THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Papers:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

1. The Return to the Address in reference to the Proposed Moorings for the Port of Newcastle, adopted, on motion of Mr. Flood, on the 17th ultimo.

2. The Return to the Address in reference to the Management of the Public Roads, adopted, on the motion of Mr. Bligh, on the 20th June last.

3. Observations of the Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek, proposed to be appended to the Report of the late Commission on that Institution. Ordered to be printed.

4. Letter from the Government Resident at Brisbane, dated 13th July, 1855, suggesting the Prohibition of the use of Wood in the Construction of Chimneys. Referred to the Select Committee on the Public Health Bill.

2. Sydney Building Bill:—Mr. Nichols presented a Petition from certain Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths of Sydney, representing that the 84th Section of this Bill would materially injure their business, and praying relief. Petition received.

3. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Sydney, praying the refusal of any increase to Burdens for Ecclesiastical purposes. Petition received.

4. Steam Navigation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from certain Proprietors of Steam Vessels, praying that this Bill may be referred to a Select Committee. Petition received.

5. Religious Endowment:—Mr. George Bowman presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Kiama and the surrounding Districts, praying the refusal of any increase to Burdens for Ecclesiastical purposes. Petition received.

6. Postponements:—

1. The consideration of the Governor General's Message, No. 22, on the subject of Immigration, postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Wednesday next.

2. The second reading of the Sydney Building Bill postponed, on motion of the Attorney General, on behalf of the Solicitor General, until the remaining Orders of the Day shall have been disposed of.


Ayes, 37.
Mr. J. Macarthur, Mr. Morris,
Mr. Oakes, Mr. Flood,
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wisshire,
Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, } Tellers.

Noes, 8.
Mr. J. Macarthur,
Mr. Morris,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wisshire,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.

Whereupon
NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. Dr. Douglas to move—(on the second reading of the Medical Practitioners Registration Bill).
   (1) That the Medical Practitioners Registration Bill be referred for consideration and report of a Select Committee.
   (2) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Attorney General, Mr. Murray, Mr. Halroyd, Mr. Martin, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Allen.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. Flood to move,—
   (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of the Colonial Architect's Department.
   (2) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Bligh, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, Mr. Murray, Mr. Park, Mr. G. Macleay, and Captain Ward.

2. Mr. Donalson to move, That the Standing Orders be suspended, with a view to the presentation of a Petition praying leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Burwood Tramroad Act.

3. Mr. Campbell to move, That the Petition of certain inhabitants of Sydney, presented by him on the 2nd Instant, in reference to Ecclesiastical Endowments, be printed.

4. Mr. George Bowman to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Kiama and the surrounding Districts, presented by him on the 2nd Instant, in reference to Ecclesiastical Endowments, be printed.

5. Mr. Parkes to move,—
   (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the establishment and working of the office of Government Resident at Port Curtis, with power to send for persons and papers.
   (2) That such Committee consist of the undermentioned members, namely,—Mr. Riddell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Flood, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Manning, Mr. Allen, Mr. Cooper, and Captain Mayne.

6. Mr. Parkes to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents relating to the Charter of the Schooner “Tom Tong,” in the year 1854, for the service of the Government Establishment at Port Curtis, including a statement of all moneys paid to the owners of that vessel on account of such service.

7. Mr. Martin to move for leave to bring in a Bill, to alter certain sums mentioned in Schedule A, of the Act of Parliament 18 and 14 Vic., cap. 50, and the appropriation thereof.

8. Mr. Darvall to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1855, a sum of money to provide a Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chief Constable, at Campbell Town, for the Police Districts of Campbell Town, Liverpool, and Appin.
9. Mr. Parkes to move,—
   (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the allegations contained in the Petition of Robert Lakin, which was ordered by this House to be printed on the 20th of July.
   (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donaldson, The Attorney General, Mr. Bligh, Mr. Cooper, and Captain W. H. Scobie.

10. Mr. Parkes to move, That the Petitions of Mr. Maxwell Thomson, presented by him on the 1st instant, be referred to the Select Committee on Education.

11. Mr. Murray to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Depositions before the Magistrates at Braidwood which led to the committal of Mr. Gray.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Medical Practitioners Registration Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gauge of Railways Act repeal Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. Mr. Flood to move.—(on the Order of the Day for the Committal of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Bill being read)—
   (1) That in the opinion of this House, it would materially conduce to the public advantage if the Port of Newcastle, and also the River Hunter, were so improved that ships of large burthen could enter the Port with safety at all times, and proceed up the River to Morpeth.
   (2) That this be referred to the carrying out this object, His Excellency the Governor General be empowered to borrow, upon the security of the General Revenue, any sum or sums of money not exceeding, in the whole, £40,000, at such rate of interest as His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, may agree upon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Steam Navigation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Country Towns Streets Alignment Bill; second reading.
4. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 41, with Abattoir Road Bill.
5. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; second reading.
6. Murray River Customs Bill; second reading.
8. Further consideration of Governor General's Message No. 23, respecting the contemplated Exchange of the "Torah" steamer.
9. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 45, with Further Remedies to Creditors Bill.
10. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 22, on the subject of Immigration.
11. Supplementary Estimate and Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1855-6; to be further considered in Committee, with Messages Nos. 3, 17 and 25.
12. Gaspeworlc Entryation Blll; second reading
13. Fire Brigade Bill; second reading.
14. Sydney Building Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. Murray to move,—
   (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Administration of Justice in the Country Districts.
   (2) That such Committee consist of The Attorney General, Mr. Nichols, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. G. Macleay, The Solicitor General, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, and Mr. Flood.

2. Mr. G. Macleay to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
   (1) Copies of all correspondence between the Government of this Colony and the Victoria Government, relative to the payment of Customs Duties by the residents on either side of the boundaries of the respective Colonies.
   (2) Copies of all correspondence which may have passed between the Executive and the Collector of Customs, and between that Officer and the Sub-Collector, respecting the establishment of the Custom House at Albury.

WEDNESDAY,
Wednesday, August 15.

Government Business—order of the day:—

1. Marriage Bill; second reading.

Other Business—order of the day:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of the Revd. Dr. Lang.—"That a " Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of Immigration; and that such Committee be instructed to ascertain—
" (1.) Whether the present laws and regulations on the subject of Immigration operate " as an incentive and encouragement, or as a preventative and obstruction to Emigration. " (2.) What classes of Immigrants are principally required for the industrial operations " of this Colony, both in town and country; and what prospect there is of an adequate " supply of such Immigrants under existing circumstances in the Mother Country. " (3.) Whether anything, and, if anything, what can be done by the Government and " the public to ensure the immediate distribution and employment, and the speedy " settlement of Immigrants on their arrival in the Colony. " (4.) Whether a great and immediate effort is not expedient and necessary, on the " part of this community, to ensure the predominance of a population of British origin " in this Territory, in view of the threatened influx of large numbers of persons of " inferior races, as well as of demoralized character and habits from the East. " (5.) Whether such an effort is not the more expedient and necessary in order to " ensure the pre-eminence, both political and social, for which this Colony is evidently " destined from its geographical situation as the central province of the future Australian " system. " (6.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Merewether, " Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cowper, Mr. George Bowman, Mr. Nichols, Mr. " Martin, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Bligh."

Upon which the Colonial Secretary had moved The Previous Question.

Charles Nicholson,

Speaker.