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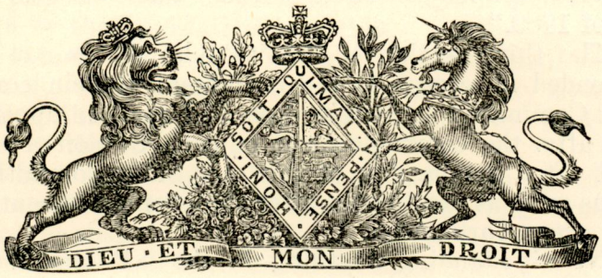

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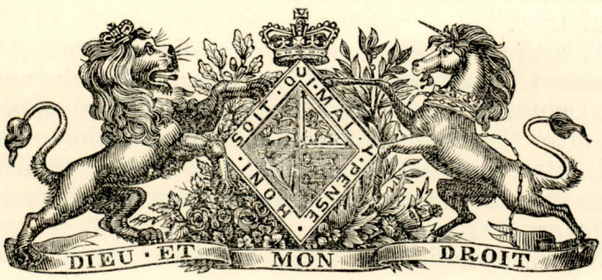

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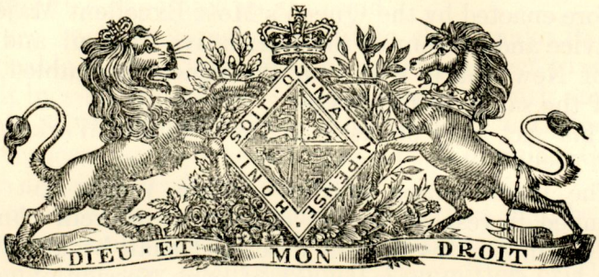

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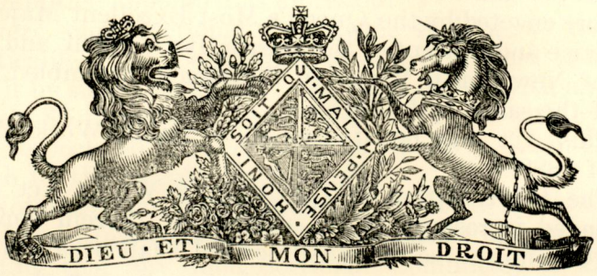

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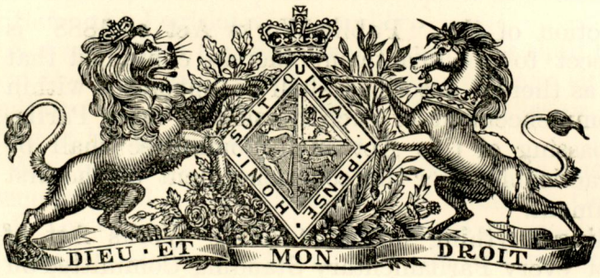

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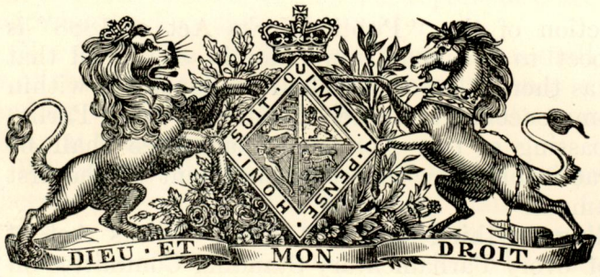

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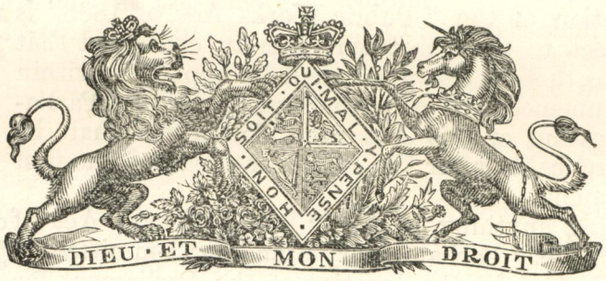

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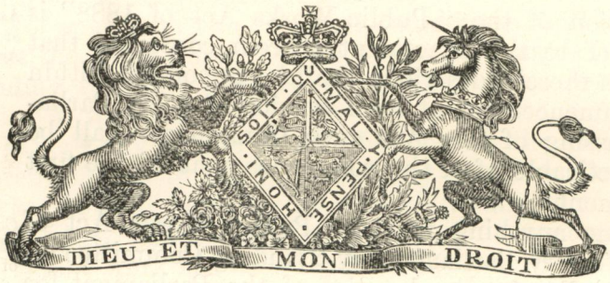

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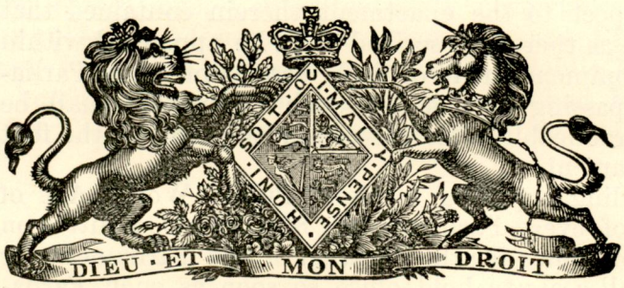

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Sectional Committees may be appointed.

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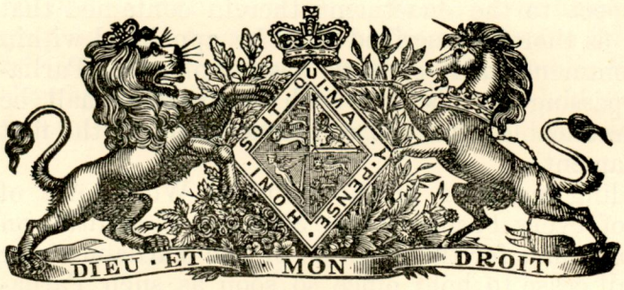
This PUBLIC BILL *originated in the* LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, *and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the* LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL *for its concurrence.*

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15 *May,* 1889.

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



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No. .

An Act to alter the constitution of and mode of appointing the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, to empower such Committee to appoint Sectional Committees, and for other purposes hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, by the "Public Works Act of 1888," it is enacted that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works shall be appointed on some day not later than the seventh day after the commencement of each Session of every Parliament, and shall, subject to certain conditions, hold office for the Session for which they were appointed, and during the interval between the prorogation of Parliament and the next ensuing Session thereof; and it is by the said Act further enacted that any seven Members of the Committee, of whom the Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be one, shall form a quorum competent to exercise all powers and authorities, and to incur all obligations conferred or imposed by the said Act upon such Committee. And whereas it is by the said Act provided that the said Committee may sit at such times and places as may seem most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business, and that such Committee shall sit in open Court. And whereas it is considered that the period within which the said Committee is required to be appointed

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appointed should be extended; that the said Committee should hold office during the continuance of Parliament; that it would conduce to the better despatch of business if the quorum of the said Committee were altered, and if in the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman the Members of the Committee were empowered to appoint a temporary Chairman; and if the Members thereof were empowered to appoint Sectional Committees. And whereas for the said and other purposes it is desirable that the said Act should be amended as hereinafter provided;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Public Works Act Amendment Act of 1889."

Amendment of sec. 3 of "Public Works Act of 1888."

2. The third section of the "Public Works Act of 1888" is hereby amended in respect to the enactment therein contained that every joint Committee as therein described shall be appointed within seven days after the commencement of each Session of every Parliament; and after the passing of this Act such Committee shall be appointed as soon as practicable after the commencement of the first Session of every Parliament.

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