the insertion after the words "alluded to" of the words "or a sufficient part thereof," and the omission of the words "as a place of Recreation, and"  
 Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1866, A.M.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Wilson,	Tellers.
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Donnelly,	
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Joseph,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Smart,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lloyd,	Tellers.
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sutherland.

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

Whereupon,

Whereupon, original Question put,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the Report from the Select Committee on the Reserve, Lavender Bay, together with the proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, recommend that the Reserve alluded to be permanently dedicated to the public as a place of Recreation, and as a site for public baths.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Egan.
Mr. Nowlan,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at ten minutes 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE GOVERNMENT,—  
(1.) Is he aware that the Australian Steam Navigation Company have resolved to discontinue carrying ship carpenters in their steam vessels, trading and carrying passengers between this port and Melbourne, Brisbane, and Rockhampton?  
(2.) Has the Government any power, in the interests of public safety, to compel this company to carry ship carpenters so long as it engages in so large a passenger traffic?  
(3.) If the Government has any power in the matter, what course does it intend to adopt, with the view to the protection of the public, under the circumstances?
2. MR. LUCAS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House, the depositions lately taken at the Singleton Police Office, in the case of Loder v. Harris, for trespass?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters, during certain months in the year.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the laws relating to Minor Roads.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of Liverpool, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Braidwood, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 27th November, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and two hundred and twenty-seven of the Laity of Parramatta, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Residents in the District of St. Benedict's, Sydney, be printed.
6. MR. HART to move, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 21st November, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.



7. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
8. MR. TEREX to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
3. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
4. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes ; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; second reading.
6. Mrs. Halcrow ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

NOTICE

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all *non-vested* schools in which there is given any religious instruction differing from, or in addition to, that given in *vested* schools, and distinguishing the nature of such additional instruction, and the religious denomination to which any such school belongs.

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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the late steam-ship "Cawarra," and to report, is unsatisfactory.
2. MR. FORSTER 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 cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. William Fogg (Administration of Justice) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government, belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
  - (1.) Australian Steam Navigation Company:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) Is he aware that the Australian Steam Navigation Company have resolved to discontinue carrying ship carpenters in their steam vessels, trading and carrying passengers between this port and Melbourne, Brisbane, and Rockhampton?
    - (2.) Has the Government any power, in the interests of public safety, to compel this company to carry ship carpenters so long as it engages in so large a passenger traffic?
    - (3.) If the Government has any power in the matter, what course does it intend to adopt, with the view to the protection of the public, under the circumstances?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—

    - (1.) Government is not aware of any intention on the part of the Australian Steam Navigation Company to discontinue carrying ship carpenters in their steam vessels, trading and carrying passengers between this port and Melbourne, Brisbane, and Rockhampton.
    - (2.) The Passenger Act gives the Emigration Officer power to insist that all vessels carrying passengers, within the terms of the Act, shall have a sufficient crew.
    - (3.) Should the Australian Steam Navigation or any other public company, carrying passengers, so manifestly fail in their duty to the public, as to neglect to provide a sufficient crew, Government would take immediate steps to compel them to do so. I may add, that I am informed all the vessels belonging to this Company are iron vessels, excepting one.
  - (2.) *Loder v. Harris*—(Administration of Justice):—Mr. Lucas asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House, the depositions lately taken at the Singleton Police Office, in the case of *Loder v. Harris*, for trespass?  
*Mr. Martin* answered,—The depositions to which the Honorable Member refers are not in my office. I directed a letter to be written to the Bench at Singleton, requesting them to send me the depositions, or a copy of them, and as soon as I receive these depositions, or a copy, I shall be in a position to answer the Honorable Member's question.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, in opposition to the Matrimonial Causes Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
  - (1.) From Catholic Clergy and Laity of St. Leonards. By Mr. Tunks.
  - (2.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of West Maitland. By Mr. Martin.
  - (3.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wollongong. By Mr. Macpherson.
  - (4.) From Roman Catholics of the District of St. Mary's Cathedral. By Mr. Hart.

Petitions received.
3. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Ryan presented a Petition from Residents in the District of Mulgoa, praying that the House will not pass this Bill.  

Petition received.

4. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of Liverpool, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Braidwood, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) *Mr. Stimpson*, on behalf of Mr. Donnelly, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by Mr. Donnelly, on the 27th November, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy, and two hundred and twenty-seven of the Laity of Parramatta, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (5.) Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Residents in the District of St. Benedict's, Sydney, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (6.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 21st November, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—
- (1.) On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year.  
The Chairman having 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 prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters, during certain months in the year.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to prohibit the dredging for or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow consecutively the Order of the Day No. 4 of Government Business.
7. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill:—
- (1.) On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Minor Roads.  
The Chairman having 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 amend the Laws relating to Minor Roads.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time and agreed to.
  - (2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Minor Roads*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. Supply:—The Order of the Day (No. 2 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1866, A.M.

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

9. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Campbell's Exchange of Ways Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to abolish a certain back lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street near the Circular Quay in the City of Sydney and a portion of another back lane leading southerly thereout and all rights of way connected therewith and to vest the fee-simple thereof in Robert Campbell Esquire and to create and dedicate to the Public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new lane or street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned lane or street from the said Robert Campbell,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.) Parramatta Market Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(3.) Member of Legislative Assembly as Witness:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill, and that Committee being desirous to examine John Lucas, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly 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 Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 28th November, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated the 28th November, 1866, requesting leave for John Lucas, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill,—the Assembly acquaints the Council, that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 29th November, 1866, A.M.

Speaker.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at eight minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
Speaker.

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

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Questions:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps do the Government intend to take to carry out the recommendations of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on Light-houses, in 1863, and of the Select Committee on Defences in 1865, so far as they recommend the extension of the Electric Telegraph to the Light-houses at Jervis Bay and Eden?
2. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Is he aware that ballast trains are running at all hours over the level crossings of the railway on the Blue Mountain Road, without giving sufficient notice to enable teams to get out of the way?
  - (2.) Does he intend to take any steps to stop a practice which may at any moment cause collisions and loss of life?

GOVERNMENT

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of West Maitland, be printed.
2. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—a Return shewing the tenders for Runs reported upon by Mr. Commissioner Cole, from the date of his appointment to 30th September last, specifying when such tenders were received, when so reported upon, and whether the Runs so tendered for were personally inspected before such report.
3. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Catholic Clergy and Laity of St. Leonards, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wollongong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Companies Bill; second reading.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
3. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
4. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.
6. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

## NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all *non-vested* schools in which there is given any religious instruction differing from, or in addition to, that given in *vested* schools, and distinguishing the nature of such additional instruction, and the religious denomination to which any such school belongs.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the late steam-ship "Cawarra," and to report, is unsatisfactory.
2. MR. FORSTER 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 cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to declare the standard weight of a bushel of maize, wheat, barley, and oats.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. William Fogg (Administration of Justice); consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government, belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Extension of Electric Telegraph to Lighthouses at Jervis Bay and Eden:—  
Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
What steps do the Government intend to take to carry out the recommendations of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on Light-houses, in 1863, and of the Select Committee on Defences in 1865, so far as they recommend the extension of the Electric Telegraph to the Light-houses at Jervis Bay and Eden?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government have no intention of carrying the Telegraph to the Lighthouses at Jervis Bay and Eden at present.

- (2.) Crossing of Railway Ballast Trains over Blue Mountain Road:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is he aware that ballast trains are running at all hours over the level crossings of the railway on the Blue Mountain Road, without giving sufficient notice to enable teams to get out of the way?

(2.) Does he intend to take any steps to stop a practice which may at any moment cause collisions and loss of life?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that such is the case at present; but, in August last, the following memorandum was sent to the Contractors, and the following answer received:—

Sydney,  
28 August, 1866.

No. 2,967.

Memorandum to Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford.

It has been reported to me that the engine which you are now using on the Western Railway is causing great alarm to the Public, the level crossings not being protected by signals, in accordance with your contract.

The coach from Penrith to Bathurst, I understand, narrowly escaped destruction a few days ago, from the want of signals at 1st road crossing beyond Wascoe's Inn.

I wish to call your serious attention to this matter, as, in the event of an accident, you would be liable to very heavy penalties, and perhaps imprisonment.

(Signed) JOHN WHITTON.

The following reply has been received from the Contractors:—

Penrith, August 31st, 1866.

John Whitton, Esq., C.E.

Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, respecting the alarm caused to the public by the locomotive we are using on the Western Line of Railway.

In reply, we beg to state that every precaution is taken to prevent accident; and, as a further precaution, we have given the driver instructions to stop the engine, and the guard to go forward and see that all is clear, before passing any of the main road crossings when running at night.

We have the honor to be,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

LARKIN & WAKEFORD.



2. Papers :—
- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Report from Commissioner of Railways on the Progress and Working of the Railways of New South Wales, for the year ended 31st December, 1865.
- (2.) Subordinate Roads of New South Wales (Classification and proposed Distribution for 1867).
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Smoke Nuisance Prevention Act," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 4th September, 1866.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Seed Wheat and Oats," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, on 31st July, 1866.
3. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Hannell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd November, 1866.
- Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Hannell, that the Document be printed; and that the second reading of this Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow week.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motions) :—
- (1.) Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of West Maitland, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wollongong, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. Tenders for Runs reported upon by Mr. Commissioner Cole ("Formal" Motion) :—
- Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—a Return shewing the tenders for Runs reported upon by Mr. Commissioner Cole, from the date of his appointment, to 30th September last, specifying when such tenders were received, when so reported upon, and whether the Runs so tendered for were personally inspected before such report.
- Question put and passed.
6. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
7. Shoalhaven Municipality :—Mr. Cowper, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice,—That all the Parliamentary Papers and Petitions on record since Session 1859-60 inclusively, having reference to the subject of the Shoalhaven Municipality, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the same subject.
- Question put and passed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Dignam presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Goulburn, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.
- Petition received.
9. Adjournment :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.
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| Ayes, 34. | Mr. Martin,<br>Mr. Wilson,<br>Mr. Parkes,<br>Mr. Kemp,<br>Mr. Robertson,<br>Mr. Smart,<br>Mr. Donnelly,<br>Mr. Egan,<br>Mr. Hay,<br>Mr. Ryan,<br>Mr. Cummings,<br>Mr. Stimpson,<br>Mr. Hannell,<br>Mr. Garrett,<br>Mr. Roberts,<br>Mr. Morrice,<br>Mr. Outley,<br>Mr. R. Stewart, | Mr. Sutherland,<br>Mr. Nowlan,<br>Mr. Macleay,<br>Mr. Gordon,<br>Mr. Mate,<br>Mr. Macpherson,<br>Mr. Graham,<br>Mr. Tighe,<br>Mr. Farnell,<br>Mr. Walker,<br>Mr. Byrnes,<br>Mr. Josephson,<br>Mr. S. Brown,<br>Mr. Cowper,<br><i>Tellers.</i><br>Mr. Driver,<br>Mr. Windeyer. | Noes, 3.<br>Dr. Lang.<br><i>Tellers.</i><br>Mr. Buchanan,<br>Mr. J. Stewart. |
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10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after debate) until Monday next.
11. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Monday next. 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. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson.—the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until *Monday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

*Question :—*

1. MR. NEALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Has he any reason to doubt the correctness of the reply given to the Questions put to him by me on the 23rd November, respecting the traffic on the Morpeth Railway?
  - (2.) If so, will he furnish the House with correct information on the subject, and distinguish between the average daily receipts from passenger and goods traffic, respectively?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Neale on the 27th November, from one hundred and ten Roman Catholics of Paddington and Woollahra, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. MR. J. STEWART to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Mr. William Fane De Salis, respecting the existence of Petroleum in New South Wales; likewise a paper therein referred to, explanatory of the Geological formation of Petroleum, by Professor Lesly, together with any reports on the subject from the Government Inspector of Coal Mines.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all *non-vested* schools in which there is given any religious instruction differing from, or in addition to, that given in *vested* schools, and distinguishing the nature of such additional instruction, and the religious denomination to which any such school belongs.
4. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Catholic Clergy and Laity of St. Leonards, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. DRIVER to move,—
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1. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. Companies Bill ; second reading.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
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11. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Questions :—

1. MR. WINDEYER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has the attention of the Honorable the Attorney General been called to the fact that the learned Chairmen of the Quarter Sessions in Sydney, have publicly deprecated the practice at present pursued in the City Police Offices, of sending for trial at the Sessions a large number of cases which from their grave nature ought to be tried in the Supreme Court ?
  - (2.) Is the Attorney General aware that only last week a case of bigamy was sent from the Water Police Office to the Quarter Sessions ?
2. MR. DIGNAM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—As the receipts issued by the Treasury to Free Selectors state that the moneys are paid on account of their *alleged* conditional purchases, when will the Selectors who paid interest in the years 1865 and 1866 get absolute receipts, in order that they may know that their declarations have been approved of ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the late steam-ship "Cawarra," and to report, is unsatisfactory.
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- (1.) That the salary and all arrears of salary due to the Rev. D. H. M'Guinn, the Roman Catholic Minister at Carcoar, be restored to that gentleman, from the time that he ceased to receive it.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Papers laid on the Table of this House with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. William Fogg (Administration of Justice); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Question:—

1. MR. HANNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Did a person named Rutter contract with the Government for the erection of two ballast jetties at Newcastle?
  - (2.) Did Rutter enter into a bond, and provide the usual sureties for the due performance of the work?
  - (3.) Has the work been abandoned by the contractor; and, if so, do the Government intend to enforce the conditions of the bond?
  - (4.) When will the work be resumed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
Morpeth and Maitland Railway :—Mr. Neale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) Has he any reason to doubt the correctness of the reply given to the Questions put to him by me on the 23rd November, respecting the traffic on the Morpeth Railway ?  
(2.) If so, will he furnish the House with correct information on the subject, and distinguish between the average daily receipts from passenger and goods traffic, respectively ?  
Mr. Byrnes answered,—After due inquiry, I have no reason to doubt the correctness of the replies given to the Questions put to me by the honorable gentleman, on the 23rd ultimo.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Neale on the 27th November, from one hundred and ten Roman Catholics of Paddington and Woollahra against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Petroleum (Mr. W. F. De Salis—Professor Lesly) (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Mr. William Fane De Salis, respecting the existence of Petroleum in New South Wales ; likewise a paper therein referred to, explanatory of the Geological formation of Petroleum, by Professor Lesly, together with any reports on the subject from the Government Inspector of Coal Mines.  
Question put and passed.
5. Non-Vested Schools (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all *non-vested* schools in which there is given any religious instruction differing from, or in addition to, that given in *vested* schools, and distinguishing the nature of such additional instruction, and the religious denomination to which any such school belongs.  
Question put and passed.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—  
(1.) “ *Formal* ” Motion :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Catholic Clergy and Laity of St. Leonards, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Mr. Tunks presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Ryde, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.

7. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Kemp,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Buchanan,

*Tellers.*

Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Macpherson.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

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

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

8. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker again counted the House; and,—there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

*Questions :—*

- MR. WINDEYER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Honorable the Attorney General been called to the fact that the learned Chairmen of the Quarter Sessions in Sydney, have publicly deprecated the practice at present pursued in the City Police Offices, of sending for trial at the Sessions a large number of cases which from their grave nature ought to be tried in the Supreme Court?  
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 (1.) Does the Government permit Mr. G. K. Holden to continue to write letters to the Press on political subjects, in spite of the Colonial Secretary and Attorney General's expressed disapproval of such a course?  
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3. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
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8. Companies Bill; second reading.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
10. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—  
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12. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Question:—

1. MR. HANNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Did a person named Rutter contract with the Government for the erection of two ballast jetties at Newcastle?  
 (2.) Did Rutter enter into a bond, and provide the usual sureties for the due performance of the work?  
 (3.) Has the work been abandoned by the contractor; and, if so, do the Government intend to enforce the conditions of the bond?  
 (4.) When will the work be resumed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.  
 2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.  
 3. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.  
 4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.  
 5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.  
 2. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.



## New South Wales.

No. 76.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) Committals from Police Offices to Quarter Sessions instead of to Supreme Court—Case of Bigamy—(Administration of Justice) :—  
Mr. Windeyer asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
(1.) Has the attention of the Honorable the Attorney General been called to the fact that the learned Chairmen of the Quarter Sessions in Sydney, have publicly deprecated the practice at present pursued in the City Police Offices, of sending for trial at the Sessions a large number of cases which from their grave nature ought to be tried in the Supreme Court?  
(2.) Is the Attorney General aware that only last week a case of bigamy was sent from the Water Police Office to the Quarter Sessions?  
Mr. Martin answered,—I have heard that remarks such as are mentioned in the Honorable Member's Question have been made, and I am aware that a person charged with bigamy has been committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. It is now under consideration, whether or not instructions should be sent to the various Benches throughout the Colony, for their guidance in determining what cases ought or ought not to be sent to Courts of Quarter Sessions for trial.  
*Mr. Dignam not asking the Question No. 2, it dropped.*
  - (2.) Mr. G. K. Holden :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—  
(1.) Does the Government permit Mr. G. K. Holden to continue to write letters to the Press on political subjects, in spite of the Colonial Secretary and Attorney General's expressed disapproval of such a course?  
(2.) Does the Government permit Mr. G. K. Holden to send amendments on the Education Bill to Members of the Upper House, for the purpose of being moved by them?  
(3.) If the Government does not permit this, what course does it intend to adopt under the circumstances?  
Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has not interfered with Mr. G. K. Holden, either in respect to his writing letters to the newspapers or sending amendments to Members of the Upper House.
2. The Unemployed :—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 appointed on the 1st November, 1866, to inquire into and report upon the Distress at present existing among the Working Classes.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Bill :—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from the Mayor of the City of Sydney, under the Seal of the Corporation, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common.  
And Mr. Driver having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, Newspaper, containing notices for four consecutive weeks, the former in the month of October, and the latter in the months of October and November, 1866, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—  
Petition received.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Terry withdrew the Motion No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

5. Navigation of the River Macleay ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.  
Question put and passed.
6. Standard Weight of Grain Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to declare the standard weight of a bushel of maize, wheat, barley, and oats.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Stimpson withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Tunks on the 3rd December, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Ryde, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.  
Question put and passed.
10. Wreck of Steam-ship "Cawarra":—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck of the late steam-ship "Cawarra," and to report, is unsatisfactory.  
Mr. Wilson moved the Previous Question.  
Debate ensued.  
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Buchanan,

Tellers.

Mr. Piddington,

Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Cowper,

Mr. Macpherson,

Mr. Wilson,

Mr. Josephson,

Mr. Egan,

Mr. Cummings,

Mr. Dignam,

Mr. Forster,

Mr. Lee,

Mr. Graham,

Mr. Oatley,

Mr. Stimpson,

Mr. Farnell,

Mr. Campbell,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Mate,

Mr. Gordon,

Mr. Hay,

Mr. Hannell,

Mr. Ryan,

Mr. Tunks,

Mr. Pickering,

Mr. Morrice,

Mr. J. Stewart,

Dr. Lang,

Mr. Cunneen,

Mr. Parkes,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Smart,

Tellers.

Mr. R. Stewart,

Mr. De Salis.

11. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Egan presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Grafton and the Clarence River District, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.
12. Public Institutions Inspection 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 make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 4 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

#### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS INSPECTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "An Act to make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 4th December, 1866.

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. After "same" insert "and also in special cases to appoint with such Inspector any other person or persons to aid in the performance of the said duties"

Page 2, clause 3, line 3. Omit "the preceding sections of"

Page 2, clause 5, line 16. Omit "Colonial Secretary for the time being" insert "Governor with the advice of the Executive Council"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. Count Out:—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to address the House, in reference to the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day,—  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Lang, Mr. Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House at Twenty-one minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

### Questions:—

1. MR. HANNELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Did a person named Rutter contract with the Government for the erection of two ballast jetties at Newcastle?  
(2.) Did Rutter enter into a bond, and provide the usual sureties for the due performance of the work?  
(3.) Has the work been abandoned by the contractor; and, if so, do the Government intend to enforce the conditions of the bond?  
(4.) When will the work be resumed?
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(1.) If Tenders were advertised for in the *Government Gazette* for the supply of Police Forage for Armidale District?  
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2. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Navigation of the River Macleay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.

4. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to declare the standard weight of a bushel of maize, wheat, barley, and oats.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
2. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.

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[Price, 6d.]

## New South Wales.

No. 77.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Ballast Jetties, Newcastle (Tenderer Rutter):—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Did a person named Rutter contract with the Government for the erection of two ballast jetties at Newcastle ?  
 (2.) Did Rutter enter into a bond, and provide the usual sureties for the due performance of the work ?  
 (3.) Has the work been abandoned by the contractor ; and, if so, do the Government intend to enforce the conditions of the bond ?  
 (4.) When will the work be resumed ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) A person named Rutter tendered for the erection of two ballast jetties at Newcastle.  
 (2.) Rutter did not enter into a bond or provide the usual sureties, the persons he named as such in his tender having refused to sign the bond when called upon to do so.  
 (3.) The acceptance of Rutter's tender was, in consequence, cancelled ; but the bond not having been signed, its conditions cannot be enforced.  
 (4.) The contract has since been given to another person, who is now proceeding with the work.

- (2.) Police Forage, Armidale (Inspector Brown):—Mr. Buchanan asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) If Tenders were advertised for in the *Government Gazette* for the supply of Police Forage for Armidale District ?  
 (2.) If the Treasurer is aware that Inspector Brown went to two storekeepers, personal friends of his own, and asked them to send him Tenders for the supply of Police Forage, one of which he accepted ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

- (1.) The annual tenders for the supply of Forage in the various Districts of the Colony, from 1st April, 1866, to 31st March, 1867, were invited in the usual way, by advertisement in the *Government Gazette* and provincial newspapers. The Tender of Mr. Waters, for Armidale, was accepted. He, however, terminated his contract, in accordance with one of the conditions thereof, on 31st July, 1866. Tenders were again invited, in the same manner as before, for this service for the remainder of the year, when that of Mr. John Trim was accepted. In consequence of a fall in the price of forage, Mr. Trim's contract was, upon the recommendation of the Inspector General of Police, terminated on 30th November, 1866. For the short period intervening between that date and the end of the year, it was not considered advisable to call for fresh tenders a third time, and the Officer in charge of the District was instructed to make the best provision he could for the necessary supplies, which would not amount to more than about £50 for the whole period. A large number of contracts were terminated by the Government during the present year, on the recommendation of the Inspector General ; and by the arrangements consequent thereon, a saving in expense of over £4,000 has been effected.

- (2.) The Inspector General has telegraphed to Inspector Brown for his report, on receipt of which it will be communicated to the House.

(3.)

(3.) Amendment of Laws relating to Public Lands:—Mr. Forster asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What course do the Government intend pursuing with reference to the measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to Public Lands, the introduction of which, during the present Session, has been promised in His Excellency's Opening Speech, as well as on several other occasions.

*Mr. Martin* answered,—His Excellency, in his speech delivered at the opening of the present Session, informed Parliament that it was intended to submit for its consideration, among other Bills, a Bill to amend in some particulars the Land Laws. On other occasions since then, the like intention has been expressed by Ministers in this House. The Government, after mature consideration, have deemed it expedient not to persevere in that intention. They will not, therefore, submit the Bill in question to Parliament during the present Session, and they believe, that in taking this course, they are consulting the wishes and the convenience of Honorable Members.

(4.) Treasury Receipts to Free Selectors:—Mr. Dignam asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—As the receipts issued by the Treasury to Free Selectors state that the moneys are paid on account of their *alleged* conditional purchases, when will the Selectors who paid interest in the years 1865 and 1866, get absolute receipts, in order that they may know that their declarations have been approved of?

*Mr. Wilson* answered,—Any conditional purchaser whose declaration has been duly approved, will obtain an absolute receipt on forwarding his conditional receipt to the Treasury for that purpose.

2. Privilege:—Mr. Buchanan drew attention to a certain Notice of Motion, relative to the granting of particular pensions (under the Constitution Act), standing in his name No. 3 on the Business Paper for Tuesday, the 11th December, as annexed to the Proof Print (designated "Revise") of the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday, No. 76;—and complained of the omission therefrom of certain words which had been included in the manuscript Notice handed in by him at the Table yesterday.

The Speaker said that the words omitted had been expunged by himself, as being, in his opinion, disorderly.

Whereupon *Mr. Buchanan* moved,—That, in the opinion of this "House," no motion, of which notice has been given by any Member, shall be altered by the officers of this House until submitted to the consideration of the House.

Debate ensued.

*Mr. Driver* moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "House", with a view to inserting in their place the words "the notice of motion given by the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (*Mr. Buchanan*), and standing as No. 3 on the Business Paper for Tuesday next, should be expunged from the Records of this House."

Debate continued.

*Mr. Buchanan* referring freely to the matter of the Notice,—

Motion made by *Mr. Piddington*, and withdrawn by leave (after Debate),—That any Debate upon the merits of the Notice of Motion given by the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (*Mr. Buchanan*), is out of order and a breach of the Privileges of this House.

Debate on Main Question continued.

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

Ayes, 13.

<i>Mr. Martin,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Isaacs,</i>	
<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>
<i>Mr. Wilson,</i>	<i>Mr. Lucas.</i>
<i>Mr. Kemp,</i>	
<i>Mr. Terry,</i>	
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<i>Mr. Graham,</i>	
<i>Mr. Tunks,</i>	

Noes, 21.

<i>Mr. Smart,</i>	<i>Mr. Cummings,</i>
<i>Mr. Josephson,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Stewart,</i>
<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
<i>Mr. Egan,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
<i>Mr. Gordon,</i>	<i>Mr. Dignam,</i>
<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>	<i>Mr. Driver,</i>
<i>Mr. Nowlan,</i>	<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>
<i>Mr. Mate,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Joseph,</i>	
<i>Mr. Stimpson,</i>	<i>Mr. Hart,</i>
<i>Mr. Hay,</i>	<i>Mr. Burns.</i>
<i>Mr. De Salis,</i>	

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

<i>Mr. Cowper,</i>	<i>Mr. Mate,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>
<i>Mr. Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Campbell,</i>
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Noes, 17.

<i>Mr. Martin,</i>	<i>Mr. Piddington,</i>
<i>Mr. Isaacs,</i>	<i>Mr. Hannell,</i>
<i>Mr. Wilson,</i>	<i>Mr. Byrnes,</i>
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<i>Mr. Tighe,</i>	

Whereupon,

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The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 13.	
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Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Joseph.		
Mr. Graham,			

(Whereupon Notice expunged from the Business Paper; and fresh Notice given by Mr. Buchanan, in amended shape, taking the same number, for the same day, in the issue of the Votes and Proceedings of this day.)

3. Municipalities Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Cowper presented the undermentioned Petitions from Freeholders, Householders, Electors, and others of New South Wales, praying, respectively, that the House will reject the provision for cumulative voting contained in the said Bill:—

(1.) Dated 29th November, 1866.

(2.) Dated 4th December, 1866.

Petitions received.

4. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Hart presented the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill:—

(1.) From Husbands and Sons in the Municipality of Waverley.

(2.) From Wives and Daughters in the Municipality of Waverley.

(3.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Armadale.

Petitions received.

5. Sydney Common Improvement Bill:—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common."

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Driver 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 Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common,"—read a first time.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Dignam moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th November, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Goulburn, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Seed Wheat and Oats ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers laid on the Table of this House with reference to the issue of Seed Wheat be printed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 2.	
Mr. Martin.	Mr. Burns,		<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,		
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lucas.	
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8. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, postponed, respectively, until To-morrow,—the two first on motion of Mr. Wilson, and the last on motion of Mr. Parkes.

9. Supply:—The Order of the Day (No. 4 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And



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

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1866, A.M.,

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a Point of Order which had arisen in the Committee should be determined in the House.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—

A Question to omit an Item in a Vote had been negatived:—A proposal to reduce the amount of that Item was then made, but rejected by him, under his view of Section (4) of the 36th Standing Order of this House, which he interpreted as precluding any further interference with the Item.

The Speaker dissented from the view taken by the Chairman, and considered the Item still open to reduction.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.

10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 5 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until a later hour this day.
11. Public Institutions Inspection Bill (Order No. 6 of Government Business):—On motion of Mr. Parkes, 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. Parkes, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th December, 1866, A.M.

Speaker.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at five 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, DECEMBER 6.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What decision has been arrived at, or result attained, in consequence of the inquiry recently instituted by the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School into the management and working of this Institution?
  - (2.) What part has been taken by those members of the Government who, whether officially or otherwise, are Trustees of this Institution, in bringing about or preventing such decision or result?
  - (3.) Do such members of the Government approve or disapprove of such decision or result?
  - (4.) Is it intended by the Government in any way to interfere, or to cause any further inquiry in the matter?
2. MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) Has any full inquiry been made by the present Government into the claim of James Graves, late Senior Sergeant, for increase of pension?
  - (2.) Is there any objection to lay the whole of the Papers connected with such inquiry upon the Table of this House?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Roman Catholics of the District of St. Mary's Cathedral, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. MR. HART to move, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 5th December, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petitions from the City of Sydney and the Suburbs, presented by him on the 5th December, against the clause in the Municipalities Bill providing for cumulative votes, be printed.
4. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That the Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common, be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers.
  - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Windeyer, Dr. Lang, and the Mover.
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12. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

*Question :—*

1. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to continue to give a *bonus*, during the next one, two, or three years, on the cultivation of Cotton?
  - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer a *bonus* on the cultivation of the Sugar Cane?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.

## New South Wales.

No. 78.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—  
 (1.) Sydney Grammar School :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—  
 (1.) What decision has been arrived at, or result attained, in consequence of the inquiry recently instituted by the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School into the management and working of this Institution ?  
 (2.) What part has been taken by those members of the Government who, whether officially or otherwise, are Trustees of this Institution, in bringing about or preventing such decision or result ?  
 (3.) Do such members of the Government approve or disapprove of such decision or result ?  
 (4.) Is it intended by the Government in any way to interfere, or to cause any further inquiry in the matter ?  
 Mr. Parkes answered,—The Report and Evidence in the late inquiry as to the management and working of the Sydney Grammar School will shortly be laid before Parliament, and until the inquiry has been in that manner concluded, I do not think it is desirable that I should give any such answer as the Honorable Member seeks.  
 (2.) Sergeant Graves ;—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—  
 (1.) Has any full inquiry been made by the present Government into the claim of James Graves, late Senior Sergeant, for increase of pension ?  
 (2.) Is there any objection to lay the whole of the Papers connected with such inquiry upon the Table of this House ?  
 Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has made no inquiry beyond an examination of the papers in this case. If it is desired by the House, the whole of the papers will be laid on the Table.
2. Paper :—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Inquests held at Macleay River," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 6th November, 1866.  
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Sunday Railway Trains :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Maitland and its vicinity, against the running of Railway Trains on Sundays.  
 Petition received.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The undermentioned Petitions against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named :—  
 (1.) From Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Orange. By Mr. Donnelly.  
 (2.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Yass. By Mr. Isaacs.  
 Petitions received.
5. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill :—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intitled "A Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force", read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motions) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th November, from Roman Catholics of the District of St. Mary's Cathedral, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 5th December, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Ordered to be printed.

7. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions from the City of Sydney and the Suburbs, presented by him on the 5th December, against the clause in the Municipalities Bill providing for cumulative votes, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Sydney Common Improvement Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common, be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers.  
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Windeyer, Dr. Lang, and the Mover.  
Question put and passed.
9. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to stand next after the Order of the Day No. 4 of Government Business.  
(2.) The Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to stand next after the Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business, *as postponed*.  
(3.) The Order of the Day No. 3 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to stand the last Order of the Day.
10. Supply:—The Order of the Day (No. 4 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1866, A.M.,

- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
11. Assent to Bills, viz.—Bishopric of Goulburn Lands Investment—Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment—Campbell's Exchange of Ways—Parramatta Market—Sheep Disease Prevention—Sale of Colonial Brandy—New-street Parramatta Enclosure—Pitt-street Tramway Act Repeal:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) JOHN YOUNG, Message, No. 16.  
Governor.

Bills intituled,—

- 1st. "An Act to transfer to the Bishop of Goulburn certain Lands situate within the Diocese of Goulburn and to extend the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishop of Goulburn,"—  
2nd. "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney'' 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 Bills; and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 6th December, 1866.

(2.) JOHN YOUNG, Message No. 17.  
Governor.

Bills intituled,—

- 1st. "An Act to abolish a certain back lane leading from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street near the Circular Quay in the City of Sydney and a portion of another back lane leading southerly thereout and all rights of way connected therewith and to vest the fee-simple thereof in Robert Campbell Esquire and to create and dedicate to the Public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new lane or street from Elizabeth-street to Phillip-street and to divest all right or title in or to the said last-mentioned lane or street from the said Robert Campbell,"—  
2nd. "An Act to transfer the Parramatta Market to the Council of the Municipality of Parramatta,"—

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 Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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JOHN YOUNG,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

Bills intituled,—

1st. "An Act for the prevention and cure of Diseases in Sheep,"—

2nd. "An Act to permit the Sale of Brandy distilled by the Owners of Vineyards from Grapes the Produce of such Vineyards,"—

3rd. "An Act to authorize the Enclosure of a part of New-street in the Town of Parramatta,"—

4th. "An Act to repeal the Pitt-street Tramway Act of 1861,"—

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Government House,  
Sydney, 6th December, 1866.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty 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, DECEMBER 7.

Questions :—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to continue to give a *bonus*, during the next one, two, or three years, on the cultivation of Cotton?  
(2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer a *bonus* on the cultivation of the Sugar Cane?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to my Question, numbered 2, put to the Colonial Secretary on Tuesday, 31st July, on the subject of the employment of Patrick Flinn, in pursuit of bushrangers :—  
(1.) Do the Government still refuse to furnish information to the House upon that subject?  
(2.) If so, when will the Government be prepared to furnish such information?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Navigation of the River Macleay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
4. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to declare the standard weight of a bushel of maize, wheat, barley, and oats.
5. William Fogg (Administration of Justice); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions :—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
7. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
9. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; second reading.

11. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
12. Companies Bill; second reading.
13. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
14. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
15. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
16. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONNELLY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th December, from the Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Orange, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. MR. FARNELL to move,—
  - (1.) That Mr. A. B. Black's Report on Mr. Robertson's Oyster Fisheries Bill, and Report on the Fisheries Act of 1865, and also all other papers and documents relating to Fisheries, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Fisheries Act Amendment Act.
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4. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th December, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Grafton and the Clarence River District, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
6. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
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9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
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4. MR. HART 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 Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.
5. MR. RODD 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him, from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.



## New South Wales.

No. 79.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) *Bonus* for Cotton and Sugar Cultivation :—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to continue to give a *bonus*, during the next one, two, or three years, on the cultivation of Cotton ?
    - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to offer a *bonus* on the cultivation of the Sugar Cane ?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—
    - (1.) It is not the intention of the Government to continue the granting of a *bonus* on Cotton beyond the period (already expired) limited by the Resolution of the Assembly.
    - (2.) A memorial from Mr. Scott, of Brisbane Water, has been received, relating to this subject, on which the Government has not arrived at any decision.
 Mr. Forster withdrew the Question standing in his name No. 2.
2. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stimpson, on behalf of Mr. Donnelly, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Donnelly on the 6th December, from the Catholic Clergyman and Laity of Orange, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
  - (1.) That Mr. A. B. Black's Report on Mr. Robertson's Oyster Fisheries Bill, and Report on the Fisheries Act of 1865, and also all other papers and documents relating to Fisheries, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Fisheries Act Amendment Act.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Question put and passed.
4. Sunday Railway Trains (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Lee, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Dodds on the 6th December, from one hundred and eighty-three Inhabitants of Maitland and its vicinity, against the running of Railway Trains on Sundays, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Egan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Egan on the 4th December, from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Grafton and the Clarence River District, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. Connexion of Great Southern and Western Railway with Port Jackson :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney, in the neighbourhood of Darling Harbour, setting forth the expediency of connecting, without further delay, the Great Southern and Western Railway with the Harbour of Port Jackson ; and praying for favourable consideration of the subject.  
Petition received.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Licensed Hawkers Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Tighe, until Monday next.
8. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill (*with the Title formally amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Hannell (after Debate), read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Hannell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, and had also agreed to the formal Amendment in the Title made by the Select Committee, the House, on motion of Mr. Hannell, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as now reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day respecting the Navigation of the River Macleay postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until this day week.
10. Standard Weight of Grain Bill:—  
(1.) On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing this Bill.  
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 declare the standard weight of a bushel of maize, wheat, barley, and oats.  
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Piddington, read a second time and agreed to.  
(2.) Mr. Piddington having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the Standard Weight of a Bushel of Maize, Wheat, Barley, and Oats*",—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. William Fogg (Administration of Justice):—On motion of Mr. Stimpson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys and Property held by the Government belonging to William Fogg, recently convicted of cattle stealing at Goulburn, should be returned to the said William Fogg.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.  
  
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
12. Lawson's Trust Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Josephson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed, without further amendment, to the Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), the House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as now reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
13. Claims against Government Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no motion being made with reference thereto, it dropped.
14. Postponements:—  
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hart, until this day week.  
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.
15. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalising Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time.  
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee. Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Smart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tighe, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That, during the remainder of the present Session, Government Business have precedence of Other Business on Tuesdays.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; second reading.
3. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
2. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
2. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.
3. Lawson's Trust Bill ; third reading.
4. Mrs. Halcrow ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Companies Bill ; second reading.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
7. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
8. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes ; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
9. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
10. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
2. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Bylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
4. MR. HART 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 Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.
5. MR. RODD 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him, from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.
6. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from two hundred and thirty-seven of the Inhabitants of the western portion of the City of Sydney, praying for the completion of the Railway to its proposed terminus in Darling Harbour, be printed.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Navigation of the River Macleay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
2. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.
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## New South Wales.

No. 80.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message (received on Friday last) from the Legislative Council :—  
MR. SPEAKER,  
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney*",—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.  
*Legislative Council Chamber,* T. A. MURRAY,  
*Sydney, 7 December, 1866.* President.
2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table Minutes of Evidence of Committee appointed to inquire into Sydney Grammar School, and Minutes and Correspondence relating to the resignation of the Head Master, Mr. Stephens.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Tighe then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company Limited.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon, Mr. Tighe moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—  
MR. PRESIDENT,  
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company Limited,*" 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, together with a Copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,* Speaker.  
*Sydney, 10th December, 1866.*  
Question put and passed.
4. Lawson's Trust Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a third time, and passed.  
Mr. Josephson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Lawson late of Prospect in the County of Cumberland in the territory of New South Wales Esquire deceased to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales.*"  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon, Mr. Josephson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,* Speaker.  
*Sydney, 10th December, 1866.*  
Question put and passed.

5. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Dignam moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
6. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill :—Mr. Garrett, *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 Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill, which lapsed through the counting out of this House on the 7th instant, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.
7. Further Supplementary Estimate for 1865-6,—Additional Estimate for 1867 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker :—  
JOHN YOUNG,  
*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, a further Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the years 1865 and 1866, and an Additional Estimate of Expenditure for 1867.  
*Government House*  
*Sydney, 10th, December, 1866.*  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.
8. Presbyterian College Bill :—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Presbyterians and others, in the Town and Districts of Woonona and Wollongong, praying that this Bill may be passed.  
Petition received.
9. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the District of Mount Carmel, against the passing of the said Bill.  
Petition received.
10. Proposed Precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, Government Business have precedence of Other Business on Tuesdays.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
11. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later time this day.  
The Order for such later sitting of the Committee having been read (without other business intervening),—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
12. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to follow next after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill.
18. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson,—The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

*Question :—*

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What number of copies of the *Colonial Gazetteer*, at what price, and for what purpose, have been ordered or purchased by the Government?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
2. MR. TERRY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Postmaster at Mudgee and others, in reference to the establishment of a Mail Route from Mudgee to Rylstone *via* Lawson's Creek, together with the Petition received by the Postmaster General from certain Inhabitants of Mudgee, in connection therewith.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £3,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
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6. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from two hundred and thirty-seven of the Inhabitants of the western portion of the City of Sydney, praying for the completion of the Railway to its proposed terminus in Darling Harbour, be printed.
7. MR. R. STEWART to move, That leave of absence, for a fortnight, be granted to Mr. Alexander, on account of urgent private business.
8. MR. COOPER 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 1867, a sum not exceeding £10,000, towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.
9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
10. MR. DRIVER to move,—
  - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

13. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill ; second reading.
2. Mrs. Halcrow ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Companies Bill ; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
5. James Gibson ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
6. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes ; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
8. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, viz. :—
  - (1.) The Appropriation Bill of 1866, No. 2.
  - (2.) The Public Works Loan Bill of 1866, No. 2.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Navigation of the River Macleay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
2. Standard Weight of Grain Bill ; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, respectively:—
  - (1.) The amount of money expended on the Sydney University, including the cost of buildings, alterations, repairs, architects' fees, salaries, wages, and all charges of whatever nature which have been paid out of the public funds on account of that Institution, from its foundation to the present date.
  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
  - (4.) The maximum and minimum number of students attending the University each year since its foundation.
  - (5.) A nominal return of all students who have attended the University, with the period of attendance in each case.
  - (6.) A nominal return of all students who have taken degrees or honours in the said University.
  - (7.) A nominal return of all persons (not students) of the University on whom that Institution has conferred honours or degrees.
  - (8.) A nominal return of all officers (either paid or honorary) connected with the University.
  - (9.) Information of a like nature (so far as applicable) with reference to the Affiliated Colleges connected with the University, and also with reference to the Sydney Grammar School.
3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

## New South Wales.

No. 81.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Mr. Forster not asking the Question on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.*
2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill:—Mr. Wilson, *with the concurrence of the House*, moved, without Notice,—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the “Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill,” which lapsed yesterday, by the Counting out of the House, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.  
Question put and passed.
3. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Abstracts, made up, respectively, from 24th October to 24th November, 1866, in accordance with the 4th Section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1. :—
  - (1.) Abstract of all sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the said Section of the said Act.
  - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the said Section of the said Act.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, withdrew the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
5. William Morris (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him, from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.  
Question put and passed.
6. Connexion of Great Southern and Western Railway with Port Jackson (“*Formal*” Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th December, from two hundred and thirty-seven of the Inhabitants of the western portion of the City of Sydney, praying for the completion of the Railway to its proposed terminus in Darling Harbour, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Leave of Absence (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence, for a fortnight, be granted to Mr. Alexander, on account of urgent private business.  
Question put and passed.
8. Road between Armidale and Grafton (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 1867, a sum not exceeding £10,000, towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.  
Question put and passed.

9. Electoral Roll Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll.  
Question put and passed.
10. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.  
Question put and passed.
11. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Terry not making the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. Motion for Adjournment:—Dr. Lang moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and negatived.
13. Count Out:—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to address the House, in reference to the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day,—  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lord, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Tighe, and Mr. Wilson,—The Speaker adjourned the House at thirteen minutes after Four o'clock, until Tomorrow, 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, DECEMBER 12.

*Question:—*

1. MR. EGAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) Whether the plans of the Rivers, Moruya and Clyde, are completed?  
(2.) If so, what course does the Government intend to adopt for the purpose of clearing the same, and when?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, viz.:—  
(1.) The Appropriation Bill of 1866, No. 2.  
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
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8. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Navigation of the River Macleay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

\*OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, respectively:—
  - (1.) The amount of money expended on the Sydney University, including the cost of buildings, alterations, repairs, architects' fees, salaries, wages, and all charges of whatever nature which have been paid out of the public funds on account of that Institution, from its foundation to the present date.
  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
  - (4.) The maximum and minimum number of students attending the University each year since its foundation.
  - (5.) A nominal return of all students who have attended the University, with the period of attendance in each case.
  - (6.) A nominal return of all students who have taken degrees or honours in the said University.
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3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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## New South Wales.

No. 82.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Mr. Egan withdrew the Question on the Notice Paper for to-day.*
2. Messages:—The following Messages were respectively delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Further Additional Estimate for 1867:—

JOHN YOUNG,  
*Governor.**Message No. 20.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly a further additional Estimate of Expenditure for 1867.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 12 December, 1866.*

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

(2.) Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2):—

JOHN YOUNG,  
*Governor.**Message No. 21.*

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for an amendment of the Law relating to Volunteer Corps, and for the necessary expenses in connexion therewith.

*Government House,  
Sydney, 12 December, 1866.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, viz:—

(1.) The Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2).

(2.) The Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2).

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Nowlan,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Tunks,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Driver,
Mr. S. Brown.

4. Electoral Roll Bill:—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll*,"—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Dignam presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Tumut, against the passing of the said Bill.  
Petition received.
6. Public Schools 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 make better provision for Public Education*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 12 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BILL.

*SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to make better provision for Public Education," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 12 December, 1866.*

R. O'CONNOR,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Subject to  
Governor in  
Council.

Trustees to be  
named for non-  
vested schools  
who may  
appoint the  
teacher subject  
to approval.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit "together with the Colonial Secretary for the time being"  
" lines 9 and 10. Omit "of which the Colonial Secretary shall *ex officio* be President"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 8. After "Crown" insert "or otherwise"  
" clause 5, lines 23 and 24. Omit "other than the Colonial Secretary"  
" clause 6, line 38. After "certified" insert "non-vested and"  
" line 39. After "schools" insert "and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained"  
" line 40. After "Regulations" insert "for appointing their own President"  
" line 47. After "convened" add "Provided always and it is hereby declared that the Council of Education shall in all matters be subject to the like control by the Governor and Executive Council as any other Department of the Public Service"
- Page 3, clause 9, lines 8 to 10. Omit "in any locality where a Public School may be established which has in attendance thereat not less than seventy children"  
" line 10. Before "Denominational" insert "non-vested or"  
" line 11. After "any" insert "such"  
" lines 11 and 12. Omit "situated not more than five miles from such Public School"  
" line 17. Omit "Two" insert "One"  
" After "hundred" insert "and twenty"  
" line 18. After "certified" insert "non-vested and"  
" After "shall" insert "except as is herein excepted"  
" line 21. After "modifications" insert "not being inconsistent with any express provision of this Act"  
" clause 10. Omit clause 10, substitute the following new clause:—  
" 10. The owners or promoters of every certified non-vested and Denominational school hereafter established shall nominate and maintain as Trustees thereof two or more persons to be approved of by the Council of Education who shall be accountable for the due fulfilment of the Regulations applicable to such school and such Trustees shall be entitled to appoint the teacher thereof subject to the like approval and to such examination as may be prescribed for teachers of Public Schools and such teacher shall be subject to removal either by the Trustees or the said Council on failure to give satisfaction to either respectively"  
" clause 16. Omit clause 16.
- Page 4, clause 17, line 2. After "certified" insert "non-vested and"  
" lines 3 and 4. Omit "as collected by the teacher shall be remitted to the said Council at the close of every month" insert "collected in any school shall be paid to the teacher thereof for his own use or if there be more than one teacher in such school then in such proportion between the said teachers as the Council of Education may determine Provided that it shall be in the discretion of the said Council to authorize a distinct scale of fees in any case in which the general scale may appear to them inapplicable"

- Page 4, clause 18, line 6. *Omit* "between five and fourteen years of age"
- " " line 7. *Omit* "refuse or neglect," *insert* "be unable"
- " " line 8. *After* "certified" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " " line 9. *After* "shall" *insert* "on such inability being shewn in such manner as to the Council of Education shall seem reasonable"
- " *After* clause 18 *insert* the following new clause:—  
 "No child shall be refused admission into a Public School or a certified School fees may be recovered. non-vested or Denominational School on account of the refusal or neglect of the parent or guardian of such child to pay the fees due for the education of such child but all fees so due may be recovered by a proceeding in the name of the Council of Education before any Justice or Justices of the Peace in a summary way"
- " clause 20, line 22. *After* "certified" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " clause 23, line 45. *After* "Education" *add* "or shall be permanently vested in Trustees in trust for school purposes exclusively"
- " clause 24, line 48. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "non-vested or"
- Page 4. *After* clause 25 *insert* the following new clause:—  
 "26. The proceeds of the sale of any property acquired either wholly or in Proceeds of property sold under sections 3 and 25 how disposed of. part by means of local contributions which shall be effected by virtue of the preceding sections three and twenty-five shall be expended in the township or neighbourhood in which the property sold or disposed of may be situated But no person claiming title in virtue of such sale shall be bound to see to this application"
- " clause 26, line 59. *After* "certified" *insert* "non-vested and"
- Page 5, clause 27, line 6. *After* "existing" *insert* "non-vested and"
- " " line 9. *After* "Act" *insert* "subject nevertheless in the case of non-vested schools to the same trusts and to the same Regulations which have been hitherto applicable to them as National Schools"
- " " line 11. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " " line 14. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "Board of National Education and"
- " " line 15. *After* "Board" *insert* "respectively"
- " " line 16. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " " line 17. *Omit* "Forty," *insert* "Thirty"
- " *After* clause 27 *insert* the following new clause:—  
 "The Trustees of any existing Denominational School certified as Powers and duties of Trustees of existing Denominational Schools. hereinbefore mentioned shall be accountable for the due fulfilment of the Regulations applicable to such School and shall be entitled to appoint the teachers thereof subject to the approval of the Council of Education and to such examination as may be prescribed for the teachers of Public Schools And every teacher so appointed shall be subject to removal by the said Council on failure to give satisfaction to the said Trustees or the said Council respectively"
- " clause 28, line 19. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " " line 23. *Before* "Denominational" *insert* "non-vested or"
- " " " *Omit* "Forty," *insert* "Thirty"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,  
 Chairman of Committees.

*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

7. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
8. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Wilson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. S. Brown moved, That the Question be amended by adding, at the end thereof the words, "and that, in the opinion of this House, a Bill to legalize the Municipalities hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the due working of the same, should be passed before this House is prorogued, viz. :—

" Albury,	Glebe,	Orange,
" Armidale,	Goulburn,	Paddington,
" Balmain,	Grafton,	Parramatta,
" Bathurst,	Hunter's Hill,	Randwick,
" Camperdown,	North Willoughby,	Redfern,
" Central Illawarra,	Shoalhaven,	Shellharbour,
" Cook,	Kiama	Waterloo,
" Cudgegong,	Marrickville,	Waverley,
" Darlington,	Mudgee,	West Maitland,
" East Maitland,	Newcastle,	Wollongong,
" East St. Leonards,	Newtown,	Woollahra."

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be there added.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Cummings,  
Mr. Kemp,  
Mr. S. Brown,  
Mr. Garrett,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Donnelly.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. White,	
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. De Salis.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon 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, 13 DECEMBER, 1866, A.M.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be received at a later hour this day.

9. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until a later hour this day.

10. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—

(1.) On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.

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 Volunteer Force.

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

- (2.) Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, intitled "A Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force,"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at eleven minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course the Government intend to take with reference to the Public Schools Bill, as amended in the Upper House ?
2. MR. HANNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) How long has the Dunmore Bridge been open for public traffic ?
  - (2.) What amount of revenue has been derived from the said bridge since its opening ?
3. MR. DIGNAM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the fact that the piece of land at Goulburn heretofore set apart for the accommodation of teams as a camping ground, has been appropriated by the Government as a site for the Goulburn Terminus of the Southern Railway ; and, if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to reserve for a camping ground any other land in the vicinity of Goulburn in lieu of the land so taken ?

4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—  
 (1.) Have the Government instituted, or do they intend instituting, any inquiry into the circumstances connected with the escape of the prisoners Cummings and Southgate from Berrima Gaol?  
 (2.) Are the Government aware whether the Gaoler was or was not within the walls of the Gaol at the time the escape took place?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BYRNES to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove restrictions on the application of certain Railway Purchase Moneys.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Roll Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DIGNAM to move, That the Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Tumut, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, presented by him on the 12th December, be printed.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
3. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
5. MR. DRIVER to move,—  
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
2. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—  
 (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.  
 (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. Companies Bill; second reading.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

5. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—  
 (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
6. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

*Question :—*

1. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) With reference to the tenders now invited for laying and ballasting the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook, whether the rails and other materials—not procurable in the Colony—necessary for the completion of that work, have been provided, and are now available?  
 (2.) If not, have such materials been ordered, and will they be provided in time to prevent any delay in the works?  
 (3.) Have plans been prepared for the necessary Railway Station Buildings at Muswellbrook, and when will tenders for these works be called for?  
 (4.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the Railway Extension from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi, the money for constructing which was voted last Session?  
 (5.) When is it likely such tenders will be called for?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Navigation of the River Macleay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
2. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. William Morris; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867 a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.
7. Road between Armidale and Grafton; 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 1867 a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

*Question :—*

1. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
 (1.) Whether the plans of the Rivers, Moruya and Clyde, are completed?  
 (2.) If so, what course does the Government intend to adopt for the purpose of clearing the same, and when?

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## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, respectively:—
  - (1.) The amount of money expended on the Sydney University, including the cost of buildings, alterations, repairs, architects' fees, salaries, wages, and all charges of whatever nature which have been paid out of the public funds on account of that Institution, from its foundation to the present date.
  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
  - (4.) The maximum and minimum number of students attending the University each year since its foundation.
  - (5.) A nominal return of all students who have attended the University, with the period of attendance in each case.
  - (6.) A nominal return of all students who have taken degrees or honours in the said University.
  - (7.) A nominal return of all persons (not students) of the University on whom that Institution has conferred honours or degrees.
  - (8.) A nominal return of all officers (either paid or honorary) connected with the University.
  - (9.) Information of a like nature (so far as applicable) with reference to the Affiliated Colleges connected with the University, and also with reference to the Sydney Grammar School.
3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

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

- (1.) Dunmore Bridge :—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) How long has the Dunmore Bridge been open for public traffic?  
 (2.) What amount of revenue has been derived from the said bridge since its opening?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) Dunmore Bridge has been open for public traffic for eight months.  
 (2.) No revenue has been derived from the bridge since its opening. The collection of tolls at Dunmore Bridge, involving an expenditure for toll-house, is being considered in connection with the placing of tolls on Pitnacree and West Maitland Bridges, not yet completed, and will be decided on when the approaches to Pitnacree Bridge are sufficiently advanced to enable the Government to fix the time for opening.

- (2.) Camping Ground for Teams, Goulburn :—Mr. Dignam asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the fact that the piece of land at Goulburn heretofore set apart for the accommodation of teams as a camping ground, has been appropriated by the Government as a site for the Goulburn Terminus of the Southern Railway ; and, if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to reserve for a camping ground any other land in the vicinity of Goulburn in lieu of the land so taken?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The land resumed in the Town of Goulburn, as a site for the necessary station buildings and terminus of the Great Southern Railway, is a portion of the reserve for public recreation. I am unable to say whether any land has been set apart as a camping ground, but the attention of the Government will be called to this question.

- (3.) Cummings and Southgate, Prisoners escaped from Berrima Gaol :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have the Government instituted, or do they intend instituting, any inquiry into the circumstances connected with the escape of the prisoners Cummings and Southgate from Berrima Gaol?

(2.) Are the Government aware whether the Gaoler was or was not within the walls of the Gaol at the time the escape took place?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It will be best perhaps to give the particulars of this escape. I think the day after the escape, I received this report from the Sheriff, dated 28th November :—“These two prisoners, it may be observed, were not in ‘separate treatment,’ having been in the gaol previous to its conversion to its ‘present purpose ; and with others in the same position, had only been left at  
 “Berrima

“ Berrima until room could be found in the other gaols to which they were about to be removed. The circumstances of the escape raise no question as to the security of the prison, but of the care and vigilance of the officers, respecting which full inquiry will be made. The Gaoler has been required to furnish further information concerning Southgate, and pending inquiry, the warder from whose custody Cummings escaped has been suspended.” The Gaoler, Mr. Small, reports as follows:—“I very much regret to state that the prisoners Lawrence Cummings and John Southgate escaped this morning by the main sewer. The overseer of works had the drain open in the passage near the Gaoler’s kitchen, for the purpose of cleaning it out, and by that means the prisoners got into the drain. I saw them myself at half-past nine this morning; at twenty minutes to eleven, the chief warder reported to me that Cummings was not to be found. I at once stationed a warder at the foot of the drain, near the river, and then mustered the whole of the prisoners, and found that Southgate, as well as Cummings, had escaped. I then sent a man down the drain to ascertain whether the prisoners were still there, but found they were not. It is about 200 yards from where the prisoners entered the drain to where they came out. The prisoner Cummings was working at the wood heap at the back of the gaol, in charge of warder Mulligan, who allowed him to be out of his sight above an hour, and never reported it; and how I came to know that Cummings was missing, was through the Roman Catholic clergyman coming into the gaol to hold service, and he could not be found. The chief warder informs me that he had given written orders as well as verbal, according to my instructions, that prisoners Cummings and Southgate, with others, should be told off to their different billets, in charge of the warders for the different posts, and when their work was done, to be put into their yard and locked up. Consequently, I believe there is very great blame attached to warder Mulligan.” The Visiting Justice, Mr. Rowley, reports on the same date, as follows:—“I do myself the honor to report, for the information of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, that two long sentenced prisoners, named in the margin (Lawrence Cummings and John Southgate), effected their escape from Berrima Gaol, this forenoon, by crawling through the drain of the prison leading down to the river, the mouth or entrance of which in the gaol yard was open for the purpose of undergoing a course of cleansing and clearing out. The police were immediately out and in pursuit, together with a body of volunteers, but their search to this hour (five o’clock) has been unsuccessful. I have little doubt that upon the inquiry which will follow upon the matter, blame must inevitably attach to some warder or warders absent from their post.” An inquiry into the circumstances connected with this escape was instituted immediately, the evidence of which was put into my hands only an hour ago, but which I have not had time to read. The result, I believe, is that blame is attached to some of the warders.

2. Proposed Electoral Alterations:—Mr. Forster, 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 September, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Bill:—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 this Bill was referred on 6th December, 1866,—together with Appendix.  
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Driver, that the Document be printed, and that the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
4. Railway Purchase Moneys Bill:—
  - (1.) (“*Formal Motion*”);—Mr. Byrnes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to remove restrictions on the application of certain Railway Purchase Moneys.  
Question put and passed.
  - (2.) Mr. Byrnes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to remove restrictions on the application of certain Railway Purchase Moneys,*”—read a first time.  
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
5. Claude John Gardner:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from Claude John Gardner, complaining of the alleged wrongful seizure by the Customs authorities of certain Cigars and other goods, his property, under the circumstances set forth in the Petition; and praying inquiry, with a view to redress.  
Petition received.
6. Matrimonial Causes Bill (“*Formal Motion*”):—Mr. Dignam moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Tumut, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, presented by him on the 12th December, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to stand next after the Order of the Day No. 7 of Government Business.

## 8. Supply :—

(1.) Reception of Resolutions (Order No. 2 of Government Business):—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply, certain Resolutions, which were read a first time as follows :—

## ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1867.

## No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,137, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1867.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £720, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1867.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,823, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1867.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,153, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1867.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,056, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1867.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,711, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1867.

## No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,930, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Chief Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1867.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,544, to meet the expense of Artillery and Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the year 1867.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,450, to meet the expense of Naval Brigade, for the year 1867.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138,996, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1867; being £2,300 for salaries for the Department of the Inspector General of Police; £104,787 for salaries of Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, and Trackers; £2,689 for salaries of Detective Police; £200 for salary of Police Surgeon; and £29,020 for allowances and contingencies.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,700, to defray Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escort, for the year 1867.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £270, to defray the salaries of Gold Receivers, for the year 1867.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,965, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Gaols and Penal Establishments, for the year 1867; being £11,342 for Sydney Gaol; £7,360 for Parramatta Gaol; £3,216 for Bathurst Gaol; £3,287 for Maitland Gaol; £3,045 for Goulburn Gaol; £4,083 for Berrima Gaol; £1,285 for Albury Gaol; £1,185 for Braidwood Gaol; £1,085 for Mudgee Gaol; £502 for Grafton Gaol; £1,325 for Wollongong Gaol; £965 for Armidale Gaol; £1,125 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £139 for Eden Gaol; £1,385 for Yass Gaol; £139 for Windsor Gaol; £1,485 for Deniliquin Gaol; £3,607 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £119 for Gundagai Gaol; £119 for Tamworth Gaol; £119 for Orange Gaol; £20 for Tenterfield Gaol; £119 for Cooma Gaol; £1,790 for Gaols, Country Districts; £4,298 for Gaols generally; £8,621 for Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island; and £200 for Visiting Justice at Sydney Gaol and Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the charge for allowance to Medical Board appointed to make weekly visits to the Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1867.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the charge for two Chaplains to Lunatic Asylums, at £50 per annum each (one Church of England and one Church of Rome), for the year 1867.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,387, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1867, being £11,764 for Lunatic Asylum, Tarban, and £11,623 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.

(82.) 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 1867.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,160, to defray the charge for Vaccine Institution, for the year 1867.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,507, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1867.

(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,470, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1867.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1867.

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, for the year 1867.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Colonial Agent, for the year 1867.

(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,000, for the support of Public Instruction, and Incidental Expenses, including the Allowances to the Teachers, for the year 1867.

(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for the support of Reformatories and Industrial Schools, for the year 1867.

(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,572, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1867.

(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,541, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, for the year 1867.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,727, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1867; being £2,727 for Salaries and Wages, and £10,000 for Clothing, Medical Comforts, Rations, Medicines, and Contingencies.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,025, as grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1867; being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School Arts; £100 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £100 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts on same condition; £100 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the St. Leonard's School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Albury School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Camden School of Arts, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' School of Arts, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts, on same condition; £50 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts, on same condition; £25 in aid of the Waratah School of Arts, on same condition; £300 in aid of the erection of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute, on same condition; and £200 in aid of the erection of the Camden School of Arts, on same condition.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,349, to defray Charitable Allowances, for the year 1867; being £4,000 for the support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals; £2,000 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £4,028 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; £1,000 for the support of the Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick; £4,000 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, on condition of £2,000 being raised by private contributions; in aid of the Hospitals at Windsor, Newcastle, Port Macquarie, Yass, Armidale and New England, Sofala, Braidwood, Port Stephens, Kiandra, Murrurundi, Forbes, Muswellbrook, Carcoar, Gundagai, Tenterfield, Wollongong, and Mudgee, at £200 each, on condition of sums to an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Wagga Wagga, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospitals, Parramatta and Goulburn, at £300 each, on same condition; £700 in aid of the Hospital at Bathurst, on same condition; £350 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Parramatta, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Singleton and Patrick's Plains, on same condition; £150 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Tamworth,



Tamworth, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Penrith Hospital and Benevolent Society, on same condition; £416 in aid of the Hospital at Young, on same condition; £150 in aid of the Hospital at Grafton on same condition; £150 in aid of the Adelong Hospital, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Wellington Hospital, on same condition; £275 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke, on same condition; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Menindee, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin, on same condition; £400 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum, and Hospital, on same condition; and £250 in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,586, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Immigration Department, for the year 1867.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,880, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1867; 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; £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.; £100, Fees for examining Lunatics; and £1,000 Rewards for apprehension of Offenders.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,290, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1867.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,053, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1867.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,890, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1867.

(101.) 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 1867.

(102.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,171, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1867; being £3,946 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,370, for the Southern District; £830, for the South-western District; £920, for the Western District; £1,005, for the Northern District; and £3,100 for contingencies.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,214, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1867.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,466, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1867.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,425, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1867.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the expenses of the Court of Claims, for the year 1867.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,161, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1867.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,415, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1867.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28,916, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1867.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,845, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1867.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,525, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Book-binding, and Postage Stamps Department, for the year 1867.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,650, to defray the salaries and contingencies, and cost of Stores and Stationery for Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1867.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gunpowder Magazines, for the year 1867.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £755, to defray the Salaries of Health Officers and Emigration Officer, Port Jackson, for the year 1867.

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- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1867.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,370, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1867.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,070, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1867.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,036, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Harbours, Light Houses, and Pilot Department, for the year 1867; being £650 for Superintendent of Pilots, Light Houses, and Harbours; £875 for Steam Navigation and Pilot Boards; £1,525 for Harbour Masters; £2,567 for Colonial Light Houses; £2,350 for Australian Coast Light Houses; £7,399 for Sea and River Pilots; £5,996 for Boatmen; £544 for Telegraph Stations; and £1,130 for contingencies.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000 to defray the expense of Lifeboats, for the year 1867.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600 to defray the charge for News and Telegraph Agent at Galle, for the year 1867.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,280, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1867; being £6,000 for Postage of the various Public Departments; £4,000 Advertising for the Public Service generally; £1,500 Duty-stamps for the Public Service generally; £7,000 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages; £30,000, Interest on Public Accounts overdrawn at the Banks where such are kept; £10,000 Interest on temporary Loans from other Institutions; £3,000 one half per cent. commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents on (say) £600,000; £3,000 exchange on remittances within and beyond the colony; £1,050 allowance for postage and stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £3,000 guns—six American 450-pounders, with carriages; £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); £30 for Provisions to be left on Booby Island, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £2,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for; and £1,500 to meet the expense of carrying on the Coast Surveys.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,440, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1867.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73,379, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1867.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,800, for Rent of additional Offices, commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1867.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,640, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1867.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,005, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gold Fields Establishments, for the year 1867.
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,868, to defray charges for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1867.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray charges for Inspection of Cattle, for the year 1867.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to defray the expense of Coal Fields Establishment, for the year 1867.
- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,928, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1867.
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,008, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1867.
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,287, to defray the expense of the construction and maintenance of Minor Roads, for the year 1867; being £41,000 for the construction and maintenance of Subordinate Roads, as classified per Schedule; £8,000 for Minor Bridges and Roads not classified; £500 for Alignment Posts for Towns; £3,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands; £500 for formation of Streets through Crown Lands in City of Sydney; £140 for fencing Cemetery, Deniliquin; £77 for fencing Road from Bango and Fairy Hole Creek towards Yass, and through land enclosed by, and belonging to, Mr. Thomas Barker; £50 for Boat for Crossing-place over Big River at Moree; £20 for Repairs to Water Reservoir at Campbelltown.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £204, to defray salary of Overseer at Haslem's Creek Cemetery, for the year 1867.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray cost of Medicines and Medical Attendance on the Aborigines, for the year 1867.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the Year 1867; being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £300 compensation to Mr. R. Stewart for non-issue of Grant of Land promised to his Father (Resolution of Assembly); £1,000 towards the survey and determination of the boundary line between New South Wales and South Australia; £200 for completion of Approaches to the Ford over the Menangle River, on Road from the Appin and Mount Keira Road, *via* Douglas Park Railway Station, to the Menangle Road; £250 for Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, conditionally that a similar sum be contributed privately.

#### No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,350, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1867.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109,810, for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1867; being £2,300 for General Establishment, £6,050 for Works in Progress, and £101,460 for Existing Lines, working expenses.

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,093 for Harbours and River Navigation, for the year, 1867; being £2,795 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; and £400, for Repairs to Steam Cranes, Newcastle.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,800, to defray expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1867; being £500 for Preliminary Harbour Surveys; £1,200 for landing Silt from Dredge and forming ground; £100 for repairs to Glebe Island Road; £1,000, Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £1,500, Sea-wall, Botanical Gardens; £300, erection of a Wharf at Kempsey; and £200, Repairs to the Reservoir Campbelltown.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,590, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1867.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £94,360, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1867; being £12,000 for ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to Public Buildings generally; £3,000 to provide Furniture and Fittings for the Public Offices generally; £1,500 for repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings; £250 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £700 for lighting Government Lamps in streets of Sydney and Domain; £200 for Furniture, and repair of same, for Government House; £6,500 for providing 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; £5,000, Police Buildings; £15,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £600 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £2,000, Furniture for, and repair of Telegraph Stations; £1,000 alterations and repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £9,500, repairs, alterations, &c., to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban; £5,000 towards completing the new Wing of Maitland Gaol—free labour; £10,000 towards the erection of a District Gaol for Western District; £2,000, completion of new Wing, Australian Museum; £2,000, additions, Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool; £250, repairs to Workshops and Officers' Quarters, Cockatoo Island; £60, Building for Pilots and Boat's Crew, Newcastle; £2,800, erection of a Telegraph Station at Albury; £1,200, Additions to the Roman Catholic Orphan School; £300, Fencing Cemetery at Hay; £500, erection of Messenger's Quarters, Fort Phillip; £5,000 towards fortifying South and Middle Heads; £3,000, erection of Stockade; £3,000, alteration to Abattoirs, Glebe Island.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,884 to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1867; being £2,650 for salaries and contingencies of the General Establishment; £5,700 for Superintendence; £16,247 for construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road; £20,519 for Main South Road; £15,979 for Main Western Road; and £51,789 for other Roads and Bridges, *viz.*:—£1,750, Clyde Road; £10,000, Road Clarence River to Great Northern Road; £4,000, Mudgee Road; £22,139, Minor Roads, as per Schedule; £2,000, Contingent Works, Approaches to Railway Stations, &c.; £2,000 for repair of and painting Bridges; £300 for constructing and repairing Toll Bars; £2,500, Road at Public Pass, Mawarra; £1,300, Bridges at South Creek and Eastern Creek; £1,000, Bridges at Kentucky and Carlisle Gully; £750, Bridge over River Lett at Hartley; £2,300, re-flooring and general repairs of Long Bridge, West Maitland; £250, repair of Bridges between Seven Hills and Baulkham Hills; £1,500 towards construction of Dray Road, Araluen to Moruya.

(143.)

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,341, to defray the salaries, allowances, contingencies, and working expenses of the Establishment of the Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1867.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,447, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Fitz Roy Dock Establishment, for the year 1867.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70, to defray the charge for lighting and extinguishing Gas at Parliament Buildings, for 1867.

#### TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1867, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £33,000, for Railways; being £3,000, Engine Shed, Windsor and Richmond Railway; £5,000, Trial Surveys for the extension of the Great Southern and Western Railway; and £25,000 compensation for Land taken on the Ultimo Estate.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1867, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray the expenses of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation; being for removing obstructions and improving the Navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1867, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000 for Roads; being for Road and Railway Bridge over the Murray River at Echuca.

#### NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £166,180, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department; being £33,260 for the Post Office Establishment, and £132,920 for conveyance of Mails, for the year 1867.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,525, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1867.

#### FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1865 AND 1866.

##### Services of 1865.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,147 18s. 8d., to defray the charge for Interest on Overdrawn Bank Accounts, further sum.

#### NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray the charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others.

##### Services of 1866.

#### NO. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £374, for Gaols generally.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,716 18s. 9d., to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services—being, £4,000 for purchasing Specimens of Gold, at prices not exceeding their intrinsic value, for transmission to the Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1867, which are to be sold at its close, and the proceeds paid into the Treasury; £300 towards defraying the expense of the collection and transmission of Articles, the produce and manufacture of the Colony, to the Intercolonial Exhibition, held in Melbourne during the present year, further sum; £350, Rewards for the apprehension of offenders, further sum; £66 18s. 9d., Thirty-five copies of Plunkett's Australian Magistrate, by Wilkinson, for the use of Public Offices generally.

#### NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £352 9s. 9d., to defray the supplementary charge for Law Officers of the Crown.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £191 18s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for District Courts.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £586 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services, being £100 for Law Expenses in the case *Sherbin vs. Buckle*, for false arrest; £200 to meet expenses of Appeal to the Privy Council, in the case of the Queen *vs. Campbell*; £286 17s. 6d., to purchase 150 copies of Plunkett's Australian Magistrate, by Wilkinson, for the use of the several Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony.

#### NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray supplementary charge for Customs.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light-Houses, and Pilot Department.

(160.)

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,022 7s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being—£61 5s., Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the loss of the Steamship "Cawarra"; £261 2s. 1d., Expenses of the Commission of Inquiry into the Customs Department; £700, Exchange on Remittances, further sum.

#### No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,629 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Gold Fields.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,417 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Minor Roads—being £100 Bridge over Gol Gol Creek, further sum; £570, Repair of Road from Campbelltown to Narellan; £200, Fencing Public Roads, where proclaimed through enclosed lands, further sum; £375, Road from Hoddle's Track to Bowral or Nattai; and £172 10s., Rent of the Windsor Ferry, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1866, to be refunded to the Trustees.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray supplementary charge for Wages to workmen at Haslem's Creek Cemetery.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services, being for the Erection of two Toll-houses in connection with the new Punts lately constructed for the Parramatta River, where it passes the New Gladesville Road.

#### No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39, to defray supplementary charge for erecting a Monument in honour of the late Constable O'Grady, who was shot by bushrangers whilst in the execution of his duty.

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1867.

#### No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £315, to defray the additional charges for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1867.

#### No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray the additional charge for the Naval Brigade for the year 1867.

(170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray the additional charge for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, being in aid of the erection of a School of Arts at Inverell, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, for the year 1867.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the additional charge for Charitable Allowances, being in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Hay, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, for the year 1867.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the additional charge for Miscellaneous Services, being expenso of copying and printing the Electoral Lists, 1866-7.

#### No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the additional charge for District Courts, being half salary of James Sheen Dowling, Esq., one of the Metropolitan and Coast District Court Judges, and Chairman of Quarter Sessions, during twelve months leave of absence from 15th January, 1867, for the year 1867.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £475, to defray the additional charge for Petty Sessions for the year 1867.

#### No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, to defray the additional charge for Harbours, Light-houses, and Pilot Department for the year 1867.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray the additional charge for Miscellaneous Services, being for procuring from England a supply of Copper Coins for general circulation in the Colony for the year 1867.

#### No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £620, to defray the additional charge for Roads and Bridges, being—£300 Repairs to

to the Gap on the Road from Albury to the Piney Range; £170 for Road from Singleton to the Railway Bridge—compensation for passage through enclosed land, and £150 for Foot Bridge over Fish River, at O'Connell, for the year 1867. (178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £670, to defray the additional charge for Miscellaneous Services, being—£30 for the erection of a Tablet to mark the grave on the Bogan, of Allan Cunningham, who was murdered by the blacks whilst in the discharge of his duties as Colonial Botanist; £260 for fencing general Cemetery at East Maitland; £80 for fencing Cemetery at Eden; £50 for close fencing the Albury Cemetery, and erecting two wooden gates for same; £150 for wharf at Pennant Hills; and, £100 to enable the Director of the Botanic Gardens to visit Spain and Portugal, for the purpose of acquiring information respecting the cultivation and growth of the Orange Plant, for the year 1867.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the additional charge for Harbours and River Navigation, being to provide Screw Moorings for Newcastle Harbour, for the year 1867.

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1867.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the further additional charge for Charitable Allowances, being—in aid of the building of St. Vincent's Hospital.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the further additional Miscellaneous Charge, being—to meet necessary Expenses in London and Paris, in connection with the representation of the Colony at the Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris, in April, 1867.

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

(2.) Order discharged:—The Order of the Day (No. 3 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.

9. Postponements:—

(1.) The Order of the Day No. 4 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, (after Debate), to follow next after the Order of the Day No. 8 of Government Business.

(2.) The Order of the Day No. 5 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to follow next after the Order No. 4 of Government Business *as postponed*.

(3.) The Order of the Day No. 6 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until Monday next.

10. Ways and Means:—

(1.) Resolutions:—The Order of the Day (No. 7 of Government Business) for the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, *made with the concurrence of the House*, that the said Resolutions be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(4.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1867, the sum of £1,487,423 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(5.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Further Supplementary Service of the year 1866 and previous year, the sum of £19,639 11s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(6.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £49,000 be raised by the Sale of Debentures, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, 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.

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

(2.) Order discharged:—The said Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means then discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.

11. Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Wilson moved (without notice) for leave to bring in a Bill, founded upon Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5 of Ways and Means, 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 1867, and for the year 1866 and previous years.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, 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 1867 and for the Year 1866 and previous years*,"—read a first time.

*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour this day.

12. Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2) :—  
 (1.) Mr. Wilson moved (without Notice) for leave to bring in a Bill, founded upon Resolutions Nos. 3 and 6 of Ways and Means, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works.  
 Question put and passed.  
 (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,*"—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour this day.
13. Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, 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 a later hour this day.
14. Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, 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 a later hour this day.
15. Electoral Roll Bill (Order No. 1 of Government Business), on motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), read a second time.  
*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day next after the Order of the Day No. 8 of Government Business.
16. Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2), 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 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 1867 and for the Year 1866 and previous years.*"  
 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 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 1867 and for the Year 1866 and previous years,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13 December, 1866.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
17. Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and passed.  
 Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works.*"  
 Question put and passed.  
 Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—  
 MR. PRESIDENT,  
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.  
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*  
*Sydney, 13 December, 1866,* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
18. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) :—On the Order of the Day (No. 8 of Government Business) 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
19. Electoral Roll Bill :—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee. Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.  
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an 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 to-morrow.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-eight minutes after Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

NOTICES

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Questions :—

1. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) With reference to the tenders now invited for laying and ballasting the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook, whether the rails and other materials—not procurable in the Colony—necessary for the completion of that work, have been provided, and are now available?
  - (2.) If not, have such materials been ordered, and will they be provided in time to prevent any delay in the works?
  - (3.) Have plans been prepared for the necessary Railway Station Buildings at Muswellbrook, and when will tenders for these works be called for?
  - (4.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the Railway Extension from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi, the money for constructing which was voted last Session?
  - (5.) When is it likely such tenders will be called for?
2. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) When were the railway carriages, to run upon the Great Western Railway from Penrith towards Bathurst, first ordered from England, and by whom?
  - (2.) When was such order countermanded, and by whom?
  - (3.) When were such carriages ordered a second time?
  - (4.) When are the carriages so ordered likely to arrive in the Colony?
  - (5.) Has the Government any spare carriages fit to be run upon the said line of railway without risking the lives or limbs of the passengers?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Navigation of the River Macleay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.
2. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; second reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. William Morris; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867 a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.
7. Road between Armidale and Grafton; 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 1867 a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.
8. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
9. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
10. Companies Bill; second reading.
11. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
12. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.



13. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
14. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
15. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with the promise contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech at the commencement of this Session, the public interest urgently requires re-consideration and amendment of the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands, particularly with a view to the following objects, namely:—

(1.) The limitation or better definition of the large powers conferred, or understood to be conferred, upon the Executive Government, in regard to the proclamation or withdrawal from sale, conditional or otherwise, or from temporary occupation, of Public Lands by way of reserve, whether for purposes of water supply, or any other purpose, and in regard to the alienation of such lands without public competition.

(2.) The better security or definition of the tenure, and other rights, of pastoral tenants of the Crown upon Public Lands.

(3.) The better security or definition of the grazing, and other rights of conditional purchasers, and of freeholders, over adjacent Public Lands.

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

2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th December, from Claude John Gardner, be printed.

3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.

4. MR. HART 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 Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.

5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.

6. MR. DRIVER to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.

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

7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.

8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

9. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Roll Bill; third reading.
2. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

MONDAY,

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Schools Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Railway Purchase Moneys Bill; second reading.
3. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

## Question :—

1. MR. EGAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
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  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

## Question :—

1. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
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  - (2.) Have the Government made any provision for the conveyance of passengers from the Railway Station into Sydney?
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  - (4.) If by tender, were such tenders advertized, and in what papers?

## New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had this day received a letter from James Ruthven Kemp, Esquire, tendering the resignation of his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst,—which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—

“ Sourabaya House,  
 “ Sydney, December 14th, 1866.

“ The Honorable  
 “ The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.  
 “ Mr. Speaker,

“ Sir,  
 “ As it is my intention to proceed to Europe within a few weeks, I beg to  
 “ tender the resignation of my Seat, in the Legislative Assembly, for the Electoral  
 “ District of Bathurst.

“ I have the honor to be,  
 “ Sir,  
 “ Yours faithfully,  
 “ JAS. R. KEMP.”

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That the Seat of James Ruthven Kemp, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Ruthven Kemp, Esquire.  
 Question put and passed.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
- (1.) Railway Extension, Singleton to Muswellbrook:—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
- (1.) With reference to the tenders now invited for laying and ballasting the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook, whether the rails and other materials—not procurable in the Colony—necessary for the completion of that work, have been provided, and are now available?
- (2.) If not, have such materials been ordered, and will they be provided in time to prevent any delay in the works?
- (3.) Have plans been prepared for the necessary Railway Station Buildings at Muswellbrook, and when will tenders for these works be called for?
- (4.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the Railway Extension from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi, the money for constructing which was voted last Session?
- (5.) When is it likely such tenders will be called for?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—
- (1.) The rails, &c., for that portion of the line between Singleton and Liddell are in the Colony. The rails required for the length between Liddell and Muswellbrook have not yet arrived.
- (2.) They have been ordered, and will, no doubt, be provided in time to prevent any delay in completing the line.
- (3.) No. Tenders will probably be invited for Station Buildings in June next.
- (4.) The money required for the construction of this length has not been provided.
- (5.) No time can be fixed at present. (2.)

(2.) Carriages for Western Railway :—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) When were the railway carriages, to run upon the Great Western Railway from Penrith towards Bathurst, first ordered from England, and by whom?
- (2.) When was such order countermanded, and by whom?
- (3.) When were such carriages ordered a second time?
- (4.) When are the carriages so ordered likely to arrive in the Colony?
- (5.) Has the Government any spare carriages fit to be run upon the said line of railway without risking the lives or limbs of the passengers?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) In January, 1866, by the Commissioner for Railways.
- (2.) All orders not actually in contract were suspended by the Commissioner, by a letter despatched in May, 1866.
- (3.) By the October Mail, 1866.
- (4.) Probably in August, 1867.
- (5.) There are no carriages in the Colony suitable for the Western line.

3. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Mr. Surveyor Flide," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, on 13 March, 1866.
4. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—Mr. Egan presented a Petition from Roman Catholics of the Districts of Eden and Bega, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Sunday Railway Trains :—Dr. Lang presented the undermentioned Petitions against the running of Railway Trains on Sundays :—
  - (1.) From Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace and its vicinity.
  - (2.) From Inhabitants of Morpeth and its vicinity.
 Petitions received.
6. Navigation of the River Macleay :—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the navigation of the River Macleay.  
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received on Monday next.
7. Standard Weight of Grain Bill :—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Macpherson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. White,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Mate.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

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

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

8. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until this day week.
9. Attorneys Admission Law Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Driver.  
Bill also discharged, on motion of Mr. Driver.
10. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill :—The Order of the Day on this subject (No. 5 of Other Business) having been read,—  
The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the resumption of the consideration of this Bill, which lapsed on the 7th, and was ordered to be restored on the 10th instant. (*See Entries in Votes and Proceedings, pages 446 and 450.*)  
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Dr. Lang, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

11. William Morris:—On motion of Mr. Rodd, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867 a sum not exceeding £200, as compensation to William Morris of Mudmelong, in the district of Braidwood, for losses sustained by him from the repeated robberies by the outlaw Clarke and his gang.
- 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. Byrnes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Egan, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hay, Dr. Lang, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Ryan, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wisdom,—The Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

### Questions:—

1. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) If the survey of the Township of Coraki, Richmond River, is completed?  
(2.) If so, when will the land be offered for sale?
2. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—  
(1.) Whether he received, about two months ago, a communication from William Brown and George Bloomfield, who have free selected, respectively, 80 acres, and 60 acres, at Molong; and after having cleared and stumped about 20 acres, have been peremptorily ordered off the land?  
(2.) What steps has the Minister taken with regard to these cases?
3. MR. DIGNAM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have any plans been prepared for the erection of the necessary Railway Buildings at Marulan and Goulburn; and, if so, when will tenders be called for?
4. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he is aware that the A.S.N. Company's Steamer "Wonga" sailed to Melbourne, on her last trip, without a ship carpenter, and if it is the intention of the Government to see that the officer, whose duty it is to attend to this, does his duty to the public by enforcing the regulations in reference to this subject?
5. MR. COOPER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When the Returns of the amounts contributed by the Northern Districts, and expended in those Districts, ordered by the House on the 10th November, 1865, and promised by the Colonial Treasurer on the 23rd of March last, will be placed upon the Table?

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON *to move*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Postage Acts.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Schools Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Railway Purchase Moneys Bill; second reading.
3. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
5. Electoral Roll Bill; third reading.
6. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

### OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EGAN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from one hundred and forty Roman Catholics of the Districts of Eden and Bega, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
2. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from two hundred and ninety-one of the Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace and its vicinity, praying for the discontinuance of the running of Railway Trains on the Christian Sabbath, be printed.
3. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from two hundred and eighty-three of the Inhabitants of Morpeth and its vicinity, praying for the discontinuance of the running of Railway Trains on the Christian Sabbath, be printed.

4. **MR. FORSTER** to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with the promise contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech at the commencement of this Session, the public interest urgently requires re-consideration and amendment of the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands, particularly with a view to the following objects, namely :—
- (1.) The limitation or better definition of the large powers conferred, or understood to be conferred, upon the Executive Government, in regard to the proclamation or withdrawal from sale, conditional or otherwise, or from temporary occupation, of Public Lands by way of reserve, whether for purposes of water supply, or any other purpose, and in regard to the alienation of such lands without public competition.
- (2.) The better security or definition of the tenure, and other rights, of pastoral tenants of the Crown upon Public Lands.
- (3.) The better security or definition of the grazing, and other rights of conditional purchasers, and of freeholders, over adjacent Public Lands.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. **MR. ROBERTSON** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th December, from Claude John Gardner, be printed.
6. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
7. **MR. HART** 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 Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.
8. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
9. **MR. DRIVER** to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
10. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
11. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
12. **MR. BUCHANAN** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Navigation of the River Macleay; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill; third reading.
4. Road between Armidale and Grafton; 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 1867 a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.
5. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.

6. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. Companies Bill; second reading.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
9. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
10. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
11. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

*Question:—*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

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No. 85.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Township of Coraki, Richmond River:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If the survey of the Township of Coraki, Richmond River, is completed?

(2.) If so, when will the land be offered for sale?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Sixty-three allotments at Coraki have been measured for sale and will be gazetted in a few days.

(2.) Lands Free Selected by William Brown and George Bloomfield:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Whether he received, about two months ago, a communication from William Brown and George Bloomfield, who have free selected, respectively, 80 acres, and 60 acres, at Molong; and after having cleared and stumped about 20 acres, have been peremptorily ordered off the land?

(2.) What steps has the Minister taken with regard to these cases?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Such communication has been received, but the Government have no information as to any improvements having been made upon this land. The parties have not been ordered off the land at the instance of the Government. In August, 1865, Mr. F. Lord applied for 320 acres and 160 acres under his pre-emptive right. The District Surveyor was instructed to measure those portions, and reminded of his instructions on the 2nd October last. Until such measurement is made, it cannot be determined whether or not the conditional purchasers in question are within Mr. Lord's pre-emptive purchases.

(3.) Railway Buildings at Marulan and Goulburn:—Mr. Donnelly, on behalf of Mr. Dignam, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have any plans been prepared for the erection of the necessary Railway Buildings at Marulan and Goulburn; and, if so, when will tenders be called for?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Plans have not been prepared for the station buildings at the places named.

(4.) Steamship "Wonga":—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If he is aware that the A.S.N. Company's Steamer "Wonga" sailed to Melbourne, on her last trip, without a ship carpenter, and if it is the intention of the Government to see that the officer, whose duty it is to attend to this, does his duty to the public by enforcing the regulations in reference to this subject?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Government have referred for information on this subject to the Immigration Board, and they have received from the Health Officer the following answer to the question:—"I am not aware that the A.S.N. Company's steamer sailed to Melbourne on her last trip without a ship carpenter. The clause of the 'Passenger Act Amendment Act,' regulating the crews of vessels, says that 'Every passenger ship shall be manned with an efficient crew for her intended voyage,' but the clause does not go on to specify the classes of men of whom the crew shall consist; and as the efficiency of the crew for any particular voyage is a purely professional question, the Emigration Officer is in that respect guided by the opinion of the Marine  
" Surveyor,

" Surveyor, who, besides being an experienced seaman, has special knowledge of the requirements of the class of vessels at present referred to, and who is of opinion that, with reference to the crews of ships, each voyage should be considered on its own merits, having regard to the quality of the vessel, the length of the voyage, and other circumstances."

- (5.) Amounts contributed by certain Northern Districts, and expended in those Districts:—Mr. Cooper asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When the Returns of the amounts contributed by the Northern Districts, and expended in those Districts, ordered by the House on the 10th November, 1865, and promised by the Colonial Treasurer on the 23rd of March last, will be placed upon the Table?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The return is now in course of completion, and will be ready to be laid on the Table of the House in a few days.

2. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Graham presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Cooma, Monaro, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Petition received.

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Moneys voted but not expended—Roads for which money has been voted:" made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 7th November, 1865.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Non-vested Schools," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 3rd December, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Postage Acts.

Question put and passed.

5. Electoral Roll Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day):—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. White,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Graham,	Tellers.
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pemell,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Egan,
Mr. Driver.

Bill thereupon read a third time; and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, *passed*.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll.*"

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 authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from one hundred and forty Roman Catholics of the Districts of Eden and Bega, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Sunday Railway Trains ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from two hundred and ninety-one of the Inhabitants of Raymond Terrace and its vicinity, praying for the discontinuance of the running of Railway Trains on the Christian Sabbath, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

(2.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th December, from two hundred and eighty-three of the Inhabitants of Morpeth and its vicinity, praying for the discontinuance of the running of Railway Trains on the Christian Sabbath, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Dr. Lang, read a third time, and *passed*.

Dr. Lang then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church Sydney.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Dr. Lang 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 legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Public Schools Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Public Schools Bill. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

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The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed from others, and amended others, of the said Amendments.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this Report be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Dr. Lang,  
Mr. Oatley,  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. Lloyd,  
Mr. Ryan,

Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Buchanan,  
Mr. Sutherland,  
Mr. Isaacs,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. J. Stewart,  
Mr. Driver.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Smart,  
Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Terry,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Gordon,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Morrice,

Mr. Cunneen,  
Mr. Cooper,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Macpherson.

10. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited),*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(2.) Lawson's Trust Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Lawson late of Prospect in the County of Cumberland in the Territory of New South Wales Esquire deceased to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

(3.)

## (3.) Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2) :—

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 1867 and for the year 1866 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## (4.) Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 17 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. EGAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) Whether the plans of the Rivers, Moruya and Clyde, are completed?
  - (2.) If so, what course does the Government intend to adopt for the purpose of clearing the same, and when?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, (or the Minister acting for him in this House),—Is it the intention of the Government to open up mail communication between Burrows, Marengo, and Young?
3. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
  - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim and open the road from the Second Breadalbane Plains to the Wollondilly River and to Goulburn?
  - (2.) If so, when will this advantage be conferred upon the inhabitants of the above districts?
4. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders for the formation of the approaches to Pitnacree Bridge?
  - (2.) When is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders, the Bridge having been completed some time since, and is much required for public traffic?

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes," be now adopted.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, respectively :—
  - (1.) The amount of money expended on the Sydney University, including the cost of buildings, alterations, repairs, architects' fees, salaries, wages, and all charges of whatever nature which have been paid out of the public funds on account of that Institution, from its foundation to the present date.
  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
  - (4.) The maximum and minimum number of students attending the University each year since its foundation.
  - (5.) A nominal return of all students who have attended the University, with the period of attendance in each case.
  - (6.) A nominal return of all students who have taken degrees or honours in the said University.

(7.)

- (7.) A nominal return of all persons (not students) of the University on whom that Institution has conferred honours or degrees.
- (8.) A nominal return of all officers (either paid or honorary) connected with the University.
- (9.) Information of a like nature (so far as applicable) with reference to the Affiliated Colleges connected with the University, and also with reference to the Sydney Grammar School.
3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
5. MR. GRAHAM to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Cooma, Monaro, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
6. MR. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with the promise contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech at the commencement of this Session, the public interest urgently requires re-consideration and amendment of the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands, particularly with a view to the following objects, namely :—
- (1.) The limitation or better definition of the large powers conferred, or understood to be conferred, upon the Executive Government, in regard to the proclamation or withdrawal from sale, conditional or otherwise, or from temporary occupation, of Public Lands by way of reserve, whether for purposes of water supply, or any other purpose, and in regard to the alienation of such lands without public competition!
- (2.) The better security or definition of the tenure, and other rights, of pastoral tenants of the Crown upon Public Lands.
- (3.) The better security or definition of the grazing, and other rights of conditional purchasers, and of freeholders, over adjacent Public Lands.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th December, from Claude John Gardner, be printed.
8. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
9. MR. HART 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 Information and Depositions in the case of Henry M. Miller, who was charged before the Shoalhaven Bench of Magistrates, on the 28th November, with indecently assaulting a girl six years of age, together with the finding of the Magistrates thereon.
10. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
11. MR. DRIVER to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that, at all Sittings for the trial of persons charged with the commission of an indictable offence, a list should be posted each morning of the Sittings, specifying the cases to be taken during the day, and the order in which the same will be taken.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.
12. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
13. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.

14. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Navigation of the River Macleay; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Road between Armidale and Grafton; 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 1867 a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.
4. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
5. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.  
(2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. Companies Bill; second reading.
7. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
8. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—  
(1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
9. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
10. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Postage Acts.
2. Railway Purchase Moneys Bill; second reading.
3. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.
4. Municipalities Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.
5. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Question:—

1. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—  
(1.) When is it proposed to take up the present Pitt-street Tramway?  
(2.) Have the Government made any provision for the conveyance of passengers from the Railway Station into Sydney?  
(3.) Has such arrangement, if any, been the result of tender or otherwise?  
(4.) If by tender, were such tenders advertized, and in what papers?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to amend the Postage Acts being passed through all its stages in one day.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
  - (1.) Plans of Rivers Moruya and Clyde :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Egan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
    - (1.) Whether the plans of the Rivers, Moruya and Clyde, are completed?
    - (2.) If so, what course does the Government intend to adopt for the purpose of clearing the same, and when?*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—
    - (1.) The plans of the Clyde and Moruya Rivers are completed.
    - (2.) The obstructions are such as will require the services of a Steam-dredge to remove them. The Government have at present no means at their disposal to enter on these improvements ; but, in framing the next year's Estimates, the propriety of providing a Dredge for these important rivers shall receive due consideration.
  - (2.) Mail Communication between Burrowa, Marengo, and Young :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Postmaster General (or the Minister acting for him in the House), pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to open up mail communication between Burrowa, Marengo, and Young ?  
*Mr. Wilson* answered,—There is at present mail communication between Burrowa, Marengo, and Young, twice a week.
  - (3.) Road from Second Breadalbane Plains to Wollondilly River and Goulburn :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
    - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim and open the road from the Second Breadalbane Plains to the Wollondilly River and to Goulburn ?
    - (2.) If so, when will this advantage be conferred upon the inhabitants of the above districts ?*Mr. Wilson* answered,—
    - (1.) The preliminary notification of a road from the Second Breadalbane Plain to Goulburn appeared in the *Gazette* of 2nd November last. Its confirmation has been recommended.
    - (2.) Some time in the early part of February next will be the earliest possible period under the present law.
  - (4.) Approaches to Pitnacree Bridge :—*Mr. Dodds* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
    - (1.) What has caused the delay in calling for tenders for the formation of the approaches to Pitnacree Bridge ?
    - (2.) When is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders, the Bridge having been completed some time since, and is much required for public traffic ?*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—
    - (1.) The delay in calling for tenders for the formation of the approaches to the Pitnacree Bridge has arisen in consequence of Government not having been enabled to obtain possession of the land required for that purpose.
    - (2.) Tenders will be immediately invited, as soon as the land shall have been obtained.
2. Papers :—
  - (1.) *Mr. Wilson* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
    - (1.) Return to Address, in reference to " Fisheries Act Amendment Bill," adopted by this House, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, on 7 December, 1866.
    - (2.) Return to Order, in reference to " Cemetery at Haslem's Creek," made by this House, on motion of *Mr. Hart*, on 4 September, 1866.  
 Ordered to be printed.
  - (2.) *Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table, Further Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Service *via* Panama and *via* Suez.  
 Ordered to be printed.



3. The Unemployed:—The undermentioned Petitions, praying for the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of "The Unemployed," were presented respectively by the Members named:—
- (1.) From Citizens of Sydney. By Mr. Macleay.
  - (2.) From Female Citizens of Sydney. By Mr. Macleay.
  - (3.) From John Brooks Mason, on behalf of Working Men and others of the City of Sydney, in meeting assembled at Haymarket. By Mr. R. Stewart.
  - (4.) From Walter Renny, on behalf of Working Men and others of the City of Sydney, in meeting assembled. By Dr. Lang.
  - (5.) From Owen J. Caraher, on behalf of a Public Meeting of Residents of West Sydney. By Dr. Lang.
- Petitions received.
4. Municipalities Bill, (No. 2.):—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from John Sutherland, as Chairman, on behalf of Citizens of Sydney and its Suburbs, against the provision for Cumulative Voting contained in the said Bill.  
Petition received.
5. Sydney University ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing, respectively:—
- (1.) The amount of money expended on the Sydney University, including the cost of buildings, alterations, repairs, architects' fees, salaries, wages, and all charges of whatever nature which have been paid out of the public funds on account of that Institution, from its foundation to the present date.
  - (2.) The number of acres, and the estimated value (when dedicated) of the land, granted to the University, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on such value, from the time of dedication to this date.
  - (3.) The total amount received for fees for or from students to this date, and how such fees have been appropriated.
  - (4.) The maximum and minimum number of students attending the University each year since its foundation.
  - (5.) A nominal return of all students who have attended the University, with the period of attendance in each case.
  - (6.) A nominal return of all students who have taken degrees or honours in the said University.
  - (7.) A nominal return of all persons (not students) of the University on whom that Institution has conferred honours or degrees.
  - (8.) A nominal return of all officers (either paid or honorary) connected with the University.
  - (9.) Information of a like nature (so far as applicable) with reference to the Affiliated Colleges connected with the University, and also with reference to the Sydney Grammar School.
- Question put and passed.
6. Mr. Thomas Woore ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.  
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from the Roman Catholic Clergymen and Laity of Cooma, Monaro, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Public Schools Bill:—Mr. Parkes 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 12th December, 1866, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Public Schools Bill,—

Agrees to the Amendments in pages 1 and 2, clauses 1, 3, and 5.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 6, line 38,—Because unnecessary, and because it is highly inexpedient to introduce a third class of Schools.

Existing trusts are preserved to these Schools by amendment in clause 27.

Agrees to the Amendments in page 2, clause 6, lines 39, 40, and 47.

Disagrees from the Amendments in page 3, clause 9, lines 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, and 18,—Because the principal object of the Bill is to promote economy, combined with efficiency, in the Public School expenditure, by imposing limits to the multiplication of small and badly taught schools. In all poorly attended schools, the cost of maintenance must be relatively greater than in schools more numerously attended, while as a rule the means of instruction will be found to be inferior by reason of the lower remuneration given for the teacher's services. The Council's Amendments would therefore be held to be fatal to the Bill.

Agrees

- Agrees to the Amendment in page 3, clause 9, line 21.
- Disagrees from the Amendment substituting a new clause for clause 10,—Because to delegate authority in the appointment of teachers to any body other than the Council of Education, would be inconsistent with the principles of the Bill, and would lead to conflict in administrative details. And it is further urged, that any such provision would tend to lower the standard of Education under the Bill.
- Agrees to the Amendment which omits clause 16.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 4, clause 17, line 2,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Agrees to the Amendment in page 4, clause 17, lines 3 and 4.
- Agrees to the Amendments in page 4, clause 18, lines 6 and 7.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 4, clause 18, line 8,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Agrees to the Amendment in page 4, clause 18, line 9.
- Agrees to the insertion of the new clause to follow clause 18, excepting the words “non-vested or” in such new clause.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 4, clause 20, line 22,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from the amendment in page 4, clause 23, line 45,—Because the public money ought not to be expended in public buildings which are not public property.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 4, clause 24, line 48,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Agrees to the insertion of the new clause to follow clause 25.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 4, clause 26, line 59,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 6,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from so much of the Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 9, as is contained in the words “and to the same Regulations,”—Because it would be inconsistent that the Council of Education, which possesses power to frame Regulations for all other schools, should be restricted in framing Regulations for these.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 11,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from the Amendments in page 5, clause 27, lines 14 and 15,—Because unnecessary.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 16,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 17,—Because it would not be conducive to the public interest to support, from the public Treasury, schools of this class, which, after a further trial of twelve months, could not muster forty children.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, which inserts a new clause after clause 27,—As a necessary consequence on previous disagreements.
- Disagrees from the Amendments in page 5, clause 28, lines 19 and 23,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 6.
- Disagrees from the Amendment in page 5, clause 28, line 23,—for the reasons given for similar disagreement in clause 27.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 18th December, 1866.*

Speaker.

Mr. Forster taking certain exceptions to this motion, and the Speaker giving his opinion in the matter,—

And a discussion arising on the point of Order,—

Motion made by Mr. Forster, and by leave withdrawn, (after debate)—That this House dissents from the ruling of the Speaker, to the effect that a Vote of this House can be communicated to the Legislative Council by a Message accompanied by an elaborate statement of reasons of a debateable character, of which no previous notice has been given.

Question then put on Mr. Parkes' Motion.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Macpherson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Smart,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Robertson,		Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Macleay,	
Dr. Lang,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Driver.		
Mr. Rodd,			

10. The Unemployed:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed “to inquire into and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes,” be now adopted.

And

And Mr. Parkes asking the opinion of the Speaker, whether the recommendation contained in the last paragraph of the Report of the Select Committee referred to, for the imposition of a duty of 20 per cent. *ad valorem* on certain imported articles therein enumerated, ought or ought not to have originated in a Committee of the Whole House,—

The Speaker gave his opinion in the affirmative,—with reference to the 398th Standing Order of the House of Commons, and the general practice of Parliament as recorded in May and other authorities,—and suggested an amendment of the motion (subject, of course, to the concurrence of the House), having the object of a reference of the Question therein proposed to a Committee of the Whole, on a future day,—which suggestion was accepted by Mr. Macleay.

Whereupon, Question proposed, *as so amended with the concurrence of the House*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Report of the Select Committee appointed “to inquire into, and report upon the distress at present existing among the Working Classes.”

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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2. Navigation of the River Macleay; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
3. Road between Armidale and Grafton; 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 1867 a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.
4. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
5. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. Companies Bill; second reading.
7. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
8. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz. :—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
9. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
10. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

*Question* :—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Can the Honorable the Colonial Secretary inform the House why an official, or *quasi* official, statement of the results of the annual examinations is not published in the daily newspapers, or posted on the door of the University Hall, within a day or two after the announcement made to the Students themselves?

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

**New South Wales.**

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**No. 87.**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

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*WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1866.*

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Pitt-street Tramway—Railway Omnibuses :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) When is it proposed to take up the present Pitt-street Tramway ?
- (2.) Have the Government made any provision for the conveyance of passengers from the Railway Station into Sydney ?
- (3.) Has such arrangement, if any, been the result of tender or otherwise ?
- (4.) If by tender, were such tenders advertized, and in what papers ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) At the commencement of next year.
- (2.) Application has been made to the Municipal Council for four stands for Omnibuses, to ply from Circular Quay to Redfern Station, and a requisition has been received by the Commissioner for Railways, under No. 19 of the Bye-laws, for permission to run four Omnibuses of a superior description, to enter the station from Pitt-street, to meet the various trains; and the stables, at present occupied by the lessee of the tram-cars, have been let for twelve months to the proprietor of the four Omnibuses that have been licensed.

(3.) and (4.) This arrangement was not the result of tender. Permission for Omnibuses to enter the station has never been granted by tender. In further explanation, I will read the following letter, addressed to John Woods, Esq., late Mayor of Sydney :—

“ Department of Public Works,  
“ Railway Branch,  
“ Sydney, 17 July, 1866.

“ Sir,

“ In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, respecting the running of Omnibuses to the Redfern Railway Station, &c., I am directed by the Commissioner to inform you that the Honorable the Minister for Public Works has decided that it is not expedient to give any exclusive right of running to the station, but the same privilege as other Omnibus proprietors have will be granted to you.

“ I have, &c.”

- (2.) Edward J. Quinn (late Constable):—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) Has any claim been made by Edward J. Quinn, for wages due to him for his services as a Police Officer ?
- (2.) What is the amount of such claim, and for what period has the same been made ?
- (3.) Has the claim been paid, or any reason given for its non-payment ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have a report on the case of Edward J. Quinn, and as I have no knowledge personally of the matter, perhaps I had better read the report. Captain M'Lerie says, “ Constable E. J. Quinn was fined 50s. by the Bench of Magistrates at Hay for drunkenness and other misconduct, and his removal or dismissal recommended. He having been previously fined by the Mudgee Bench

“ Bench for similar misconduct, he was dismissed, but paid up to the date (September 30). He remained in the district two months, having been bound over as a witness at the Deniliquin Quarter Sessions (3rd December). In consideration of this detention in a criminal prosecution, and some voluntary efforts he made to trace offenders in the district after his dismissal, I felt justified in paying him an additional month's pay (for October, £8 16s. 5d.); and as he represented that he could not get work in the district, I promised him a passage to Sydney when his case was over. This amount, £4 16s., was also paid, and between £3 and £4 for his expenses as a witness. He has therefore, perhaps, been treated with undue liberality, as what he received amounted very nearly to his full pay, notwithstanding his dismissal.”

2. **Matrimonial Causes Bill** :—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from Roman Catholics of the District of the Haymarket, Sydney, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.  
Petition received.
3. **The Unemployed** :—
  - (1.) Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Parramatta and its Neighbourhood, praying for the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of “The Unemployed.”  
Petition received.
  - (2.) (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th December, from a numerous public meeting of the unemployed in the City of Sydney, held under the presidency of Mr. Alderman Renny, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (3.) (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th December, from a numerous public meeting of the unemployed in the City of Sydney, West, held under the presidency of Mr. Alderman Caraher, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
  - (4.) (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions presented by him on the 18th December, from two thousand nine hundred and thirty male and seven hundred and four female Inhabitants of Sydney, in favour of the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee “on the distress among the working classes,” be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. **Municipalities Bill (No. 2)**, (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th December, in reference to the proposed Municipalities Act, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. **Claude John Gardner** (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th December, from Claude John Gardner, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
6. **Suspension of Standing Orders** :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill to amend the Postage Acts being passed through all its stages in one day.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Isaacs,  
Mr. Parkes,  
Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Byrnes,  
Mr. Dodds,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Roberts,  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Mate,  
Mr. Gordon,  
*Tellers.*  
Mr. Piddington,  
Mr. J. Stewart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Samuel,  
Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Macpherson,  
Mr. Hart,  
Mr. Garrett,  
Mr. White,  
Mr. Farnell,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Hay,  
Mr. Macleay,  
Mr. R. Stewart,  
Mr. Egan,  
Mr. Tighe,  
Mr. Hannell,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Wisdom,  
Mr. Driver,  
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Mr. De Salis,  
Mr. Josephson.

7. **Matrimonial Causes Bill** :—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, were presented by the Members named :—
  - (1.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wellington. By Mr. Samuel.
  - (2.) From Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wagga Wagga. By Mr. Macleay.
8. **Postage Acts Amendment Bill** :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Postage Acts. The Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.  
*Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.

9. Railway Purchase Moneys Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, and Bill itself, discharged, on motion of Mr. Byrnes.
10. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion by leave withdrawn.  
The Order of the Day, then, for the second reading of this Bill, and Bill itself, discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
11. Municipalities Bill (No. 2) :—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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day six months.  
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.  
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rodd, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

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  - (1.) Has the Bishop of Sydney submitted the names of any persons whom he desires may be appointed as Trustees of that portion of the General Cemetery at Haslem's Creek, which it is proposed to set apart for Members of the Church of England?
  - (2.) If the Bishop should either refuse or neglect to nominate Trustees for the said burial-ground, will the Government appoint Trustees, and take such other steps as may be necessary to open this ground, so that the Members of the Church of England may not be compelled to pay the exorbitant fees, and to bury their deceased friends in a ground which may be provided by the Bishop, assisted by the Trustees (shareholders) of the Camperdown Cemetery, as proposed by Mr. Gordon, the Bishop's Chancellor?

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10. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

*Question:—*

1. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What rental the Government will derive from the leasing of the stables at the Railway Terminus?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that a premium would be given for the right of running Busses in Pitt-street to the Station?
  - (3.) Have the Government given Mr. Woods the privilege of running Busses to the door of the Railway Station, from which the tramway now starts, to the exclusion of other Bus proprietors?
  - (4.) Is Mr. Woods to have the monopoly of the Bus stand in Pitt-street?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition relative to "The Unemployed," presented by him on the 19th December, from certain Inhabitants of Parramatta, be printed.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Statement of Results of Examinations at Sydney University :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Can the Honorable the Colonial Secretary inform the House why an official, or *quasi* official, statement of the results of the annual examinations is not published in the daily newspapers, or posted on the door of the University Hall, within a day or two after the announcement made to the Students themselves?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In reference to this question, I have received from the Registrar of the University the following letter :—

“ University of Sydney,  
“ 20th December, 1866.

“ Sir,

“ With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, requesting information as to the cause of the delay in publishing the official statement of the results of the annual examinations at the University, I have the honour to remark, that on the 8th December, after the public declaration of the class lists by the Chancellor, the official report was placed in the hands of the students, so as to allow of copies being made.

“ The publication in the daily papers of these lists was deferred until the arrival of the English mail, when it was expected that news of the appointment of a Professor of Classics and Logic, and of the departure for the Colony of the new Reader in Geology and Mineralogy would be received.

“ Had information on these points been obtained, it was intended that it should be made known through the medium of the press simultaneously with the results of the examinations.”

- (2.) Church of England portion of Cemetery at Haslem's Creek :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2, *as amended*,—

(1.) Has the Bishop of Sydney submitted the names of any persons whom he desires may be appointed as Trustees of that portion of the General Cemetery at Haslem's Creek, which it is proposed to set apart for Members of the Church of England?

(2.) If the Bishop should either refuse or neglect to nominate Trustees for the said burial-ground, will the Government appoint Trustees, and take such other steps as may be necessary to open this ground, so that the Members of the Church of England may not be compelled to pay exorbitant fees, and to bury their deceased friends in a ground which may be provided by the Bishop, assisted by the Trustees (shareholders) of the Camperdown Cemetery?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Bishop of Sydney has been twice applied to through his Secretary, Mr. James, to name Trustees, but these applications have not yet been complied with.

(2.) Should the Bishop refuse to nominate Trustees, steps will nevertheless be taken to have that portion of the Cemetery at Haslem's Creek which has been set apart for members of the Church of England, made available for purposes of burial by such members of that Church as may desire it.

## 2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper :—

(1.) Return to Order, in reference to " Crown Lands neither alienated, leased, nor applied for," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Phelps, on 27 March, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson then laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to " Reserves of Crown Lands in certain Districts," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Forster on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, on 9 January, 1866,—and moved, That the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. White,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Rodd,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Donnelly,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Pemell,

*Tellers.*

Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Terry,

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Further Correspondence respecting Border Customs Duties.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin :—Dr. Lang, 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 to whom this subject was referred on 21st September, 1866, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Messages :—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Electoral Roll Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 20 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

(2.) Public Schools Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 18th December, 1866, in reference to the Public Schools Bill :—

1. Insists upon the Council's Amendment in page 3, clause 9, lines 8 to 10,—Because the non-existence of a Public School which has in attendance thereat not less than seventy children, cannot be considered a sufficient reason for refusing aid to a Denominational School, which has in attendance thereat the number of children required by the Bill.

2. Insists upon the Council's Amendment in page 3, clause 9, lines 11 and 12, which proposes to *omit* the words " situated not more than 5 miles from any Public School"—Because it can scarcely be considered a sufficient ground for refusing aid to a Denominational School that it is situated at a greater distance than five miles from any Public School. On the contrary the non-existence of any such last mentioned school would seem to constitute a proper ground for establishing some other school.

3. Insists upon the Council's Amendments in page 3, clause 9, line 17, namely,—that the required number of children at the Denominational and nearest Public School should be reduced from two hundred to one hundred and twenty—Because it is considered that two hundred is an excessive number, and because by such reduction the minimum will be brought more in accordance with the first portion of the clause, which fixes the numbers at seventy and thirty for these Schools respectively, thus making an aggregate number of one hundred only.

4. Insists upon the Council's Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 17, namely,—that the number of children in attendance at a Denominational School to entitle it to retain a certificate should be reduced from forty to thirty,—Because the latter number will be in strict accordance with that required in clause 9, and will be even in excess of the number required by clause 8 for any newly established Public School.

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5. Insists upon the Council's Amendment in page 5, clause 28, line 23, which proposes to *insert* the word "thirty" in lieu of "forty" for the same reasons that are given with reference to clause 27.

6. Does not insist upon the Council's other Amendments disagreed to by the Assembly.

7. Agrees to the Assembly's Amendment in the new clause inserted by the Council after clause 18, which omits therefrom the words "non-vested or".

8. And agrees to the Assembly's Amendment upon the Council's Amendment in clause 27, line 9, which omits the words "and to the same regulations."

Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 20 December, 1866.

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the said Message of the Legislative Council, in reference to the Public Schools Bill.

The Chairman reported that the Committee insisted on some, and did not insist on others, of its Disagreements to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this Report be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Lloyd.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Egan,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Macpherson.

Whereupon, Mr. Parkes 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 20 December, 1866, in reference to the Public Schools Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreement from the Council's Amendments in page 3, clause 9, lines 8 to 10, and lines 11 and 12, for reasons already given in the Assembly's Message, dated 18th December, 1866,—and hopes that the Council will recede from its said Amendments.

Does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's Amendment in page 3, clause 9, line 17.

Does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's Amendment in page 5, clause 27, line 17.

Does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's Amendment in page 5, clause 28, line 23.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Roman Catholics in the District of the Haymarket, Sydney, presented by him on the 19th December, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Catholic Clergy and Laity of Wagga Wagga, presented by him on the 19th December, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

8. Reverend Robert Stewart:—Mr. Hart presented a Petition from the Reverend Robert Stewart, Presbyterian Chaplain at Darlinghurst Gaol and Cockatoo Island, complaining of the absence of any provision on the Estimates for next year for Presbyterian Worship at Cockatoo Island, whereby he alleges he will lose half his income; and praying consideration of his case.

Petition received.

9. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Oatley presented a Petition from Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Concord and Petersham, against the passing of the Matrimonial Causes Bill.

Petition received.

10. Postage Acts Amendment Bill :—  
 (1.) The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the Postage Acts.  
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and (after Debate) agreed to.  
 (2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Postage Acts*,”—read a first time.  
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. Minor Roads Laws Amendment Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, and Bill itself, discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
12. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
13. Postponements :—The Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day, Nos. 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10, postponed by *Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, until Tuesday next.
14. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Hart not making the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion, No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
16. Sydney Common Improvement Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Driver, read a second time.  
 Whereupon, Mr. Driver moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of this Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
17. Navigation of the River Macleay :—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—  
*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purpose of opening or improving the Navigation of the River Macleay.  
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time.  
 Whereupon Mr. Forster moved, That this Resolution be now agreed to.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put.  
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Forster,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Mate,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Byrnes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lucas.

18. Road between Armidale and Grafton :—On motion of Mr. Cooper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration 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 1867, a sum not exceeding £10,000 towards defraying the expense of survey and formation of a first-class road between Armidale and Grafton.  
 The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.  
 Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.  
 The Chairman again 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. Byrnes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cowper, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hart, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Lang, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-three minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

*Questions :—*

1. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What rental the Government will derive from the leasing of the stables at the Railway Terminus?
  - (2.) Are the Government aware that a premium would be given for the right of running Busses in Pitt-street to the Station?
  - (3.) Have the Government given Mr. Woods the privilege of running Busses to the door of the Railway Station, from which the tramway now starts, to the exclusion of other Bus proprietors?
  - (4.) Is Mr. Woods to have the monopoly of the Bus stand in Pitt-street?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
  - (1.) What steps, immediate or otherwise, do the Government intend taking in order to remedy or modify the inconveniences arising from the imperfect accommodation understood to be provided for lunatics in the public Lunatic Asylums?
  - (2.) In particular will any steps be taken to facilitate or provide for the removal of lunatics, of competent means, from the public to private Asylums?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
  - (1.) Has a Circular been sent from the Law Department to the Magistracy, instructing or requesting them to commit prisoners charged with offences not capital to any Court other than the next Sitting Court having competent jurisdiction?
  - (2.) If not, is it in contemplation to send any such Circular?
4. MR. LEE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
  - (1.) What are the reasons that have induced the Government to reduce the charge, per Rail, on Wool, from Maitland to Newcastle from 6d. per bale to 3d., thus practically carrying this commodity 17½ miles for nothing?
  - (2.) How many bales are conveyed on each truck. And what is the cost of running such truck?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Bill; third reading.
4. Licensed Hawkers Bill; second reading.
5. Mrs. Halcrow; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of agreeing to the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. Companies Bill; second reading.
7. Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
8. James Gibson; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution with reference to the Petition of James Gibson, presented to the House on the 11th September last, viz.:—
  - (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
9. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes; 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.
10. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FARNELL to move, That the Petition relative to "The Unemployed," presented by him on the 19th December, from certain Inhabitants of Parramatta, be printed.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by Mr. Samuel on the 19th December, from Roman Catholic Residents of Wellington, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.
3. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with the promise contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech at the commencement of this Session, the public interest urgently requires re-consideration and amendment of the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands, particularly with a view to the following objects, namely:—
    - (1.) The limitation or better definition of the large powers conferred, or understood to be conferred, upon the Executive Government, in regard to the proclamation or withdrawal from sale, conditional or otherwise, or from temporary occupation, of Public Lands by way of reserve, whether for purposes of water supply, or any other purpose, and in regard to the alienation of such lands without public competition.
    - (2.) The better security or definition of the tenure, and other rights, of pastoral tenants of the Crown upon Public Lands.
    - (3.) The better security or definition of the grazing, and other rights of conditional purchasers, and of freeholders, over adjacent Public Lands.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th December, from the Rev. Robert Stewart, be printed.
5. MR. OATLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th December, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Concord and Petersham, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House at its rising do adjourn until Saturday at Three o'clock.

## ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr. Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an abler and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

THURSDAY,



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LLOYD to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table by the Minister for Lands on the 14th December, in reference to Mr. Surveyor Flide, be printed.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1866.

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

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway Omnibuses:—*Mr. Mate*, on behalf of Mr. Roberts, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What rental the Government will derive from the leasing of the stables at the Railway Terminus?  
 (2.) Are the Government aware that a premium would be given for the right of running Busses in Pitt-street to the Station?  
 (3.) Have the Government given Mr. Woods the privilege of running Busses to the door of the Railway Station, from which the tramway now starts, to the exclusion of other Bus proprietors?  
 (4.) Is Mr. Woods to have the monopoly of the Bus stand in Pitt-street?

*Mr. Byrnes* answered,—

- (1.) In consideration of Mr. Woods engaging to supply a superior class of Omnibuses, and to carry passengers to and from the station to meet the trains, at the same rate as now paid by Tram Car, the Government have leased the stables to him at £30 per annum.  
 (2.) The Government are not aware that a premium would be given for the right of Omnibuses entering the Railway premises. No premium has ever been asked for such a privilege.  
 (3.) The Government have given Mr. Woods no exclusive privileges whatever.  
 (4.) The Government have nothing to do with the Omnibus stands in Pitt-street, which are under the control of the Sydney Municipal Council.

In further explanation, I read the following Letter:—

“ Department of Public Works,

“ Railway Branch,

“ Sydney, 30 July, 1866.

“ Sir,

“ In reply to your letter of 4th instant, stating that you are prepared to continue tenant of the Government for the stables now occupied by you in connection with the Tramway, so as to enable you to meet the wishes of railway travellers, by running Omnibuses along Pitt-street to meet the railway trains, at the same fare as now charged by Tram Car, viz., 3d. each way, I am directed by the Commissioner to inform you that in the event of the Tram rails being taken up and the Tram Cars stopped, you may have the stables in question from the date the Tram Cars shall cease to run, for the period of one year certain, at the rent of thirty pounds per annum, and thereafter at the same rent, subject to a notice from either party to terminate the tenancy at the expiration of three months from the service of such notice.

“ I am to add, however, that before possession can be given, it will be necessary for you to sign the usual agreement.

“ I have, &c.

“ John Woods, Esq., Sydney.”

- (2.) Lunatics in Lunatic Asylums:—*Mr. Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

- (1.) What steps, immediate or otherwise, do the Government intend taking in order to remedy or modify the inconveniences arising from the imperfect accommodation understood to be provided for lunatics in the public Lunatic Asylums?  
 (2.) In particular will any steps be taken to facilitate or provide for the removal of lunatics, of competent means, from the public to private Asylums?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—Alterations are about to be made at the Lunatic Asylums at Tarban and Parramatta, which will afford additional accommodation, and have the effect, it is hoped, of ameliorating the condition of the inmates of those asylums. It is also intended to take steps for the better regulation of the admission of patients. But an entire change is necessary, both in Legislation and Administration, to place these institutions on a proper footing.

(3.) Committal of Prisoners on Charges not Capital:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has a Circular been sent from the Law Department to the Magistracy, instructing or requesting them to commit prisoners charged with offences not capital to any Court other than the next Sitting Court having competent jurisdiction?

(2.) If not, is it in contemplation to send any such Circular?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) No such Circular has been sent.

(2.) I have now under consideration the propriety of sending a Circular to the different Benches throughout the Colony, suggesting certain general rules for the guidance of Justices of the Peace, in determining whether committals should be to the Courts of Quarter Sessions, to the Supreme Court, or to the Circuit Courts. It has not hitherto been, nor in my opinion ought it to be, the practice to send all cases, other than capital cases, for trial to the next sitting court of competent jurisdiction. It often happens that committals take place for offences within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Quarter Sessions, which it would be improper to try in those Courts.

(4.) Railway Charges on Wool, from Maitland to Newcastle:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) What are the reasons that have induced the Government to reduce the charge, per Rail, on Wool, from Maitland to Newcastle from 6d. per bale to 3d., thus practically carrying this commodity 17½ miles for nothing?

(2.) How many bales are conveyed on each truck. And what is the cost of running such truck?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member must be labouring under a misapprehension. Though a general reduction has been made on all the through traffic on all the Lines in the rates for Wool in bales not exceeding 3 cwt. each, the rates from Maitland to Newcastle are still 1s. 6d. per bale.

(2.) The number of bales carried on each truck varies considerably from 10 to 22, and we have no means of ascertaining the cost of running each truck.

2. Shoalhaven Municipality:—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 inquiry and report this subject was referred on 27 November, 1866, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Amounts contributed by certain Northern Districts and expended in those Districts," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Cooper, on 10 November, 1865.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Sydney Common Improvement 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 enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common."

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 enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the improvement of the Sydney Common,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st December, 1866.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. The Unemployed ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition relative to "The Unemployed," presented by him on the 19th December, from certain Inhabitants of Parramatta, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Matrimonial Causes Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by Mr. Samuel on the 19th December, from Roman Catholic Residents of Wellington, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Reverend Robert Stewart (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Dr. Lang*, on behalf of Mr. Hart, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 20th December, from the Rev. Robert Stewart, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
8. Matrimonial Causes Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Pemell*, on behalf of Mr. Oatley, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by Mr. Oatley on the 20th December, from certain Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Concord and Petersham, against the Matrimonial Causes Bill, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
9. Adjournment for Prorogation:—*Mr. Martin*, (after the *"Formal" Motions and Order of the Day* had been disposed of) offering to make the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, and at the bottom of the list of Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion of *"Other Business," viz.*,—*"That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Saturday at Three o'clock,"*—*Mr. Macpherson* objected to this Motion being taken out of its turn, and asked the Speaker's ruling in the matter.  
The Speaker said that he was not aware of any rule of this House, nor of any precedent on its records, specially applicable to the case. But as, by our first Standing Order we were bound, in the absence of special provision of our own, by the rules, forms, and usages, of the Imperial Parliament, he was of opinion that the Motion was in order,—having found, on reference to *May (4th Edition)*, page 215, and *Burke's Precedents*, pages 15 and 16, that it was usual, in the House of Commons, to allow Motions for special adjournments of the House to be taken early in the day, without reference to their position on the Business Paper.  
*Mr. Martin* then moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Saturday at *"Three" o'clock*.  
Debate ensued.  
*Mr. Parkes* moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word *"Three,"* with a view to inserting in its place the word *"Eleven."*  
Debate continued.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.  
Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.  
Whereupon, Question,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Saturday at *Eleven o'clock*,—put and passed.
10. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill:—*Mr. S. Brown* moved, That this Bill be *"now"* read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
*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.  
Motion made by *Mr. Hart*, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,  
Mr. Lucas,  
Mr. Donnelly,  
Mr. Josephson,  
Mr. Forster,  
Mr. Campbell,  
Mr. Lee,  
Mr. Morrice,  
Mr. Roberts,  
Mr. R. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Hart,  
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Martin,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Parkes,	Tellers.
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. S. Brown:
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Tighe,	

Main Question stated.

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Martin,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Oatley,	Tellers.
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hart,
Tellers.
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. De Salis.

Original

Original Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Donnelly,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Roberts,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hart,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lee.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Whereupon, Mr. S. Brown moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

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

"(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Hay, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Forster, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Lee, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, and Mr. Robertson."

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Forster, and Question put (after Debate), That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Smart,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Donnelly.
Mr. Oatley,	

Main Question stated.

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Phelps,	
Dr. Lang,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Donnelly,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Lucas.

Original Question stated.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Hart, and Question put (after Debate), That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Fiddington.

Original Question then, by leave, withdrawn.

11. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

## (1.) Public Schools Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 20th December, 1866, insisting upon its disagreement to the Amendments made by the Council in page 3, clause 9, lines 8 to 10, and lines 11 and 12, of the Public Schools Bill, and receding from its disagreement to other of the Council's Amendments in the said Bill,—does not longer insist upon its said Amendments so disagreed to.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21 December, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## (2.) Sydney Common Improvement Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the Improvement of the Sydney Common*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21 December, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

## (3.) Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church Sydney*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21 December, 1866.*

T. A. MURRAY,  
President.

12. Mr. Thomas Woore :—The Order of the Day—for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1867, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thos. Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn—discharged, on motion of Mr. Lucas.
13. Licensed Hawkers Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Tighe.
14. Mrs. Halcrow :—On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Executive.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, *made with the concurrence of the House*, that the said Resolutions be *now* received.
- The Chairman then reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time as follows :—
- Resolved*,—
- (1.) That this House, having considered the Correspondence and Documents relative to the claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Halcrow, for compensation for injury inflicted to land at Shoalhaven, purchased by her late husband, Hugh Halcrow, from the Crown, is of opinion that her claim should receive the favourable consideration of the Government.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
- Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a second time, and agreed to.
15. Companies Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no motion made with reference thereto, it dropped.
16. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. R. Stewart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion by leave withdrawn.
17. Matrimonial Causes Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
18. James Gibson :—On motion of Mr. Morrice, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.
- The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, *made with the concurrence of the House*, That the said Resolution be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—

(1.) That, having taken the Petition of James Gibson into consideration, this House is of opinion that the prayer thereof should be complied with, and recommends it to the favourable and early attention of the Executive.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, communicating the above Resolution.

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

19. Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes:—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, *made 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 1866, for the Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of £2,063, towards equalizing the sum received by that very eminent Judge by way of pension, with the sum which, according to the present rate of judicial pensions, he would have been entitled to receive, and in recognition of his valuable services to this country.

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

20. Adjournment:—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn,—and in so doing intimated that His Excellency the Governor would proceed to the Legislative Council at Twelve o'clock (noon) To-morrow, for the purpose of proroguing Parliament.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Nine o'clock, until *To-morrow*, at *Eleven* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

MEMO:—*The House meets at Eleven o'clock A.M., with a view to Prorogation at Noon.*

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

*Question*:—

1. MR. COWPER to ask THE MINISTER ACTING FOR THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Government have any objection to lay upon the Table, this Session, the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Customs Department?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
  - (1.) That this House is of opinion that, in accordance with the promise contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech at the commencement of this Session, the public interest urgently requires re-consideration and amendment of the Laws relating to the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands, particularly with a view to the following objects, namely:—
    - (1.) The limitation or better definition of the large powers conferred, or understood to be conferred, upon the Executive Government, in regard to the proclamation or withdrawal from sale, conditional or otherwise, or from temporary occupation, of Public Lands by way of reserve, whether for purposes of water supply, or any other purpose, and in regard to the alienation of such lands without public competition.
    - (2.) The better security or definition of the tenure, and other rights, of pastoral tenants of the Crown upon Public Lands.
    - (3.) The better security or definition of the grazing, and other rights of conditional purchasers, and of freeholders, over adjacent Public Lands.
  - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
3. Companies Bill; second reading.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DANGAR 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 please to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, a sum not exceeding £20,000, to defray the cost of extending the Electric Telegraph from Tamworth to Bourke, on the Darling.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That in the opinion of this House the granting of Pensions, since the advent of Responsible Government, to Edward Deas Thomson, F. L. S. Merewether, J. H. Plunkett, and W. M. Manning, is a wrong so flagrant and iniquitous, that prompt measures should be adopted to extinguish it. That Mr Thomson receives a pension of £2,000 a-year, and has, in this way, already drawn £22,000 of the people's money. That Mr. Merewether receives in the same way, £900 a-year, and has already drawn £9,900 of the people's money. That Mr. Plunkett receives £1,200 a-year, and has already drawn £12,200 of the people's money. That Mr. Manning receives £800 a-year, and has already drawn £8,800 of the people's money. That the total amount thus drawn amounts to £52,900.
3. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of Mr. G. K. Holden in continuing to write letters to the public journals, in defiance of the condemnation of such conduct both by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney General, is incompatible with his continuing to hold an office under the Government.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, and in order to ensure an able and better representation of the people, and a more numerous and regular attendance of the Members of this House, the principle of the Payment of Members should be extended to every Representative of the people in this Country.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all Moneys received as rent for the Church and School Lands, and other proceeds thereof, ought to form part of the Consolidated Revenue of this Country.
6. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Criminals who have been convicted in New South Wales during the last ten years, both in the inferior and Supreme Criminal Courts, and stating what Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

## OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LLOYD to move, That the Papers laid upon the Table by the Minister for Lands on the 14th December, in reference to Mr. Surveyor Flide, be printed.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

## OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standard Weight of Grain Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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New South Wales.

No. 90.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1866.

1. The House met pursuant to *special* adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—  
(1.) Commission of Inquiry into Customs Department:—Mr. Cowper asked the Minister acting for the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the Government have any objections to lay upon the Table this Session the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Customs Department?  
*Mr. Martin* answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to lay this Report upon the Table of the House during the present Session. I am not in a position to state so fully as I might desire, in consequence of the absence of my honorable friend the Colonial Treasurer, what are the reasons why this course is adopted; but I may go so far as to say that this Report has not yet been fully examined by the Government, and it may turn out that the Commissioners, in conducting the inquiry, have gone into questions that were not properly submitted to them, and it may become the duty of the Government to distinguish between those matters into which they properly inquired, and those that were imported into the case irregularly by themselves. It is because the Government have not had the opportunity of fully considering how far the Commissioners have exceeded their jurisdiction, and how far the Government would be justified in placing the whole of the Report upon the Table, that we are not in a position to do what, under other circumstances, it would be desirable to do, namely, to lay the Report on the Table during the present Session.
2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Road from Shoalhaven to Marulan," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 27 November, 1866.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Pickering presented a Petition from Roman Catholics of Tamworth, against the passing of this Bill.  
Petition received.
4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. R. Stewart moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
5. The Unemployed:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from William Halléy, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Working Men and others of the City of Sydney, praying for the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of "The Unemployed."  
Petition received.
6. Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
7. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Forster not making the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
8. Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
9. Claims against Government Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
10. Companies Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Farnell.

11. Notices of Motion for *Special Adjournments*:—The Speaker, with reference to the opinion expressed by him on this subject yesterday (*See Entry 9 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 89*), said that further consideration had strengthened that opinion, and that, unless dissent were expressed by the House, he would in future cause all Notices of Motion for *Special Adjournments* to be placed at the Head of the Business Paper of the Day for which such Notices should be given,—to which proposed arrangement there was no voice dissentient.
12. *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 immediately attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber,"—the House attended accordingly.
13. Assent to Bills, viz.:—Public Institutions Inspection, Lawson's Trust, Electoral Roll, Sydney Common Improvement, Municipal Council of Sydney Powers Extension, Exchange of Land Scots Church Sydney Legalizing, City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company's Incorporation, Public Schools. Whereupon His Excellency was pleased to subscribe, and declare his assent, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to the undermentioned Bills:—
- (1.) "An Act to make provision for the Inspection of Hospitals and other Institutions aided from the Public Revenue."
  - (2.) "An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Lawson late of Prospect in the County of Cumberland in the Territory of New South Wales Esquire deceased to grant Mining Leases of Land in the Colony of New South Wales."
  - (3.) "An Act to authorize the employment of the Police in collecting the Electoral Roll."
  - (4.) "An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sydney to borrow money for the Improvement of the Sydney Common."
  - (5.) "An Act to extend the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney."
  - (6.) "An Act to legalize the exchange of a portion of the allotment of the Scots Church Sydney."
  - (7.) "An Act to Incorporate the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company (Limited)."
  - (8.) "An Act to make better provision for Public Education."

14. Presentation of and Assent to Money Bills, viz.:—Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2), Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2).

The Honorable the Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Her Majesty's loyal and faithful people in this Colony have, by their Representatives, voted the Supplies for the ensuing year; and also Sums for certain Public Works. The Bills for giving legal effect to these Votes, intituled respectively, "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 1867 and for the year 1866 and previous years," and "An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,"—I have now the honor to present to your Excellency for the Royal Assent.

The Speaker then presented to the Governor the said Money Bills, to which His Excellency was pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent on behalf of Her Majesty, in the following order, viz.:—

- (1.) Public Works Loan Bill of 1866 (No. 2),
- (2.) Appropriation Bill of 1866 (No. 2).

15. Prorogation Speech:—After which His Excellency was pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

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

1. It affords me much gratification to be able to close the Session and release you from your attendance in Parliament before the termination of the year. Much inconvenience was caused by the prolongation of several former Sessions beyond the year in which they were commenced, and the change which has in that respect taken place must be a matter of general congratulation.

2. Among the many important measures which you have passed, not the least valuable are those for the establishment of Industrial and Reformatory Schools. From those Institutions it may reasonably be hoped that an amount of benefit will be derived, such as will fully justify the expenditure necessary to maintain them. In other Countries, Schools of the like character have been long in operation, and the good which has resulted from them may fairly lead to the expectation that in this Colony they will aid in the prevention of crime, the preservation of order, and the extension of morality.

3. The various other Acts which you have passed, for the improvement of the moral and physical condition of the community, will, I hope, realize your expectations, and prove, in their operation, to be valuable social reforms.

4. The Act for the establishment of Public Schools, which has occupied so much of your time, will make a great and beneficial change in the system of primary instruction. I congratulate you on the satisfactory settlement of a question which has been so long agitated, and about which there has been so much controversy. It will be the duty of the Government to endeavour to bring that Act into operation in such a manner as to satisfy the expectations of the public.

GENTLEMEN

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

5. I thank you for the supplies which you have placed at the disposal of the Government whose duty it will be to expend them with a due regard to economy. The passing of the Appropriation Act for the ensuing year before the commencement of that year, renders it unnecessary again to have recourse to those irregular expedients which the duration of past Sessions of Parliament rendered unavoidable.

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

6. During the last few months the Colony has successfully passed through a crisis which, for a short time, excited serious apprehension. The delay which occurred in the disposal of our Debentures in the London market threatened very serious embarrassment, and a stoppage of the Public Works was, for a short time, imminent. That calamity was averted by a timely and fortunate arrangement with local monetary institutions, which enabled the Government to carry on its ordinary expenditure until the crisis in London had passed away. The advantageous sale of Debentures to the value of nearly a million sterling has released the Government from the pressure under which it laboured, and there is every reason to hope that the disposal at satisfactory rates of the Debentures still unsold will enable the Government to complete, in a short time, the various Railway and other works for which the issue of those Debentures was authorized by Parliament.

7. During the recess negotiations will be entered into with the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, for the settlement of the question of the Border Duties; and it is hoped that, on the re-assembling of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to submit for its approval, a measure by which that question may be disposed of. It will be the duty of the Government to lose no time in bringing into operation the laws which you have passed, and in carrying out the various important works for which you have appropriated the necessary Supplies. In returning to your homes on this occasion you will be able to carry with you the assurance that you have passed many useful laws, and that there is every reason to hope that, under Divine Providence, the course of prosperity which has again set in will continue.

8. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 5th of February next.

W. M. ARNOLD,  
*Speaker.*