

Sessional Papers

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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1876.				
Dec. 14 ...	Thomas Andrew Johnston	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Alleging that in the month of April, 1875, he conditionally purchased for his children certain lands in the County of Buckland; that his children entered upon the lands and endeavoured to maintain possession of them against the lessee; that the lessee commenced legal proceedings against him, by which he was put to great expense; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.
„ 14 ...	Alexander Stuart	One	Mr. Farnell	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees of the marriage settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere, in the Colony of New South Wales.
„ 15 ...	William Tom and others	Three.....	Mr. Nelson	{ Alleging that they are the discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such, and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 15 December, 1876.

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1876. Dec. 19 ...	Thomas Dalton and John Creagh, Chairman and Secretary of the Orange Gas-light Company.....	Two	Mr. Nelson	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the town and suburbs of Orange.
" " ...	Gerard Krefft	One	{ Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies	{ Relative to a sum of money voted by Parliament to meet a claim made by him, which money, he alleges, he has been unable to obtain from the Government; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, and to make such order thereon as may be deemed just and necessary.
" " ...	Charles Macphillamy, Henry Butterworth, and others ... }	Four	Mr. W. H. Suttor...	{ Praying for leave (<i>under Standing Order 64b</i>) to proceed with the Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill in this Session of Parliament.
" 22 ...	Sons of Temperance of Young...	Forty-two	Mr. Davies	{ In favour of closing Public-houses on Sundays.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 22 December, 1876.

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1877.				
Jan. 10	Right Reverend Frederick Barker, Bishop of Sydney, and others	Two	Mr. Stuart	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively, which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle, and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale.
„ 11	Henry James Collarey	One	Mr. Gray	Alleging that he has suffered great injustice by the cancellation of his contract for erecting the line of Telegraph from West Kempsey to Grafton, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
„ 12	James Robertson Firth	One	Mr. Farnell	Praying to be allowed to be present at the meetings of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the management of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
„ 12	Residents and Landholders of Manly	One hundred and eleven	Mr. Farnell	Relative to the leasing of the Pier at Manly, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 12 January, 1877.

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1877. Jan. 16 ...	Mayor and Council of the } Borough of Orange	One	Mr. Nelson	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards by the Borough Council of Orange, within the said Borough.
,, 19 ...	George Hardie, Josiah Mul- } lens, and others	Five	Mr. Driver	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business at Sydney under the name or style of "The Macquarie Coal Company," to construct a Railway from land at Lake Macquarie, belonging to them, to Catherine Hill Bay, for the purpose of shipping coal therefrom.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 19 January, 1877.

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1877. Jan. 23	Andrew Ross, M.D.....	One	Mr. Buchanan	{ Submitting that the time has arrived when the town and district of Molong should be constituted a separate Electorate; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 25 January, 1877.

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1877.				
Jan. 30 ...	F. W. Chapman, Chairman } of a Public Meeting held in } the Clarence River District }	One	Mr. Dibbs	{ Praying that certain amendments } may be made in the Electoral Bill } now before Parliament.
" " ...	Oliver Maxwell	One	Mr. Buchanan	{ Praying that the proposed alter- } ation in the tariff, now under } consideration, on manufacturing } Tobacco, may not be agreed to.
" 31 ...	Mayor of Sydney	One	Mr. Macintosh	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill } to further amend the Sydney } Common Improvement Act.
Feb. 2 ...	Members of the Early Closing } Association of Newcastle ... }	Three hundred and } fifty	Mr. Cameron	{ In favor of the passing of the } Employment of Females Bill.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2 February, 1877.

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1877. Feb. 6	Elizabeth Throsby and others...	Four	Mr. Pilcher	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Throsby's Leasing Act.
"	Residents of Lismore and its neighbourhood	Two hundred and thirty-three	Mr. Gray	{ Praying that the boundaries of the Electorate of the "The Richmond" may be allowed to remain as proposed in the Schedule of the Electoral Bill.
"	Robert Burney, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Parkes	One	Mr. Lord	{ Praying that the Electoral District of Forbes may be so divided as to make Parkes a separate Electoral District.
"	Municipal Council of Numba...	One	Mr. Warden.....	{ Praying this House to make such provision as will prevent the Statute 6 William IV, cap. 2, from having force within Municipalities.
"	Hugh Baillie, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors and residents of the Clarence River District.....	One	Mr. Dibbs.....	{ Praying that certain Amendments may be made in the Electoral Bill now before Parliament.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 9 February, 1877.

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1877. Feb. 13	Certain Inhabitants of Gunnedah and neighbourhood	{ One thousand one hundred and thirty-eight }	Mr. T. G. Dangar	{ Praying that the Railroad from Werris Creek to Gunnedah may be constructed with the least possible delay, and that it may pass through the town of Gunnedah.
" "	Octavius Mendez Levi Montefiore, John Meyerfeld, and Samuel Aron Joseph	Three	Mr. Fitzpatrick	{ Praying that the House will not pass the Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill, and that Petitioners have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney in opposition to the said Bill.
" 16	P. H. Sheaffe, J.P., and Captain U.V.R.	One	Mr. Warden	{ Praying that, should the law make Vaccination compulsory, those who vaccinate direct from the cow may be protected from penalty.
" "	William Slatyer, Chairman of Congregational Union of New South Wales	One	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	{ Praying the House to pass the Bill for the closing of public-houses on Sundays.
" "	Certain Members of the Wesleyan Conference	Eighty-two	Mr. Davies	Similar prayer.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 16 February, 1877.

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1877.				
Feb. 21 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the } Macleay River District ... }	Seventy	Mr. R. B. Smith ...	{ Representing that considerable property in the Macleay River District has been destroyed by periodical floods, and praying the House to adopt measures to secure to the Petitioners such relief as the circumstances of the case demand.
" " ...	Certain Inhabitants of Summer Island, Macleay River } District	Sixty-four	Mr. R. B. Smith ...	{ Similar prayer.
" " ...	Certain Gold-miners and } others, resident at Sydney }	Three hundred and } thirty-five.	Mr. Macintosh	{ Praying that the No Liability Mining Companies Bill may be passed into law.
" 23 ...	Certain residents in the Dis- } trict of Liverpool Plains }	Two hundred and } three.	Mr. T. G. Dangar ...	{ Praying that the Great Northern Railway Trunk Line, from Tamworth to New England, may be taken <i>via</i> Barraba and Inverell.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 23 February, 1877.

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1877.				
Feb. 27 ...	Certain Electors resident within the Police District of Molong	Three hundred	Mr. J. S. Smith ...	{ Praying that the present Police District of Molong may be constituted a separate Electoral District.
" " ...	Certain Gold-miners and others, resident at Hill End	{ One hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Farnell	{ Praying that the No Liability Mining Companies Bill may be passed into law.
" " ...	Certain Electors of Woodburn and surrounding districts, Richmond River	{ One hundred and twenty-eight	Mr. Gray	{ Representing that Petitioners are satisfied with the boundaries assigned to the proposed Electorate of The Richmond by the Electoral Bill; and praying that such boundaries may be adhered to.
Mar. 1 ...	Certain Electors and others resident in the District of Patrick's Plains	One hundred and eighteen	Mr. W. C. Browne...	{ Representing that Petitioners object to the proposed alterations in the boundaries of the Electorates of Patrick's Plains and The Hunter; and praying the House to allow the boundaries of the Electoral District of Patrick's Plains to remain as at present.
" 2 ...	The Reverend Arthur Edward Selwyn (Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle) and others	Five	Mr. G. A. Lloyd ...	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church, Newcastle, to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 2 March, 1877.

E. W. WEBB,
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1877. March 6 ...	William B. Quigley, of New Zealand, grazier	} One	Mr. Stephen Brown	Praying for leave to appear before any Committee to whom the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill may be referred, by Counsel or Attorney, or as he may be advised, to oppose the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
 Sydney, 9 March, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
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1877. Mar. 13 ...	Certain Residents in the Tweed } River District..... }	Twenty-three	Mr. McElhone.....	{ Representing that the Petitioners are dissatisfied with the Administration of Justice in their district ; and praying the House to make inquiry into the matter with a view to afford relief.
„ 14 ...	Certain Citizens of Sydney } and others	Three thousand eight } hundred	Mr. Dibbs	{ Representing that the insalubrious condition of this city is becoming well known, and threatens to damage the Colony generally, by discouraging immigration and hindering trade ; and praying that relief may be afforded to the Petitioners by the adoption, as soon as possible, of a comprehensive mode of disposing of the sewage, other than that of depositing it in the harbour.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 15 March, 1877.

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1877. April 24 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Maitland.....	Six hundred and ten	Mr. Scholey	{ Praying for increased accommodation at the East Maitland and Morpeth Junction Railway Station.
„ 25.....	Residents of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Districts ...	One hundred and fifty-nine.....	Mr. Leary	{ Praying the House to prohibit the sale by auction of Crown lands other than town and suburban lands.
„ 25.....	Certain Residents in the Tweed River District.....	Ninety-eight.....	Mr. Leary.....	{ Representing that Petitioners are satisfied with the administration of justice in the Tweed River District; and praying the House not to be guided by the representations contained in a former Petition.
„ 25.....	Residents of Western New England and Gwydir Districts.....	Four hundred and ninety	Mr. Abbott	{ In favour of extending the Great Northern Railway towards Queensland <i>via</i> Manilla, Barraba, Bundarra, and Inverell.
„ 26.....	Thomas Helsby	One	Mr. Buchanan.....	{ Relative to the disputed possession of Mining Lease No. 1,741, situated at Hawkins Hill; and praying that the House will cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 27 April, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
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1877. May 1.....	Certain Owners or Occupiers of lands at Paddington, near Sydney, and also of the City of Sydney	Twenty-nine.....	Mr. Macintosh	Representing that the Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill, if passed without amendment, would be injurious to their interests; and praying the House to expunge the 10th clause of the said Bill.
" 3.....	Certain Residents in the Wagga Wagga and surrounding Districts	One hundred and forty-four	Mr. Leary	Representing that the proposed Branch Railway from Junee to Narrandera is not calculated to effect the object in view, viz., the interception of the Darling trade with Victoria; and praying that so important a matter may receive the attention of the House.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 4 May, 1877.

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1877. May 8.....	Certain Inhabitants of the town and district of Wellington.....	Eight hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>)	{ Representing that Petitioners are opposed to the route <i>via</i> Molong; and praying that tenders may be called for without delay for the construction of the line <i>via</i> Ironbarks.
„ 8.....	John O'Brien	One	Mr. Baker.....	{ Representing that he has suffered considerable loss in consequence of the Government throwing open Tyagong Gold Field for selection; and praying the House to consider the circumstances of his case.
„ 9.....	Certain Residents of Narrabri, and that portion of the Gwydir District known as the Namoi	Two hundred and ten	Mr. T. G. Dangar	{ Alleging that in consequence of the Government having proclaimed as a Timber Reserve a large area of land near Narrabri the Petitioners have been deprived of the means of earning their livelihood as splitters and sawyers; and praying the House to inquire into this matter with a view to afford them relief.
„ 10	John Macintosh, as chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney.....	One	Mr. Davies	{ In favour of the extension of the Railway through the City of Sydney to the Circular Quay.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 11 May, 1877.

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1877. May 15	Albert Augustus Dangar	One	Mr. Stuart	{ Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873."

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 18 May, 1877.

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1877. May 22	Marinduke Constable.....	One	Mr. Garrett	{ Stating that he has a claim in abeyance to mine on the land proposed to be leased, and praying for leave to be heard in support of his claim, personally or by counsel, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 25 May, 1877.

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1877. June 8.....	Certain Inhabitants of the town and Ratepayers of the Borough of East Maitland. }	One hundred and forty	Mr. Wisdom.....	Representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the enclosure on the Reserve for access to water, in the town of East Maitland, should not be removed, but remain as at present; and praying this House to take the Petition into its favourable consideration.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 8 June, 1877.

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1877.				
June 12 ...	Certain Residents of Sydney and Suburbs	Eleven thousand } three hundred and } nine	Mr. Macintosh	{ Praying for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay.
„ 13 ...	Do. Burwood and vicinity	Two hundred and } eighty-four	Mr. Hill	Similar Prayer.
„ 13 ...	William Nunn, President of the Trades and Labour Council, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the Masonic Hall	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Representing that the importation of labourers, skilled and unskilled, into this Colony will lower the status of the working classes here and be highly injurious to them; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration with a view to relief.
„ 15 ...	Certain Residents of Ashfield and its vicinity	One hundred and } fifty-four	Mr. Lucas	{ Praying for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay.

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Sydney, 15 June, 1877.

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1877. June 18 ...	T. W. Dugdale, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Taree, and James C. Duff, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Wingham	Two	Mr. R. B. Smith ...	Praying that, in the proposed Electoral Bill, provision be made for two Members to represent the Manning and Port Macquarie.
„ 19 ...	Certain Residents of the Districts of Armidale, Tamworth, Walcha, Bendemeer, Uralla, and Glen Innes	Two thousand four hundred and two }	Mr. Terry	Praying for the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth, by Uralla, Armidale, and Glen Innes, to Tenterfield and the Queensland Border.
„ 20 ...	Isabel Baron, Widow of the late William Henry Baron }	One	Mr. Baker	Stating the circumstances under which her late husband's services were dispensed with, and praying the House to grant such relief as the justice of the case requires.
„ 20 ...	George Wallace, Mayor of Newcastle, as Chairman of a Mass Meeting held in Newcastle	One	Mr. Cameron	Representing that the present system of Immigration from America and England is highly injurious to the working classes of the Colony; and praying the House to take such action as will prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for the purpose of Immigration.
„ 21 ...	Certain Residents of the Townships of Plattsburg and Wallsend	One thousand and forty-seven	Mr. Cameron	Stating that the expenditure of an additional £100,000 for Immigration will entail misery on a large proportion of those who may be induced to come here, and will seriously affect the interests of present colonists; and praying the House to cancel the authority given to expend that sum for such purpose.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 22 June, 1877.

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1877. June 25 ...	Certain Residents of Parkes- bourne and Breadalbane ... }	Forty-nine	Mr. Buchanan	{ Urging the necessity for a road from Parkesbourne to the Bread- albane Platform; and praying the House to take the matter into con- sideration, with a view to relief.
" " ...	Martin Guest, as chairman of a Public Meeting of Me- chanics, Labourers, &c., Citizens of Sydney..... }	One	Mr. McElhone.....	{ Stating that the expenditure of the large sum voted for Immigration would operate against one class of the community—the working class; and praying the House to dis- countenance any more Immigra- tion at the Public expense.
" 29 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Nowra and of the Police District of Shoalhaven	One hundred and } thirty-four	Mr. Clarke	{ Stating their objections to the Bridge recently erected at Groen- hills; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will afford them relief.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 29 June, 1877.

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1877. July 6.....	Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol.	One	Mr. McElhone.....	Representing the circumstances which led to his dismissal, and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 6 July, 1877.

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1877. July 9.....	Certain Residents of the townships of Anvil Creek, Greta, and the surrounding district....	Two hundred and nineteen	Mr. Burns	{ Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration purposes.
„ 11.....	Archibald McLean, of Sydney, ship-owner	One	Mr. Camcron	{ Stating that Petitioner's rights are interfered with by the jetties, buoys, and chains placed by Messrs. Dibbs & Co. at their wharf in Darling Harbour; and praying relief.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 13 July, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 24.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877. July 17...	Martin Guest, as Chairman of the Working Men's Defence Association	One	Mr. McElhone	Respecting the vote for Immigration, and urging reasons for its re-consideration; also suggesting the expediency of early legislation on various subjects affecting the interests of the working classes; and praying the House to grant relief.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 20 July, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 25.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF
PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877. July 24 ...	Certain Residents of Minmi and the surrounding Districts	Four hundred and sixteen.....	Mr. Cameron	{ Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration.
„ 24 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding District.....	Thirty-three	Mr. Day	{ Praying the House to allot a second Member to the Electoral District of The Murray.
„ 26 ...	James F. Ward, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors of Parkes and District.....	One	Mr. Buchanan.....	{ Praying the House to grant to Parkes the privilege of direct representation, by the formation of a separate Electorate.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 27 July, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 26.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

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PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877.				
July 31 ...	William Mason and Company, of Bathurst and Sydney, Railway Contractors...	One	Mr. Farnell	{ Stating reasons for the remission of certain penalties imposed upon them in connection with the railway contract, Bathurst to Orange; and praying the House to consider their case, in order that substantial justice may be done them.
Aug. 2 ...	Richard Sadleir, R.N.....	One	Mr. Day	{ Praying the consideration of the House to an amended Land Act, to remove certain alleged defects in the present Land Law.
„ 2 ...	Thomas Hodson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors held at Wagga Wagga.....	One	Mr. Leary.....	{ Praying that the boundary of the Murrumbidgee Electoral District as set forth in the Schedule to the Electoral Bill (No. 2), may be altered.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 3 August, 1877.F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 27.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

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PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877.				
Aug. 7.....	Richard Sadleir, R.N.....	One	Mr. Leary	{ In favour of enlarging the powers and endowments of Municipalities—of an amendment of the present Electoral Law—of the encouragement of private enterprise in the construction of Railways—of an amendment of the Land Law—and of appointing future Members of the Legislative Council for a limited period.
„ 7.....	Samuel Wilson, as Chairman of the Jerilderie Farmers and Tradesmen's Association }	One	Mr. Leary	{ Stating grievances in connection with the operation of the present Land Law; and praying the House to make such amendments in the law as will relieve Conditional Purchasers from the disabilities under which they at present labour.
„ 8.....	Certain Electors of the Bombala Division of the Monaro Electorate. }	One hundred and seventy-eight. }	Mr. Montague	{ In favour of a division of the present Electoral District, and praying the House to make provision for the representation of the Southern portion, known as the Bombala District.
„ 8.....	Certain Electors of proposed Electorate of Redfern. }	Sixty-five	Mr. McElhone	{ Praying the House to consider the expediency of granting two Members to represent the proposed Electorate of Redfern.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 10 August, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 28.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877.				
Sept. 18 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the Electorates of Argyle and Goulburn	Seventy-eight	Mr. Butler	{ Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of public money in the making of a road to deviate from the road from Bungendore to Goulburn, <i>via</i> Currawang and Bangalore, which has been used for many years.
„ 18 ...	Do.	One hundred	Mr. Butler	{ Similar prayer.
„ 18 ...	William Pitt Wilshire	One	Mr. Macintosh	{ Stating that he was charged with assaulting one Albert Packer, and that a warrant was improperly issued for his arrest, and praying that he may be heard personally at the Bar of the House.
„ 19 ...	Thomas Dalton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Orange	One	Mr. Combes	{ Praying that an Electoral Bill which will amply provide for an equitable representation of the people on the population basis, may be passed during the present Session.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 21 September, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 29.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877. Sept. 28 ...	Certain Electors, Freeholders, and Householdors, of the District of Forbes	Four hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Lord	Praying that an Electoral Bill, dividing certain of the larger Electerates, and giving to the in- creased population in other Dis- tricts fair and equitable represen- tation, may be considered and become law before the expiration of the present Parliament.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 28 September, 1877.F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877.				
Oct. 3.....	R. T. B. Gaden, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington.	One	Mr. F. B. Suttor ...	{ Praying that a new Electoral Bill, giving increased representation to the Electorate of Wellington and other Districts, be passed before the dissolution of this Parliament.
„ 4.....	Certain Residents of the Town and District of Molong }	Seventy	Mr. Combes	{ Stating that Molong has never been accorded fair or adequate representation, and praying that it may be constituted a separate Electorate.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 4 October, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 31.

WEEKLY ABSTRACT

OF

PETITIONS RECEIVED

BY THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.
1877. Oct. 10.....	Certain Inhabitants of the } Walcha District..... }	One hundred and } sixty-five..... }	Mr. Terry.....	{ Praying that the present Land Law { may be amended.

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 10 October, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PETITIONS.

GENERAL SUMMARY of the Weekly Abstracts of PETITIONS received by the Legislative Assembly, during the Session of 1876-7.

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHETHER PRINTED.
1877.	Electoral.				
Jan. 23 ...	Andrew Ross, M.D.	One	Mr. Buchanan	{ Submitting that the time has arrived when the town and district of Molong should be constituted a separate Electorate; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.	
„ 30 ...	F. W. Chapman, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Clarence River District }	One	Mr. Dibbs	{ Praying that certain amendments may be made in the Electoral Bill now before Parliament	
Feb. 6 ...	Residents of Eismore and its neighbourhood	{ Two hundred and thirty-three	Mr. Gray	{ Praying that the boundaries of the Electorate of "The Richmond" may be allowed to remain as proposed in the Schedule of the Electoral Bill ...	
„ 6 ...	Robert Burney, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Parkes	One	Mr. Lord	{ Praying that the Electoral District of Forbes may be so divided as to make Parkes a separate Electoral District	
„ 6 ...	Hugh Baillic, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors and residents of the Clarence River District ... }	One	Mr. Dibbs	{ Praying that certain Amendments may be made in the Electoral Bill now before Parliament	
„ 27 ...	Certain Electors resident within the Police District of Molong	{ Three hundred	Mr. J. S. Smith	{ Praying that the present Police District of Molong may be constituted a separate Electoral District	Printed.
„ 27 ...	Certain Electors of Woodburn and surrounding districts, Richmond River ... }	{ One hundred and twenty-eight	Mr. Gray	{ Representing that Petitioners are satisfied with the boundaries assigned to the proposed Electorate of The Richmond by the Electoral Bill; and praying that such boundaries may be adhered to	
Mar. 1 ...	Certain Electors and others resident in the District of Patricks Plains	{ One hundred and eighteen	Mr. W. C. Browne	{ Representing that Petitioners object to the proposed alterations in the boundaries of the Electorates of Patricks Plains and The Hunter; and praying the House to allow the boundaries of the Electoral District of Patricks Plains to remain as at present	
June 18 ...	T. W. Dugdale, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Tarce, and James C. Duff, J.P., Chairman of Public Meeting held at Wingham	{ Two	Mr. R. B. Smith	{ Praying that, in the proposed Electoral Bill provision be made for two Members to represent the Manning and Port Macquarie	
July 24 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding District	{ Thirty-three	Mr. Day	{ Praying the House to allot a second Member to the Electoral District of The Murray	

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1877.	Electoral—continued.				
July 26 ...	James F. Ward, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors of Parkes and District	One	Mr. Buchanan	{ Praying the House to grant to Parkes the privilege of direct representation, by the formation of a separate Electorate	Printed.
Aug. 2 ...	Thomas Hodson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors held at Wagga Wagga	One	Mr. Leary	{ Praying that the boundary of the Murrumbidgee Electoral District as set forth in the Schedule to the Electoral Bill (No. 2), may be altered.	
" 8 ...	Certain Electors of the Bombala Division of the Monaro Electorate.....	{ One hundred and } seventy-eight	Mr. Montague	{ In favour of a division of the present Electoral District; and praying the House to make provision for the representation of the Southern portion, known as the Bombala District.	Not Printed.
" 8 ...	Certain Electors of proposed Electorate of Redfern	{ Sixty-five	Mr. McElhone	{ Praying the House to consider the expediency of granting two Members to represent the proposed Electorate of Redfern	
Sep. 19 ...	Thomas Dalton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Orange	One	Mr. Combes	{ Praying that an Electoral Bill, which will amply provide for an equitable representation of the people on the population basis, may be passed during the present Session	
" 28 ...	Certain Electors, Freeholders, and Household-ers, of the District of Forbes	{ Four hundred and } thirty-five	Mr. Lord	{ Praying that an Electoral Bill, dividing certain of the larger Electorates, and giving to the increased population in other Districts fair and equitable representation, may be considered and become law before the expiration of the present Parliament.	
Oct. 3 ...	R. T. B. Gaden, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington.....	One	Mr. F. B. Suttor	{ Praying that a new Electoral Bill, giving increased representation to the Electorate of Wellington and other Districts, be passed before the dissolution of this Parliament.....	
" 4 ...	Certain Residents of the Town and District of Molong	{ Seventy	Mr. Combes	{ Stating that Molong has never been accorded fair or adequate representation; and praying that it may be constituted a separate Electorate ...	
1876.	Grievances.				
Dec. 14 ...	Thomas Andrew Johnston	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Alleging that in the month of April, 1875, he conditionally purchased for his children certain lands in the County of Buckland; that his children entered upon the lands and endeavoured to maintain possession of them against the lessee; that the lessee commenced legal proceedings against him, by which he was put to great expense; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.	Printed.
" 19 ...	Gerard Krefft	One	{ Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies	{ Relative to a sum of money voted by Parliament to meet a claim made by him, which money, he alleges, he has been unable to obtain from the Government; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, and to make such order thereon as may be deemed just and necessary.	
1877.					
Jan. 11 ...	Henry James Collarey	One	Mr. Gray	{ Alleging that he has suffered great injustice by the cancellation of his contract for erecting the line of Telegraph from West Kempsey to Grafton; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.	
May 8 ...	John O'Brien	One	Mr. Baker.....	{ Representing that he has suffered considerable loss in consequence of the Government throwing open Tyagong Gold Field for selection; and praying the House to consider the circumstances of his case.....	

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1877.					
Grievances—continued.					
June 20	Isabel Baron, Widow of the late William Henry Baron	One	Mr. Baker	{ Stating the circumstances under which her late husband's services were dispensed with; and praying the House to grant such relief as the justice of the case requires	
July 6	Stephen Murphy, late Warder in Berrima Gaol.	One	Mr. McElhone	{ Representing the circumstances which led to his dismissal; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.	
" 11	Archibald McLean, of Sydney, shipowner	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Stating that Petitioner's rights are interfered with by the jetties, buoys, and chains placed by Messrs. Dibbs & Co. at their wharf in Darling Harbour; and praying relief.	
Sep. 18	William Pitt Wilshire	One	Mr. Macintosh	{ Stating that he was charged with assaulting one Albert Packer, and that a warrant was improperly issued for his arrest; and praying that he may be heard personally at the Bar of the House.	
Immigration.					
June 13	William Nunn, President of the Trades and Labour Council, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the Masonic Hall	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Representing that the importation of labourers, skilled and unskilled, into this Colony, will lower the status of the working classes here and be highly injurious to them; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration with a view to relief	
" 20	George Wallace, Mayor of Newcastle, as Chairman of a mass Meeting held in Newcastle	One	Mr. Cameron	{ Representing that the present system of Immigration from America and England is highly injurious to the working classes of the Colony; and praying the House to take such action as will prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for the purpose of Immigration	
" 21	Certain Residents of the Townships of Plattsburg and Wallsend	{ One thousand and forty-seven	Mr. Cameron	{ Stating that the expenditure of an additional £100,000 for Immigration will entail misery on a large proportion of those who may be induced to come here, and will seriously affect the interests of present colonists; and praying the House to cancel the authority given to expend that sum for such purpose...	Printed.
" 25	Martin Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Mechanics, Labourers, &c., Citizens of Sydney	One	Mr. McElhone	{ Stating that the expenditure of the large sum voted for Immigration would operate against one class of the community—the working class; and praying the House to discountenance any more Immigration at the Public expense	
July 9	Certain Residents of the townships of Anvil Creek, Greta, and the surrounding District	{ Two hundred and nineteen	Mr. Burns	{ Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration purposes	
" 17	Martin Guest, as Chairman of the Working Men's Defence Association	One	Mr. McElhone	{ Respecting the vote for Immigration, and urging reasons for its reconsideration; also suggesting the expediency of early legislation on various subjects affecting the interests of the working classes; and praying the House to grant relief	
" 24	Certain Residents of Minmi and the surrounding Districts	{ Four hundred and sixteen	Mr. Cameron	{ Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of the sum voted for Immigration	
1876.					
Miscellaneous.					
Dec. 15	William Tom and others	Three	Mr. Nelson	{ Alleging that they are the discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter	
" 22	Sons of Temperance of Young	Forty-two	Mr. Davies	{ In favour of closing Public-houses on Sundays	

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1877.	Miscellaneous—contd.				
Jan. 12 ...	James Robertson Firth...	One	Mr. Farnell	{ Praying to be allowed to be present at the meetings of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the management of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta	} Not Printed.
" 12 ...	Residents and Landholders of Manly	One hundred and eleven	Mr. Farnell	{ Relative to the leasing of the Pier at Manly, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration...	
" 30 ...	Oliver Maxwell	One	Mr. Buchanan	{ Praying that the proposed alteration in the tariff, now under consideration, on manufacturing Tobacco, may not be agreed to	
Feb. 2 ...	Members of the Early Closing Association of Newcastle	Three hundred and fifty	Mr. Cameron	{ In favour of the passing of the Employment of Females Bill	
" 6 ...	Municipal Council of Nunbu	One	Mr. Warden	{ Praying this House to make such provision as will prevent the Statute 6 William IV, cap. 2, from having force within Municipalities	
" 16 ...	P. H. Sheaffe, J.P., and Captain U.V.R.	One	Mr. Warden	{ Praying that, should the law make Vaccination compulsory, those who vaccinate from the cow may be protected from penalty	
" 16 ...	William Slatyer, Chairman of Congregational Union of New South Wales	One	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	{ Praying the House to pass the Bill for the closing of Public-houses on Sundays	
" 16 ...	Certain Members of the Wesleyan Conference	Eighty-two	Mr. Davies	Similar prayer	
" 21 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the Macleay River District	Seventy	Mr. R. B. Smith	{ Representing that considerable property in the Macleay River District has been destroyed by periodical floods; and praying the House to adopt measures to secure to the Petitioners such relief as the circumstances of the case demand	
" 21 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Summer Island, Macleay River District	Sixty-four	Mr. R. B. Smith	Similar prayer	
" 21 ...	Certain Goldminers and others, resident at Sydney	Three hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Macintosh	{ Praying that the No-Liability Mining Companies Bill may be passed into law	} Printed.
" 27 ...	Certain Goldminers and others, resident at Hill End	One hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Farnell	Similar prayer	
Mar. 13 ...	Certain Residents in the Tweed-River District	Twenty-three	Mr. McElhone	{ Representing that the Petitioners are dissatisfied with the administration of justice in their district; and praying the House to make inquiry into the matter with a view to afford relief	
" 14 ...	Certain Citizens of Sydney and others	Three thousand eight hundred	Mr. Dibbs	{ Representing that the insalubrious condition of the city is becoming well known, and threatens to damage the Colony generally by discouraging immigration and hindering trade; and praying that relief may be afforded to the Petitioners by the adoption, as soon as possible, of a comprehensive mode of disposing of the sewage, other than that of depositing it in the harbour	
April 24 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Maitland	Six hundred and ten	Mr. Scholey	{ Praying for increased accommodation at the East Maitland and Morpeth Junction Railway Station	
" 25 ...	Residents of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Districts	One hundred and fifty-nine	Mr. Leary	{ Praying the House to prohibit the sale by auction of Crown lands other than town and suburban lands	
" 25 ...	Certain Residents in the Tweed River District	Ninety-eight	Mr. Leary	{ Representing that Petitioners are satisfied with the administration of justice in the Tweed River District; and praying the House not to be guided by the representations contained in a former Petition	

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1877.	Miscellaneous—contd.				
April 26...	Thomas Helsby	One	Mr. Buchanan	Relative to the disputed possession of Mining Lease No. 1,741, situated at Hawkins Hill; and praying that the House will cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case	
May 1...	Certain Owners or Occupiers of lands at Paddington, near Sydney, and also of the City of Sydney	Twenty-nine.....	Mr. Macintosh	Representing that the Real Property Act further Amendment Bill, if passed without amendment, would be injurious to their interests; and praying the House to expunge the 10 th clause of the said Bill	
" 9...	Certain Residents of Narrabri, and that portion of the Gwydir District known as the Namoi	Two hundred and ten	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Alleging that in consequence of the Government having proclaimed as a Timber Reserve a large area of land near Narrabri the Petitioners have been deprived of the means of earning their livelihood as splitters and sawyers; and praying the House to inquire into this matter with a view to afford them relief	Printed.
June 8...	Certain Inhabitants of the town and Rate-payers of the Borough of East Maitland	One hundred and forty	Mr. Wisdom.....	Representing that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the enclosure on the Reserve for access to water, in the town of East Maitland, should not be removed, but remain as at present; and praying this House to take the Petition into its favourable consideration	
" 25...	Certain Residents of Parkesbourne and Breadalbane	Forty-nine	Mr. Buchanan	Urging the necessity for a road from Parkesbourne to the Breadalbane Platform; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief	
" 29...	Certain Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Nowra and of the Police District of Shoalhaven	One hundred and thirty-four	Mr. Clarke	Stating their objections to the Bridge recently erected at Greenhills; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will afford them relief	
Aug. 7...	Richard Sadlair, R.N.....	One	Mr. Leary.....	In favour of enlarging the powers and endowments of Municipalities—of an amendment of the present Electoral Law—of the encouragement of private enterprise in the construction of Railways—of an amendment of the Land Law—and of appointing future Members of the Legislative Council for a limited period	Not Printed.
Sep. 18...	Certain Inhabitants of the Electorates of Argyle and Goulburn	Seventy-eight	Mr. Butler	Praying the House to prevent the expenditure of public money in the making of a road to deviate from the road from Bungendore to Goulburn via Currawang and Bangalore, which has been used for many years	Printed.
" 18...	Ido.	One hundred	Mr. Butler	Similar prayer	
1876.	Private Bills.				
Dec. 14...	Alexander Stuart.....	One	Mr. Farnell	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees of the marriage settlement of Mrs. Bassett to sell and dispose of certain lands at Manly Beach and elsewhere, in the Colony of New South Wales	Not Printed.
" 19...	Thomas Dalton and John Creagh, Chairman and Secretary of the Orange Gas-light Company	Two.....	Mr. Nelson	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Orange Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the town and suburbs of Orange	

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1877.	Private Bills—contd.					
Dec. 19 ...	Charles Macphillamy, Henry Butterworth, and others	Four	Mr. W. H. Suttor	Praying for leave (<i>under Standing Order 64b</i>) to proceed with the Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling Bill in this Session of Parliament		
Jan. 10 ...	Right Reverend Frederic Barker, Bishop of Sydney, and others	Two	Mr. Stuart	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain lands situate within the Dioceses of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale respectively, which are now vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle, and to extend the Act in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned to the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale		
" 16 ...	Mayor and Council of the Borough of Orange	One	Mr. Nelson	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of the Cattle Sale Yards, by the Borough Council of Orange, within the said Borough		
" 19 ...	George Hardie, Josiah Mullens, and others	Five	Mr. Driver	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain persons carrying on business at Sydney under the name or style of "The Macquarie Coal Company," to construct a Railway from land at Lake Macquarie, belonging to them, to Catherine Hill Bay, for the purpose of shipping coal therefrom		
" 31 ...	Mayor of Sydney	One	Mr. Macintosh	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act	Not Printed.	
Feb. 6 ...	Elizabeth Throsby and others	Four	Mr. Pilcher	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Throsby's Leasing Act		
" 13 ...	Octavius Mendez Levi Montefiore, John Meyerfeld, and Samuel Aaron Joseph	Three	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Praying that the House will not pass the Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill, and that Petitioners have leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney in opposition to the said Bill		
Mar. 2 ...	The Reverend Arthur Edward Selwyn (Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle), and others	Five	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church, Newcastle, to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land		
" 6 ...	William B. Quigley, of New Zealand, grazier	One	Mr. Stephen Brown	Praying for leave to appear before any Committee to whom the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill may be referred, by Counsel or Attorney, or as he may be advised, to oppose the Bill		
" 15 ...	Albert Augustus Dangar	One	Mr. Stuart	Praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873"		
" 22 ...	Marmaduke Constable	One	Mr. Garrett	Stating that he has a claim in abeyance to mine on the land proposed to be leased, and praying for leave to be heard in support of his claim, personally or by counsel, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill		
Railway Extension.						
Feb. 13 ...	Certain Inhabitants of Gunnedah and neighbourhood	One thousand one hundred and thirty-eight	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Praying that the Railroad from Werris Creek to Gunnedah may be constructed with the least possible delay, and that it may pass through the town of Gunnedah		
" 23 ...	Certain residents in the District of Liverpool Plains	Two hundred and three	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Praying that the Great Northern Railway Trunk Line, from Tamworth to New England, may be taken <i>via</i> Barraba and Inverell	Printed.	
April 25 ...	Residents of Western New England and Gwydir Districts	Four hundred and ninety	Mr. Abbott	In favour of extending the Great Northern Railway towards Queensland <i>via</i> Manilla, Barraba, Bundarra, and Inverell		

WHEN RECEIVED.	FROM WHOM AND WHENCE PRESENTED.	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	WHETHER PRINTED.
1877.	Railway Extension.—contd.				
May 3 ...	Certain Residents in the Wagga Wagga and surrounding Districts	One hundred and forty-four	Mr. Leary	Representing that the proposed Branch Railway from Junee to Narrandera is not calculated to effect the object in view, viz.,—the interception of the Darling trade with Victoria; and praying that so important a matter may receive the attention of the House.	Printed.
" 8 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the town and district of Wellington.....	Eight hundred and thirty-five	Mr. Harley (<i>Hartley</i>)	Representing that Petitioners are opposed to the route <i>vid</i> Molong; and praying that tenders may be called for without delay for the construction of the line <i>vid</i> Ironbarks.....	Not Printed.
" 10 ...	John Macintosh, as chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney ...	One	Mr. Davies	In favour of the extension of the Railway through the City of Sydney to the Circular Quay	
June 12 ...	Certain Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.....	Eleven thousand three hundred and nine ...	Mr. Macintosh.....	Praying for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay	
" 13 ...	Certain Residents of Burwood and vicinity	Two hundred and eighty-four	Mr. Hill	Similar prayer	
" 15 ...	Certain Residents of Ashfield and its vicinity	One hundred and fifty-four	Mr. Lucas.....	Similar prayer	
" 19 ...	Certain Residents of the Districts of Armidale, Tamworth, Walcha, Bendemcer, Uralla, and Glen Innes	Two thousand four hundred and two.....	Mr. Terry.....	Praying for the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth, by Uralla, Armidale, and Glen Innes, to Tenterfield and the Queensland Border	
July 31 ...	William Mason and Company, of Bathurst and Sydney, Railway Contractors	One	Mr. Farnell	Stating reasons for the remission of certain penalties imposed upon them in connection with the Railway contract, Bathurst to Orange; and praying the House to consider their case, in order that substantial justice may be done them	Printed.
	The Land Law.				
Aug. 2 ...	Richard Sadleir, R.N.....	One	Mr. Day	Praying the consideration of the House to an amended Land Act, to remove certain alleged defects in the present Land Law	
" 7 ...	Samuel Wilson, as Chairman of the Jerilderie Farmers and Tradesmen's Association	One	Mr. Leary.....	Stating grievances in connection with the operation of the present Land Law; and praying the House to make such amendments in the law as will relieve Conditional Purchasers from the disabilities under which they at present labour.	
Oct. 10 ...	Certain Inhabitants of the Walcha District.....	One hundred and sixty-five	Mr. Terry.....	Praying that the present Land Law may be amended	

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1. REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

Table with columns: SHORT TITLE, BY WHOM INITIATED, Originated in Committee of the Whole, Message from Governor in reference to, Ordered, Presented and read 1st, Negatived on motion for 2nd, Read 2nd, and Committed, Reported, Recommitted, Reported 2nd, Report adopted, Read 3rd, Passed and sent to Council for concurrence, Agreed to by Council without Amendment, Agreed to by Council with Amendment, Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn, Bill dropped or laid aside, Assent, Number of Act, REMARKS.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PRIVATE BILLS INTRODUCED UPON PETITION TO THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

SHORT TITLES.	PETITION PRESENTED (By whom and when).	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Referred to Select Committee.	Reported by Select Committee.	Read 2 ^o and Committed.	Reported and Report adopted.	Read 3 ^o .	Passed and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Order of the Day Discharged and Bill withdrawn.	Assent reported.	REMARKS.
Albert Dangar's Leasing Act Amendment	Mr. Stuart	1877. 16 May	1877. 16 May	1877. 16 May	1877. 19 May	1877. 1 June	1877. 13 July	1877. 13 July	1877. 17 July	1877. 17 July	1877. 25 July	1877.	1877.	1877. 2 Aug.	
Bassett-Darley Estates	Mr. Farnell	1876. 14 Dec.	1876. 15 Dec.	1876. 15 Dec.	1876. 19 Dec.	1876. 18 Jan.	1876. 9 Feb.	1876. 9 Feb.	1876. 13 Feb.	1876. 13 Feb.	1876. 7 Mar.	1876.	1876.	1876. 21 Mar.	
Bathurst, and Grafton, and Armidale Bishoprics (Bathurst, and Grafton, and Armidale Lands Transfer)	Mr. Stuart	1877. 10 Jan.	1877. 16 Jan.	1877. 17 Jan.	1877. 20 Jan.	1877. 22 Feb.	1877. 4 May	1877. 4 May	1877. 16 May	1877. 16 May	1877. 30 May	1877. 22 June	1877.	1877. 3 July	Short Title altered in Committee, 16 May, 1877.
Bathurst Presbyterian Church Trustees Enabling	Mr. W. H. Suttor	1876. 19 Dec.	1876.	1876. 19 Dec.			1876. 12 Jan.						1876. 27 April		Petition presented to take up Bill under Standing Order 644. Lapsed, 12 January, 1877. Restored, 19 January, 1877.
Macquarie Coal Company's Railway	Mr. Driver	1877. 19 Jan.	1877. 23 Jan.	1877. 23 Jan.	1877. 30 Jan.	1877. 13 Feb.									Referred back to Select Committee, 11 May, 1877. Stopped by Prorogation.
Newcastle Glebe Leasing	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	1877. 2 Mar.	1877. 6 Mar.	1877. 11 May	1877. 15 May	1877. 23 Sept.									Standing Order No. 62 suspended, 11 May, 1877. Stopped by Prorogation.
Orange Cattle Sale-yards	Mr. Nelson	1876. 16 Jan.	1876. 17 Jan.	1876. 17 Jan.	1876. 2 Feb.	1876. 1 Mar.	1876. 27 April	1876. 27 April	1876. 1 May	1876. 1 May	1876. 17 May	1876.	1876.	1876. 23 May.	
Orange Gas Light	Mr. Nelson	1876. 19 Dec.	1876. 20 Dec.	1876. 20 Dec.	1876. 21 Dec.	1876. 11 Jan.	1876. 16 Jan.	1876. 16 Jan.	1876. 17 Jan.	1876. 17 Jan.	1876. 25 Jan.	1876.	1876.	1876. 7 Feb.	
Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment	Mr. Macintosh	1877. 31 Jan.	1877. 2 Feb.	1877. 2 Feb.	1877. 6 Feb.	1877. 22 Feb.	1877. 25 May	1877. 1 June	1877. 4 June	1877. 4 June	1877. 27 June	1877.	1877.	1877. 3 July.	
Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment	Mr. Pilcher	1877. 6 Feb.	1877. 7 Feb.	1877. 8 Feb.	1877. 9 Feb.	1877. 16 Feb.	1877. 1 June	1877. 1 June	1877. 4 June	1877. 4 June	1877. 14 June	1877.	1877.	1877. 20 June.	

No. 3.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

SHORT TITLES OF.		Brought up and read 1 ^o .	Read 2 ^o , and Committed.	Remarks.
Public Bills.	Private Bills.			
Adulteration of Food Prevention		1877. 1 March A.M.	1877. 25 May	Stopped by Prorogation.
Animals Protection		1877. 1 March A.M.	1877. 31 July	Stopped by Prorogation.
Bankers' Books and Cheques		1877. 2 May		Stopped by Prorogation.
Criminal Law Amendment		1877. 12 June		Stopped by Prorogation.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, as per Register No. 1	59		
Number of Private Bills do. do. as per Register No. 2	10		
Number of Public Bills brought from the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, as per Register No. 3	4		
			73
	Public.	Private.	Total.
Passed and assented to	12	7	19
Assent not reported	2		2
Reserved for Royal Assent	1		1
Pro forma Bill	1		1
Negatived on motion for second reading	4		4
Not brought in	9		9
Discharged and Withdrawn	6	1	7
Not returned by Legislative Council	9		9
Lapsed or not proceeded with	1		1
Stopped by Prorogation	18	2	20
			73

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F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ALPHABETICAL REGISTERS

OF

ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS,

AND OF

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SESSION 1876-7.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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	No.	Date.							
78	84	19 June	Mr. Baker	Adiong Common	1877.	19 June	77/421	1877.	1877.
59	60	15 May	Mr. Cohen	Appointment of Mr. North as Police Magistrate, Carcoar.	19 June	31 July	77/545	19 June	20 June
20	24	6 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	Appointments in the Civil Service (In part)	31 July	18 Sept.	77/613	18 Sept.	1 August.
30	35	23 Feb.	Mr. Bennett	Bailiff Allen, Bathurst	18 Sept.	6 Mar.	77/177	22 June	7 March.
12	35	23 Feb.	Mr. Buchanan	Case of Legge and Brickwood and Woods	22 June	11 July	77/40	22 June	25 June
26	48	24 April	Mr. McElhone	Cases—Frost v. Harris; Dillon v. Murphy; and Laycock v. Ogilvie.	11 July	10 Oct.	77/492	11 July	12 July
38	111	31 July	Mr. Davies	Charge against Mr. Solomon Cohen	10 Oct.		77/665	10 Oct.	11 Oct.
69	74	5 June	Mr. Shepherd	Complaint against Station-master and Porter, Bowral Railway Station.					
28	32	20 Feb.	Mr. Day	Conditional Purchase made by Patrick Nugent	2 July		77/460	2 July	3 July
25	27	9 Feb.	Mr. W. H. Suttor.	Conditional Purchase of Thomas Charles					
79	84	19 June	Mr. McElhone	Conditional Purchase of Topham Forge and J. Campbell.	24 July		77/517	24 July	25 July
81	85	20 June	Mr. Jacob	Conditional Purchases	25 July		77/525	25 July	26 July
53	57	9 May	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Constable Moss, Penrith.	9 May		77/312	9 May	10 May
54	57	9 May	Mr. Long	Counsel employed on behalf of the Government					
54	57	9 May	Mr. Long	David Roberts's Conditional Purchase.	22 May		77/347	22 May	23 May
10	17	23 Jan.	Mr. Bennett	David Sawyer's Conditional Purchase	27 April		77/282	27 April	28 April
16	23	2 Feb.	Mr. Bennett	Department of Mines	31 July		77/547	31 July	1 August.
74	79	12 June	Mr. McElhone	Dissolutions of Parliament	13 June		77/396	13 June	14 June
55	59	11 May	Mr. Jacob	Dunmore, Pittmerce, and Belmore Bridges	14 June		77/406	14 June	15 June
61	62	17 May	Mr. Clarke	East Maitland Racecourse Reserve					
63	62	17 May	Mr. Scholey	Existence of Coal under Sydney	1 May		77/286	1 May	2 May
31	36	27 Feb.	Mr. Scholey	Expenditure on Roads and Bridges	23 May		77/361	23 May	29 May
64	66	23 May	Mr. Cameron	Fees, &c., paid to Civil Servants					
97	131	2 Oct.	Mr. Sutherland	Francis Cameron's Conditional Purchase.					
58	60	15 May	Mr. McElhone	Free Passes on Railways					
19	24	6 Feb.	Mr. Bennett	Friendly Societies					
56	56	15 May	Mr. McElhone	General Elections (in part)					
49	52	1 May	Mr. Cameron	Gibson's Conditional Purchases	1 March		77/167	1 March	2 March.
7	15	18 Jan.	Captain Onslow	Goulburn Gaol.	8 Feb.		77/106	8 Feb.	9 Feb.
14	20	30 Jan.	Mr. McElhone	Greta Railway Station	5 June			5 June	5 June.
95	114	3 Aug.	Mr. Teece	Gundagai Gaol.	10 Oct.		77/376	10 Oct.	11 October
67	68	28 May	Mr. Burns						
86	94	3 July	Mr. Leary				77/660		

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2	5	19 Dec.	Mr. Charles	Immigration	Gunpowder Stored at Goat Island	1877. 6 Mar.	77/173	1877. 6 Mar.	1877. 7 March.
32	97	6 July	Mr. Macintosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	52	1 May	Mr. Cameron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57	82	15 June	Mr. Warden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52	56	8 May	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
72	77	8 June	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	40	6 Mar.	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
88	102	13 July	Mr. Macintosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	28	13 Feb.	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	24	6 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
90	103	17 July	Mr. Garrett	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	60	15 May	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	25	7 Feb.	Mr. Garrett	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
70	76	6 June	Mr. Dibbs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	20	30 Jan.	Mr. Buchanan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
76	81	14 June	Mr. Jacob	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
62	61	16 May	Mr. Taylor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	20	30 Jan.	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
68	69	29 May	Mr. J. S. Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	48	24 April	Mr. Leary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
83	89	26 June	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
71	76	7 June	Mr. Davies	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
87	101	12 July	Mr. Cohen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
73	79	12 June	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	25	7 Feb.	Mr. Scholey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	2	13 Dec.	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	9	9 Jan.	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	32	20 Feb.	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	95	4 July	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	97	6 July	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	23	2 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	40	6 Mar.	Mr. Macintosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	28	13 Feb.	Mr. Cohen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	46	24 April	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
82	87	22 June	Mr. Cohen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	17	23 Jan.	Mr. Farnell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	56	8 May	Mr. Macintosh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
46	52	1 May	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	52	1 May	Mr. McElhone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	9	9 an.	Mr. W. C. Browne

* As an exhibit only.

† Order for printing rescinded, 11 July, 1877.

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89	24 April	20	Mr. Combes	Public School, Springside	1877.	9 July	1877.	9 July	1877.
82	27 Feb.	6	Mr. J. Watson	Public Schools		19 Sept.	77/485	10 July	10 July
92	17 July	10	Mr. Sutherland	Railway Contracts			77/621	19 Sept.	20 Sept.
91	17 July	9	Mr. Dibbs	Railway Extension into the City of Sydney					
75	13 June	4	Mr. Long	Railway from Goulburn to Yass					
8	19 Jan.	3	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Railway from Murrumbidgee to Tamworth					
5	16 Jan.	6	Mr. Nelson	Railway from Orange to Wellington					8 Feb.
103	17 July	4	Mr. Sutherland	Railway Station, Lithgow					
42	27 April	3	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Railway Trial Surveys					18 May
4	16 Jan.	5	Mr. Nelson	Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill					2 May
85	28 June	5	Mr. Davies	Reclamation of Land, Port Jackson					10 July
48	1 May	14	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Reserves near Western Railway					3 March
14	27 Feb.	11	Mr. Stephen Brown	Road to Hartley, <i>via</i> Brown's Gap					26 April
44	1 May	4	Mr. Macintosh	Roads through Coochuyar Estate, Ulladulla					
40	25 April	8	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Robbery of Gold from Australian Museum					
84	26 June	5	Mr. Warden	Roman Catholic Denominational School, Liverpool					14 March
13	19 Jan.	4	Mr. W. C. Browne	Rosannah Blacker's Conditional Purchase					
16	25 Jan.	5	Mr. Long	Sale of Crown Lands, Sally's Flat and Monkey Hill					29 June
17	2 Feb.	5	Mr. Bennett	School at Ben Bullen					19 Sept.
66	25 May	5	Mr. J. S. Smith	Site for Railway Workshops					6 June
43	27 April	4	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Special Jury List, Deniliquin					14 March
22	18 May	2	Mr. McElliott	Stephen Murphy, late Warden in Berrima Gaol					31 Jan.
23	29 May	4	Mr. Jacob	Supply of Blankets and Clothing to Aborigines					23 July
25	7 Feb.	6	Mr. Cohen	Supply of Coal for Railway purposes					
6	18 Jan.	5	Mr. McElliott	Supply of Paper for the Government Service					
80	19 June	9	Mr. McElliott	Survey of projected Line of Railway from Orange to Wellington, <i>via</i> Molong					
11	23 Jan.	7	Mr. W. H. Suttler	Suspension of Mr. Pretious, Occupation of Lands Department					
93	24 July	8	Mr. Laekey	Volunteer Land Orders (in part)					
96	2 Oct.	5	Mr. Sutherland	Wallis Creek Water Reserve					
65	25 May	4	Mr. J. S. Smith	Woomarganna Public School					
98	10 Oct.	8	Mr. McElliott	W. S. Caswell, Esq., Police Magistrate, Moruya					
4	23 Jan.	14	Mr. Buchanan						22 May
24	30 May	2	Mr. Buchanan						
41	25 April	11	Mr. Cameron						23 July
33	27 Feb.	8	Mr. Davies						26 July
51	8 May	4	Mr. Day						27 June
94	27 July	3	Mr. Davies						

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F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

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	Date.	Entry.		By Address.	By Order.			Date of Order.	When given to Clerk of Printing Branch.
43	1876.	9	Mr. Macintosh.	Alienated Crown Lands Port Jackson.	1877.	77/420	1877.	1877.	20 June.
11	22 February.	10	Mr. McElhone.	Appointments in the Civil-Service	19 June.	77/46	19 June.	19 June.	24 January.
11	8 "	10	Do.	Do.	23 January	77/47	23 "	23 "	24 "
11	8 "	10	Mr. McElhone.	Do.	23 "	77/48	23 "	23 "	24 "
11	8 "	10	Mr. McElhone.	Do.	23 "	77/49	23 "	23 "	24 "
11	8 "	10	Mr. McElhone.	Do.	23 "	77/50	23 "	23 "	24 "
11	8 "	10	Mr. McElhone.	Do.	24 "	77/57	24 January	24 January	25 "
83	20 July.	5	Mr. Jacob.	Conditional Purchases made by Henry Deong	1876.	76/926	21 December.	21 December.	22 December.
21	1876.	7	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Cost of General Election	12 "	76/864	12 "	12 "	13 "
67	30 May.	5	Mr. T. G. Dangar	Courts of Petty Sessions	22 "	76/930	22 "	22 "	27 "
77	30 June.	5	Mr. McElhone	Licensed Surveyors	8 February	77/105	8 February	8 February	9 February.
28	2 May.	8	Mr. Parkes	Mission to England of the Hon. Wm. Forster.	12 December	76/852	12 December.	12 December.	13 December.
8	1876.	7	Mr. McElhone	Moneys received and spent in the Upper Hunter Electorate (in part).	12 "	76/872	12 "	12 "	13 "
45	7 March.	6	Mr. W. H. Suttor	Mortality of Children	12 "	76/853	12 "	12 "	13 "
80	18 July.	6	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Mr. J. F. Blake, Land Agent at Hvy	4 May	77/305	4 May	4 May	5 May.
43	8 August.	10	Mr. R. B. Smith	Old Lake Road, Port Macquarie.	22 December	76/931	22 December.	22 December.	27 December.
88	1 "	9	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Premises rented by the Government	12 "	76/873	12 "	12 "	13 "
74	21 June.	9	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Do.	12 "	76/863	12 "	12 "	13 "
74	21 "	9	Mr. Hurley (Hartley)	Public School Buildings	23 January	77/151	23 January	23 January	24 January.
93	16 August.	3	Mr. Parkes	Do.	13 February	77/114	13 February	13 February	14 February.
93	16 "	3	Mr. Parkes	Do.	1877.	77/207	1877.	1877.	1877.
91	1876.	4	Mr. Nelson	Railway Extension, Bathurst to Orange	1876.	76/870	20 March	20 March	21 March.
86	27 July.	4	Mr. Cameron	Railway Bars—Plate-iron for Locomotives—Hydraulic Cement.	12 December.	76/892	12 December.	12 December.	13 December.
42	22 February.	7	Mr. W. H. Suttor	Railway Statistics	15 "	76/871	15 "	15 "	18 "
46	7 March.	6	Mr. W. H. Suttor	Reserves on the Messrs. Dangar's Stations	12 "	76/871	12 "	12 "	13 "
50	14 "	6	Mr. McElhone	Wallsend Coal Mining Company.	16 February	77/125	16 February	16 February	16 February.
85	21 July.	5	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	Water Supply in Pastoral Districts	14 "	77/118	14 "	14 "	15 "
89	8 August.	13	Mr. Farnell	Water Supply in Pastoral Districts	16 "	77/124	16 "	16 "	16 "

* Return substituted, 18 January, 1877. † Laid on Table in substitution for 77/114.

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F. W. WEBB, Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES (NOT BEING FOR PAPERS) TO THE GOVERNOR, DURING THE SESSION OF 1876-7.

No.	SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.	ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY.				WHEN AND HOW PRESENTED.				WHEN AND HOW ANSWERED.				REMARKS.
		VOTES.				VOTES.				VOTES.				
		No.	Date.	By whom.	No.	Date.	By whom.	No.	Date.	By whom and how.	No.	Date.	By whom and how.	
6	Australian Museum. Free Public Library	20	30 Jan.	Mr. Cameron	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Adopted on Resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole.
10	Bridge over the Collaroy River	32	20 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
9	Bridge over the Hunter, at Aberdeen.	32	20 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
11	Bridge over the Merriwa River	32	20 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
15	Bridge over the Wollombi Brook	36	27 Feb.	Mr. W. C. Browne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
34	Bridge, Parramatta Park	102	13 July	Mr. Byrnes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
16	Censure of the Ministry	40	6 Mar.	Mr. Parkes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
30	Chinese Immigration. Disallowance of Queensland Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill.	95	4 July	Mr. Buchanan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
13	Coroners' Inquests Bill	35	23 Feb.	Mr. W. H. Stutter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Adopted on Resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole.
36	Defences of the Colony	105	19 July	Mr. Piddington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
7	Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill	27	9 Feb.	Mr. J. S. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
2	Insolvency Bill	8	22 Dec.	Mr. Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
39	Lands Act Amendment Act	114	3 Aug.	Mr. Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
33	Main and Minor Roads of the Colony	102	13 July	Mr. Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Adopted on Resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole.
8	Mr. Kidman's Contracts	28	13 Feb.	Mr. McElhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
18	Payments made to the Honorable Thomas Holt, M.L.C.	48	24 April	Mr. Hurley (Hortley)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
27	Police Magistrate for Carcoar	72	1 June	Mr. Lynch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
26	Salaries and Retiring Allowances to District Court Judges.	72	1 June	Mr. B. B. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
25	Suburban Railways	72	1 June	Mr. Farnell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
17	Supply	43	15 Mar., a.m.	Mr. Piddington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Address in Reply prepared by Select Committee appointed for that purpose.
1	The Governor's Opening Speech	2	13 Dec.	Mr. Baker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
35	Tolls on Government Ferries	103	17 July	Mr. Jacob	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
21	Tolls on Public Roads and Bridges	52	1 May	Mr. Terry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
28	Trial Survey for Railway from Sydney to Great Northern Railway.	84	19 June	Mr. Scholey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
19	Volunteer Force Regulation Act Amendment Bill.	48	24 April	Mr. Dibbs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Adopted on Resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole.
37	Widow of the late Edward Robinson	110	27 July	Mr. McElhone	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
40	Withdrawal of Estimates	123	18 Sept.	Mr. Long	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.
20	Withdrawal of Estimates for 1876-7	49	23 April	Mr. Piddington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Do.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1876-7.

No. of COMMITTEE	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REFERRED.
					Called.	Held.		
1	The Governor's Opening Speech...	12 December, 1876. Votes No. 1, Entry 11 ... (On motion of Mr. Baker.)	{ Mr. Baker, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Gray, Mr. James Watson, Mr. Long, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Rouse.	Mr. Baker.....	1	1	None.....	12 December, 1876.
2	Library*.....	14 December, 1876. Votes No. 3, Entry 18 ... (On motion of Mr. Robertson.)	{ Mr. Robertson, ² Mr. Spenker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greville, Captain Onslow, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, ¹ Mr. Stuart, Mr. Wisdom.	.....	11	2	None.	
3	Standing Orderst	14 December, 1876. Votes No. 3, Entry 19 ... (On motion of Mr. Robertson.)	{ Mr. Robertson, ² Mr. Spenker, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lackey, ² Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, ¹ Mr. Wisdom.	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹ Seats declared vacant, 22 March, 1877. Added, 2 May, 1877.
² Seat declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.

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² Seats declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.

* This Committee acts also in conjunction with a similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council. † Confers on subjects of mutual concernment with similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES, &c.—continued.

No. of Committee	Designation of Committee.	When and how appointed.	Members.	Chairman.	No. of Meetings.		No. of Witnesses Examined.	When Reported.
					Called.	Held.		
4	Refreshment*	14 December, 1876. Votes No. 3, Entry 20 (By Ballot.)	{ Mr. Robertson, ³ Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, ¹ Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>), Mr. Windeyer. ² } ¹ Seats declared vacant, 22 March, 1877. Added, 2 May, 1877. ² Seat declared vacant, 22 March, 1877. ³ Seat declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.	Mr. H. C. Dangar	1	1	None.	
5	Lunatic Asylum, Paramatta	19 December, 1876. Votes No. 5, Entry 17 (By Ballot.)	{ Mr. Taylor, Mr. Long, Mr. Davies, Mr. Farnell, } ¹ Seats declared vacant, 22 March, 1877.	Mr. Taylor	21	18	34	9 May, 1877.
6	Employment of Children	19 December, 1876. Votes No. 5, Entry 18 (On motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor.)	{ Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor. } ¹ Seats declared vacant, 22 March, 1877.	Mr. W. H. Suttor	3	2	None	30 January, 1877.
7	Condition of the Aborigines	19 December, 1876. Votes No. 5, Entry 19 (On motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor.)	{ Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Lackey, ² Mr. Parkes, ¹ Mr. Rouse, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Torry. } ¹ Seat declared vacant, 22 March, 1877. ² Seat declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.	Mr. W. H. Suttor	7	6	6	
8	Claim of William Henry Baron	19 December, 1876. Votes No. 5, Entry 23 (On motion of Mr. Baker.)	{ Mr. Baker, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Jacob, Mr. H. C. Dangar, } ¹ Seat declared vacant, 30 January, 1877.	Mr. Baker.....	5	5	2	26 July, 1877.
9	The Bassett Darby Estates Bill	19 December, 1876. Votes No. 5, Entry 24 (On motion of Mr. Farnell.)	{ Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Moses, } ¹ Seat declared vacant, 30 January, 1877.	Mr. Farnell	2	1	2	18 January, 1877.

* This Committee acts also in conjunction with a similar Committee appointed by the Legislative Council.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES, &c.—continued.

No. of Committee	Designation of Committee	When and How Appointed.	Members.	Chairman.	No. of Meetings.		No. of Witnesses Examined.	When Reported.
					Called.	Held.		
10	Elections and Qualifications	14 December, 1876. Votes No. 3, Entry 25 (By Speaker's Warrant, taking effect 21 December, 1876.)	{ Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire James Squire Farnell, Esquire Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire Robert Henry Mariner Foster, Esquire Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N. William Henry Suttor, junior, Esquire James Watson, Esquire Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. H. Suttor. Mr. Driver, Mr. Lucas, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Hill. Mr. Driver, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill. Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Orange Gas-Light Bill	21 December, 1876. Votes No. 7, Entry 7 (On motion of Mr. H. L. Nelson.)	{ Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. H. Suttor. Mr. Driver, Mr. Lucas, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Hill. Mr. Driver, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill. Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Nelson	1	1	1	11 January, 1877.
12	Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill.	30 January, 1877. Votes No. 20, Entry 16 (On motion of Mr. Driver.)	{ Mr. Driver, Mr. Lucas, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. Hill. Mr. Driver, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill. Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Driver	1	1	2	18 February, 1877.
13	Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Lands Transfer Bill.	30 January, 1877. Votes No. 20, Entry 21 (On motion of Mr. Stuart.)	{ Mr. Stuart, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Stuart	2	1	2	22 February, 1877.
14	Orange Cattle Sale-Yards Bill	2 February, 1877. Votes No. 23, Entry 11 (On motion of Mr. Driver.)	{ Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Driver	1	1	1	1 March, 1877.
15	Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill.	6 February, 1877. Votes No. 24, Entry 19 (On motion of Mr. Macintosh.)	{ Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Picheur, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Macintosh	1	1	2	22 February, 1877.
16	Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill.	9 February, 1877. Votes No. 27, Entry 8 (On motion of Mr. Picheur.)	{ Mr. Picheur, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor. Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles. Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor.	Mr. Picheur	2	2	1	16 February, 1877.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES, &c.—continued.

No. of Committee	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	WHEN REPORTED.
					Called.	Held.		
17	Mr. John Garsed	4 May, 1877. Votes No. 55, Entry 12 (On motion of Mr. Hurley, Hartley.)	{ Mr. Hurley (Hartley); Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Day, Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Terry.	Mr. Hurley, (Hartley.)	9	4	2	
18	Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill	15 May, 1877. Votes No. 60, Entry 10 (On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd.)	{ Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Hurley (Hartley), Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Hill, Mr. Moses, Mr. Day.	Mr. G. A. Lloyd	7	4	2	28 September, 1877.
9	Albert Dangar's Leasing Act Amendment Bill.	17 May, 1877. Votes No. 62, Entry 4 (On motion of Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Stuart.)	{ Mr. Stuart, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Davies,	Mr. Stuart	1	1	2	1 June, 1877.
20	Disputed Mining Lease, Hawkins Hill.	19 June, 1877. Votes No. 84, Entry 12 (On motion of Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith.)	{ Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, 1 Seats declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.	Mr. J. S. Smith	6	2	None.	
21	Conveyance of Llanatics from Sydney to Cooma.	22 June, 1877. Votes No. 87, Entry 15 (On motion of Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Long.)	{ Mr. Long, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Bynnes, 1 Seats declared vacant, 17 August, 1877.	.....	1	.....	.....
22	Colonial Storekeeper's Department	17 July, 1877. Votes No. 103, Entry 12 (On motion of Mr. McElhone.)	{ Mr. McElhone, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Day, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Greville, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Terry, Mr. Macintosh.	.....	.....	.....	.....

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 11 October, 1877.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN.

(BILLS DRAWN BY GENTLEMEN OTHER THAN THE PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN, AND FEE PAID FOR EACH BILL.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 2 May, 1877.

RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated the 13th February, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- “ (1.) The Titles of the Bills drafted at the request or expense of the
“ Government since January 1st, 1875, by gentlemen other than the
“ permanent Parliamentary Draftsman.
- “ (2.) The names of the gentlemen who drafted each Bill.
- “ (3.) The fees paid, or agreed to be paid, for drafting each Bill.”

(*Mr. Cohen.*)

PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMAN.

RETURN showing Bills drafted since 1 January, 1875, by gentlemen other than the Parliamentary Draftsman.

Title of Bill.	By whom drawn.	Amount paid.
		£ s. d.
1. The Lands Act Amending Bill	G. C. Davis ...	105 0 0
2. The Water Pollution Prevention Bill	G. Milner Stephen	52 10 0
3. The East Maitland Public Reserve Bill, and other professional business in connection with Parliamentary drafting	Do. ...	50 0 0
4. The Nuisances Prevention Bill	Do. ...	52 10 0
5. The Mining Bill relating to the Administration of Justice	Judge Macfarland	52 10 0
Revising same	Do. ...	12 12 0
6. Public Health Bill of 1877 (a)	W. W. Tarleton.	
7. A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands	G. Milner Stephen	
8. A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law regulating the importation, storage, and removal of Gunpowder and other explosive substances	Do. ...	
9. A Bill for regulating the sale and use of Poisons	Do. ...	
10. Revising and remoulding the Poisons Bill, after transmission to the Legislative Assembly	Do. ...	
11. Drawing Schedule of Amendments for Assembly	Do. ...	
12. Revising and remoulding the Gunpowder Bill after the same was brought into the Legislative Assembly	Do. ...	
13. Drawing Schedule of Amendments for Assembly	Do. ...	
14. A Bill to authorize the making of Conventions respecting the Border Duties with any of the adjoining Colonies	Do. ...	
15. A Bill further to amend the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853 to make provision for imposing a more equitable Sewerage Rate	Do. ...	
16. A Bill to remove doubts as to the validity of Agreements made else- where for personal service in New South Wales	Do. ...	
17. A Bill to provide for the recovery of certain Duties and the payment of certain Sums due to and by Her Majesty	Do. ...	
18. A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to protect the Lachlan and Botany Swamps from pollution	Do. ...	
19. A Bill to limit Usury	Do. ...	
20. A Bill to authorize Grants of Land to be issued to certain Volunteers	Do. ...	
21. A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain Land dedicated for a Wharf at Newcastle	Do. ...	
22. A Bill to modify the plan of the Town of Wondolga	Do. ...	
23. A Bill to encourage promptitude in the extinction of Fires in the Suburbs	Do. ...	
24. New Clauses for the Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases...	Do. ...	
25. A Bill to authorize advances of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes of Loans to Municipalities for permanent works of public utility	Do. ...	
26. A Bill to amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1853	Do. ...	
27. A Bill to remove doubts as to powers conferred upon Municipal Councils by the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875	Do. ...	
28. A Bill to restore the duration of Parliaments to five years	Do. ...	
29. A Bill to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores	Do. ...	
30. A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to borrow the sum of Two thousand pounds	Do. ...	
31. A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain land in the town of Newcastle, heretofore granted to Trustees on behalf of the Estab- lished Church of Scotland	Do. ...	
32. Revising and drawing new Sections to the Bill for the Suppression of Betting Houses	Do. ...	
33. A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws for regulating Oyster and other Fisheries	Do. ...	
34. Regulations under the Gunpowder and Explosive Substances Con- solidation Act, 1876	Do. ...	
35. Revising Forms under Gunpowder and Explosive Substances Consoli- dation Bill	Do. ...	
36. A Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867	Do. ...	
37. A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the City of Sydney	Do. ...	
38. A Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870... ..	Do. ...	
39. A Bill to amend and consolidate the Law for the Regulation of the Customs	Do. ...	
40. New Clauses for Customs Regulation Bill	Do. ...	

From Nos. 7 to 51 inclusive the sum of £999 7s. 7d. has been paid to Mr. Stephen, on account.

(a) The fee agreed to be paid in this case is £21.

Title of Bill.	By whom drawn.	Amount paid.
41. A Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service	G. Milner Stephen	
42. A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws for regulating Oyster Fisheries	Do.	From Nos. 7 to 51 inclusive, the sum of £999 7s. 7d. has been paid to Mr. Stephen, on account.
43. A Bill to authorize the Governor in Council to rectify plans of Towns and Villages and otherwise reserve lands dedicated but no longer required for public purposes	Do.	
44. A Bill to make further provision for the inspection and control of Charitable Institutions	Do.	
45. A Bill to enable Parliamentary Committees to examine Witnesses upon oath or affirmation	Do.	
46. A Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866	Do.	
47. A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting Reformatory and Industrial Schools	Do.	
48. A Bill to secure to Proprietors of Designs for Articles of Manufacture and Works of Literature and Fine Art, the Copyright of the same respectively	Do.	
49. A Bill to amend the Woolloomooloo Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1862	Do.	
50. A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Goulburn to erect Cattle Yards on certain lands	Do.	
51. Revising and correcting about 2,000 printed sheets of Parliamentary Bills	Do.	
52. A Bill to regulate the Public Service	A. Oliver ...	No fee charged.
53. The Electoral Bill, 1877	Do.	52 10 0
54. Public Works and Health Bill (a)	Do.	
55. Parliamentary Powers and Privileges	Do.	No fee charged.

(a) This Bill is being prepared, and the fee to be asked will probably be not less than £157 10s., no arrangement as to fee having been made.

NOTE.—Mr. G. M. Stephen, since March, 1875, has prepared the Government Bills for Parliament and has received the salary as Parliamentary Draftsman, but has not been appointed to the office. He has been paid the salary up to the date of the late Government leaving office. It is understood that Mr. Stephen is now engaged completing the Bills ordered by the late Government.—W.E.P., 26/4/77.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

DISSOLUTIONS OF PARLIAMENT.

(RETURN SHOWING—SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 13 June, 1877.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 11th May, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—

- “ (1.) The date of each dissolution of Parliament since the introduction of Responsible Government.
- “ (2.) The name of the Premier who was in office at each such dissolution.
- “ (3.) The names of the Members, and the Constituencies they represented at each such dissolution.
- “ (4.) The dates of the days of nomination and polling for each Electorate for the several elections consequent on such dissolutions.”

(Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Jacob.)

DISSOLUTIONS OF PARLIAMENT.

Nos. 1 and 2.

RETURN of Dissolutions of Parliament since the introduction of Responsible Government.

Date of Dissolution.	Name of Premier in Office at time of Dissolution.
1. 19 December, 1857	Charles Cowper.
2. 11 April, 1859	Charles Cowper.
3. 10 November, 1860	John Robertson.
4. 10 November, 1864	James Martin.
5. 15 November, 1869	John Robertson.
6. 3 February, 1872	Sir James Martin.
7. 28 November, 1874	Henry Parkes.

No. 3.

RETURN showing "the names of the Members and the Constituencies they represented at each Dissolution."

Name of Member.	Constituency.	Name of Member.	Constituency.
<i>First Dissolution, 19th December, 1857.</i>			
Arnold, William Munnings	Durham.	Leslie, Patrick ...	Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa.
Barker, Thomas ...	Gloucester and Macquarie.	Lord, George William ...	Wellington and Bligh.
Bowman, William ...	Cumberland Boroughs.	Macarthur, James ...	Western Division of Camden.
Buckley, Henry ...	Stanley (County).	Macleay, George ...	Murrumbidgee.
Byrnes, James ...	Cumberland (S. Riding).	Macleay, William, junr.	Lachlan and Lower Darling.
Campbell, John ...	Sydney Hamlets.	Marks, John ...	Eastern Division of Camden.
Campbell, Robert ...	Sydney (City).	Martin, James ...	Cook and Westmoreland.
Cooper, Daniel ...	Sydney Hamlets.	Murray, Terence Aubrey	Southern Boroughs.
Cowper, Charles ...	Sydney (City).	Oakes, George ...	Parramatta.
Cox, George Henry ...	Wellington (County).	Osborne, Henry ...	Eastern Division of Camden.
Dalley, William Bede ...	Sydney (City).	Oxley, John Norton ...	Western Division of Camden.
Deniehy, Daniel Henry ...	Argyle.	Parker, Henry Watson	Parramatta.
Dickson, James ...	Northumberland Boroughs.	Piddington, William Richman.	Northumberland and Hunter.
Donaldson, Stuart Alexander.	Cumberland (S. Riding).	Pye, James ...	Cumberland (N. Riding).
Egan, Daniel ...	Monaro.	Richardson, John	Stanley Boroughs.
Faucett, Peter ...	King and Georgiana.	Robertson, John	Phillip, Brisbane, and Bligh.
Flood, Edward ...	North-eastern Boroughs.	Rusden, Francis Townsend.	Liverpool Plains and Gwydir.
Forster, William ...	Murray.	Rusden, Thomas George	New England and Macleay.
Garland, James ...	Lachlan and Lower Darling.	Scott, Alexander Walker	Northumberland and Hunter.
Gordon, Samuel Deane ...	Durham.	Smith, Thomas Whistler	Cumberland (N. Riding).
Hargrave, Richard ...	New England and Macleay.	Suttor, William Henry	Bathurst (County).
Hay, John ...	Murrumbidgee.	Thompson, James ...	St. Vincent.
Hely, Hovenden ...	Northumberland and Hunter.	Weckes, Elias Carpenter	Northumberland Boroughs.
Holroyd, Arthur Todd ...	Western Boroughs.	Wilshire, James Robert	Sydney (City).
Holt, Thomas ...	Stanley Boroughs.		
Irving, Clark ...	Clarence and Darling Downs.		
Jamison, Robert Thomas	Cook and Westmoreland.		
Jones, Richard ...	Durham.		
Lang, Gideon Scott	Liverpool Plains and Gwydir.		
Lee, William ...	Roxburgh.		

Name of Member.	Constituency.	Name of Member.	Constituency.
<i>Second Dissolution, 11th April, 1859.</i>			
Alcorn, Andrew	St. Vincent.	Lloyd, Edward Henry	Liverpool Plains and Gwydir.
Arnold, William Munnings.	Durham.	Lord, George William	Wellington and Bligh.
Bowker, Richard Ryther Steer.	North-eastern Boroughs.	Macarthur, James	West Camden.
Buckley, Henry	Stanley (County).	Macleay, George	Murrumbidgee.
Byrnes, James	Parramatta.	Macleay, William	Lachlan and Lower Darling.
Campbell, John	Sydney Hamlets.	Marks, John	East Camden.
Cooper, Sir Daniel, Knt.	Sydney Hamlets.	Martin, James	Cook and Westmoreland.
Cowper, Charles	Sydney.	Murray, Terence Aubrey	Southern Boroughs.
Cox, George Henry	Wellington (County).	Oakes, George	Parramatta.
Cribb, Benjamin	Stanley Boroughs.	Paterson, John	Lachlan and Lower Darling.
Dalley, William Bede	Cumberland Boroughs.	Piddington, William Richman.	Northumberland and Hunter.
Deniehy, Daniel Henry	Argyle.	Plunkett, John Hubert	Cumberland (N. Riding).
Dickson, James	Northumberland Boroughs.	Richardson, John	Stanley Boroughs.
Donaldson, Stuart Alexander.	Cumberland (S. Riding).	Robertson, John	Phillip, Brisbane, and Bligh.
Egan, Daniel	Monaro.	Rotton, Henry	Western Boroughs.
Faucett, Peter	King and Georgiana.	Scott, Alexander Walker	Northumberland and Hunter.
Flood, Edward	Cumberland (S. Riding).	Smith, Thomas Whistler	Cumberland (N. Riding).
Forster, William	Murray.	Suttor, William Henry	Bathurst (County).
Gordon, Samuel Deane	Durham.	Taylor, William Tydd	New England and Macleay.
Hargrave, John Fletcher	East Camden.	Thornton, George	Sydney.
Hart, James	New England and Macleay.	Tooth, Robert	Sydney.
Hay, John	Murrumbidgee.	Weekes, Elias Carpenter	Northumberland Boroughs.
Hodgson, Arthur	Clarence and Darling Downs.	White, George Boyle	Northumberland and Hunter.
Jamison, Robert Thomas	Cook and Westmoreland.	Wild, William Vander-muelen.	West Camden.
Jenkins, Richard	Liverpool Plains and Gwydir.	Williamson, James	Gloucester and Macquarie.
Jones, Richard	Durham.		
Lee, William	Roxburgh.		
<i>Third Dissolution, 10th November, 1860.</i>			
Arnold, William Munnings	The Paterson.	Lang, The Rev. John Dunmore, D.D.	West Sydney.
Asher, Morris	The Hume.	Laycock, John Connell	Central Cumberland.
Atkinson, James Henry	Central Cumberland.	Lord, George William	The Bogan.
Black, John	East Sydney.	Lucas, John	Canterbury.
Blake, Isidore John	The Hunter.	Lyons, Samuel	Canterbury.
Broughton, Thomas	West Sydney.	Macleay, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Byrnes, James	Parramatta.	Martin, James	East Sydney.
Campbell, Alexander	The Williams.	M'Arthur, Alexander	Newtown.
Campbell, John	The Glebe.	Moriarty, Merion Marshall.	Braidwood.
Clements, John Findlater	Bathurst.	Morris, Augustus	Balranald.
Cohen, Samuel	Morpeth.	Mort, Henry	West Macquarie.
Cooper, Sir Daniel, Knt.	Paddington.	Murray, Terence Aubrey	Argyle.
Cowper, Charles, junior	The Tumut.	Nott, Randolph	Tenterfield.
Cummings, William	East Macquarie.	Oakes, George	Parramatta.
Daniel, Silvanus Brown	Wellington.	Oxley, Henry Molesworth	Camden.
Darvall, John Bayley	The Hawkesbury.	Parkes, Henry	East Sydney.
Deniehy, Daniel Henry	East Macquarie.	Pemell, James	West Sydney.
Dickson, James	East Maitland.	Piddington, William Richman.	The Hawkesbury.
Eckford, Joseph	Wollombi.	Plunkett, John Hubert	West Sydney.
Egan, Daniel	Eden.	Roberts, William	Goulburn.
Farnell, James Squire	St. Leonards.	Robertson, John	The Upper Hunter.
Faucett, Peter	East Sydney.	Rotton, Henry	Hartley.
Flett, Henry	The Hastings.	Russell, William	Patrick's Plains.
Forster, William	Queanbeyan.	Ryan, John Nagel	The Lachlan.
Garrett, John	Shoalhaven.	Samuel, Saul	Orange.
Gordon, Samuel Deane	Illawarra.	Scott, Alexander Walker	Northumberland.
Gray, Samuel William	Kiama.	Terry Samuel Henry	Mudgee.
Hamilton, Alexander	Monaro.	Walker, William	Windsor.
Hart, James	New England.	Watt, William Redfern	Carcoar.
Hay, John	The Murray.	Weekes, Elias Carpenter	West Maitland.
Hodgson, Arthur	Newcastle.	Wild, William Vander-muelen.	Camden.
Hoskins, James	Gold Fields North.	Wilson, John Bowie	Gold Fields South.
Hurley, John	Narellan.	Windeyer, William Charles	The Lower Hunter.
Irving, Clark	The Clarence.	Wisdom, Robert	Gold Fields West.
Jamison, Robert Thomas	The Nepean.		
Jenkins, Richard Lewis	The Gwydir.		
Kemp, Charles	Liverpool Plains.		
Laidlaw, Thomas	Yass Plains.		

No. 3—continued.

Name of Member.	Constituency.	Name of Member.	Constituency.
<i>Fourth Dissolution, 10th November, 1864.</i>			
Alexander, Maurice	Goulburn.	Irving, Clark	The Clarence.
Allen, William Bell	The Williams.	Lackey, John	Parramatta.
Arnold, William Munnings ...	The Paterson.	Lang, The Rev. John Dunmore	West Sydney.
Bell, David	Camden.	Laycock, John Connell ...	Central Cumberland.
Buchanan, David	East Macquarie.	Leary, Joseph	Narellan.
Buchanan, James	Gold Fields North.	Lord, George William ...	The Bogan.
Burdekin, Marshall	Liverpool Plains.	Love, William	West Sydney.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.	Lucas, John	Canterbury.
Caldwell, John	East Sydney.	Macleay, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Close, Edward Charles, junior.	Morpeth.	Macpherson, Allan	Central Cumberland.
Cowper, Charles	East Sydney.	Martin, James	The Tumut.
Cowper, Charles, junior	Orange.	Mate, Thomas Hodges	The Hume.
Cummings, William	East Macquarie.	Milford, Henry John Bede...	Braidwood.
Cunneen, James Augustine ...	The Hawkesbury.	Morrice, John	Camden.
Dalgleish, Daniel Cameron ...	West Sydney.	Morris, Augustus	Balranald.
Dalley, William Bede	Carcoar.	Parkes, Henry	Kiama.
Dangar, Thomas	The Upper Hunter.	Piddington, William Richman	The Hawkesbury.
Darvall, John Bayley	East Maitland.	Raper, Edward	Canterbury.
Driver, Richard, junior	West Macquarie.	Redman, William	Queanbeyan.
Eagar, Geoffrey	West Sydney.	Robertson, John	Shoalhaven.
Eckford, Joseph	Wollombi.	Rotton, Henry	Hartley.
Egan, Daniel	Eden.	Rusden, Francis Townsend...	The Gwydir.
Emanuel, Samuel	Argyle.	Ryan, James Tobias... ..	The Nepean.
Faucett, Peter	Yass Plains.	Ryan, John Nagel	The Lachlan.
Flett, Henry	The Hastings.	Sadleir, Richard	The Lower Hunter.
Forster, Robert Henry Mariner	New England.	Samuel, Saul... ..	Wellington.
Forster, William	East Sydney.	Shepherd, Isaac	St. Leonards.
Garrett, Thomas	Monaro.	Smart, Thomas Ware	The Glebe.
Gordon, Hugh	Tenterfield.	Stewart, Robert	East Sydney.
Hannell, James	Newcastle.	Sutherland, John	Paddington.
Harpur, Joseph Jehosaphat ...	Patrick's Plains.	Terry, Samuel Henry	Mudgee.
Hart, James	Bathurst.	Tighe, Atkinson Alfred Patrick	Northumberland.
Haworth, Robert	Illawarra.	Walker, William	Windsor.
Hay, John	The Murray.	Weekes, Elias Carpenter ...	West Maitland.
Holroyd, Arthur Todd	Parramatta.	Wilson, John Bowie	Gold Fields South.
Holt, Thomas... ..	Newtown.	Wisdom, Robert	Gold Fields West.
<i>Fifth Dissolution, 15th November, 1869.</i>			
Alexander, Maurice	Goulburn.	Isaacs, Robert Macintosh ...	Yass Plains.
Arnold, William Munnings ...	The Paterson.	Kelly, Michael William	Braidwood.
Bell, Archibald	The Upper Hunter.	Lackey, John	Central Cumberland.
Brown, Edward George	The Tumut.	Landale, Robert	The Murray.
Brown, Stephen Campbell	Newtown.	Lang, The Rev. John Dunmore	West Sydney.
Burdekin, Marshall	East Sydney.	Lee, Benjamin	West Maitland.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.	Lloyd, John Charles... ..	Liverpool Plains.
Byrnes, James	Parramatta.	Lord, George William	The Bogan.
Campbell, James	Morpeth.	Lucas, John	Hartley.
Campbell, William Robert ...	West Sydney.	Lyons, Samuel	Central Cumberland.
Cooper, Theophilus	New England.	Macleay, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Church, Walter	Gold Fields West.	Martin, Sir James	The Lachlan.
Cummings, William	East Macquarie.	Mate, Thomas Henry	The Hume.
Cunneen, James Augustine ...	The Hawkesbury.	M'Kay, George	Orange.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon	The Gwydir.	Morrice, John	Camden.
Gibbons.		Neale, James Henry	East Sydney.
De Salis, Leopold Fane	Queanbeyan.	Nowlan, John	The Williams.
Dignam, Philip	Argyle.	Oatley, James	Canterbury.
Dodds, Alexander	East Maitland.	Parkes, Henry	Kiama.
Driver, Richard	West Macquarie.	Phelps, Joseph James	Balranald.
Eagar, Geoffrey	West Sydney.	Piddington, William Richman	The Hawkesbury.
Eckford, Joseph	The Wollombi.	Roberts, Richard Hutchinson	Camden.
Egan, Daniel	Eden.	Robertson, John	The Clarence.
Farnell, James Squire	Parramatta.	Rodd, James	Gold Fields South.
Forster, William	The Hastings.	Ryan, James Tobias... ..	The Nepean.
Garrett, Thomas	Shoalhaven.	Samuel, Saul... ..	Wellington.
Gordon, Hugh	Tenterfield.	Smart, Thomas Ware	The Glebe.
Grahamc, William	Monaro.	Stewart, John	Illawarra.
Hannell, James	Newcastle.	Stewart, Robert	East Sydney.
Hart, James	East Sydney.	Stimpson, Barnard	Carcoar.
Hill, Richard	Canterbury.	Sutherland, John	Paddington.
Hoskins, James	Gold Fields North.	Suttor, John Bligh	East Macquarie.
Hurley, John	Narellan.	Suttor, William Henry	Bathurst.

No. 3—continued.

Name of Member.	Constituency.	Name of Member.	Constituency.
<i>Fifth Dissolution—continued.</i>			
Terry, Samuel Henry ...	Mudgee.	Walker, William ...	Windsor.
Tighe, Atkinson Alfred ...	Northumberland.	Wilson, John Bowie...	Patrick's Plains.
Patrick.		Windeyer, William Charles...	West Sydney.
Tunks, William ...	St. Leonards.	Wisdom, Robert ...	The Lower Hunter.
<i>Sixth Dissolution, 3rd February, 1872.</i>			
Alexander, Maurice ...	Goulburn.	Leary, Joseph ...	Narellan.
Allen, George Wigram ...	The Glebe.	Lee, Benjamin ...	West Maitland.
Arnold, William Munnings ...	The Paterson.	Levy, Lewis Wolfe ...	Liverpool Plains.
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander ...	Gold Fields South.	Lloyd, George Alfred ...	Newcastle.
Bawden, Thomas ...	The Clarence.	Lord, George William ...	The Bogan.
Bell, Archibald ...	The Upper Hunter.	Lucas, John ...	Canterbury.
Brookes, William ...	Northumberland.	Macleay, William ...	The Murrumbidgee.
Brown, Edward George ...	The Tumut.	Martin, Sir James ...	East Sydney.
Brown, Stephen Campbell ...	Newtown.	Morrice, John ...	Camden.
Buchanan, David ...	East Sydney.	Moses, Henry ...	The Hawkesbury.
Butler, Edward ...	Argyle.	Neale, James Henry ...	Hartley.
Byrnes, James ...	Parramatta.	Nowlan, John ...	The Williams.
Campbell, James ...	Morpeth.	Onslow, Arthur Alexander ...	Camden.
Church, Walter ...	Gold Fields West.	Walton.	
Clarke, Henry ...	Eden.	Osborne, James ...	Illawarra.
Cummings, William ...	East Macquarie.	Parkes, Henry ...	Mudgee.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon ...	The Gwydir.	Phelps, Joseph James ...	Balranald.
Gibbons.		Piddington, William Richman ...	The Hawkesbury.
Dight, Arthur... ..	Windsor.	Robertson, John ...	West Sydney.
Dillon, John ...	The Hunter.	Ryan, James Tobias... ..	The Nepean.
Dodds, Alexander ...	East Maitland.	Samuel, Saul... ..	Orange.
Driver, Richard ...	Carcoar.	Smith, Robert Burdett ...	The Hastings.
Eckford, Joseph ...	The Wollombi.	Speer William ...	West Sydney.
Fallon, James Thomas ...	The Hume.	Spring, Gerald ...	Wellington.
Farnell, James Squire ...	Parramatta.	Stewart, John ...	Kiama.
Fitzpatrick, Michael ...	Yass Plains.	Sutherland, John ...	Paddington.
Flood, Edward ...	Central Cumberland	Suttor, William Henry ...	Bathurst.
Forster, William ...	Queanbeyan.	Suttor, John Bligh ...	East Macquarie.
Forster, Robert Henry Mariner ...	Gold Fields North.	Terry, Samuel Henry ...	New England.
Fraser, Colin Alexander ...	Tenterfield.	Tunks, William ...	St. Leonards.
Greville, Edward ...	Braidwood.	Warden, James ...	Shoalhaven.
Hart, James ...	Monaro.	Watson, James ...	The Lachlan.
Hill, Richard ...	Canterbury.	Wearne, Joseph ...	West Sydney.
Hoskins James ...	Patrick's Plains.	Webb, Edmund ...	West Macquarie.
Jennings, Patrick Alfred ...	The Murray.	Wilson, John Bowie ...	East Sydney.
King, George ...	East Sydney.	Windeyer, William Charles...	West Sydney.
Lackey, John ...	Central Cumberland.	Wisdom, Robert ...	The Lower Hunter.
<i>Seventh Dissolution, 28th November, 1874.</i>			
Abbott, Robert Palmer ...	Tenterfield.	Fitzpatrick, Michael ...	Yass Plains.
Allen, George Wigram ...	The Glebe.	Forster William ...	Illawarra.
Arnold, William Munnings ...	The Paterson.	Garrett, Thomas ...	Camden.
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander ...	Gold Fields South.	Grahame, William ...	Monaro.
Bawden, Thomas ...	The Clarence.	Greville, Edward ...	Braidwood.
Bennett, Hanley ...	Liverpool Plains.	Hannell, James ...	Northumberland.
Booth, John ...	West Sydney.	Hay, William ...	The Murray.
Brown, Stephen Campbell ...	Newtown.	Hill, Richard ...	Canterbury.
Brown, Thomas ...	Hartley.	Hoskins, James ...	The Tumut.
Browne, William Charles ...	Patrick's Plains.	Hurley, John ...	Central Cumberland.
Buchanan, David ...	Gold Fields West.	Hurley, John ...	Narellan.
Burns, John Fitzgerald ...	The Hunter.	Jacob, Archibald Hamilton...	The Lower Hunter.
Butler, Edward ...	Argyle.		
Campbell, James ...	Morpeth.	Lackey, John ...	Central Cumberland.
Clarke, Henry ...	Eden.	Levy, Lewis Wolfe ...	West Maitland.
Combes, Edward ...	Bathurst.	Lloyd, George Alfred ...	Newcastle.
Cooper, Walter Hampson ...	East Macquarie.	Lord, George William ...	The Bogan.
Creed, John Mildred ...	The Upper Hunter.	Lucas, John ...	Canterbury.
Cummings, William ...	East Macquarie.	Macintosh, John ...	East Sydney.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon ...	The Gwydir.	Macleay, William ...	The Murrumbidgee.
Gibbons		Moore, Charles ...	East Sydney.
Cunneen, James Augustine ...	The Wollombi.	Moses, Henry ...	The Hawkesbury.
De Salis, Leopold William Fane ...	Queanbeyan.	Nelson, Harris Levi... ..	Orange.
Driver, Richard ...	Windsor.	Nowlan, John ...	The Williams.
Farnell, James Squire ...	Parramatta.	Oakes, George ...	East Sydney.

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Name of Member.	Constituency.	Name of Member.	Constituency.
<i>Seventh Dissolution—continued.</i>			
O'Connor, Joseph Graham ...	Mudgee.	Smith, Robert Burdett ...	The Hastings.
Onslow, Arthur Alexander Walton.	Camden.	Stewart, John ...	Kiama.
Parkes, Henry ...	East Sydney.	Sutherland, John ...	Paddington.
Phelps, Joseph James ...	Balranald.	Taylor, Hugh ...	Parramatta.
Piddington, William Richman ...	The Hawkesbury.	Teece, William, junior ...	Goulburn.
Raphaël, Joseph George ...	West Sydney.	Terry, Samuel Henry ...	New England.
Robertson, John ...	West Sydney.	Tunks, William ...	St. Leonards.
Robertson, Thomas ...	The Hume.	Warden, James ...	Shoalhaven.
Scholey, Stephen ...	East Maitland.	Watson, James ...	The Lachlan.
Single, Joseph Daniel ...	The Nepean.	Wearne, Joseph ...	West Sydney.
Smith, John Samuel ...	Wellington.	Webb, Edmund ...	West Macquarie.
		West, Thomas Henry ...	Carcoar.

No. 4.

DAYS of Nomination and Polling.

Electorates.	General Election of 1857-8.	
	(1) Nomination.	Polling.
Argyle ...	18 January	23 January.
Bathurst (County) ...	19 "	25 "
Eastern Division of Camden ...	19 "	22 "
Western Division of Camden ...	18 "	21 "
Cook and Westmoreland ...	20 "	27 "
Cumberland (North Riding) ...	25 "	28 "
Cumberland (South Riding) ...	27 "	30 "
Durham ...	29 "	5 February.
Gloucester and Macquarie ...	1 February	10 "
King and Georgiana ...	1 "	8 "
Murray ...	29 January	5 "
Northumberland and Hunter ...	22 "	30 January.
Phillip, Brisbane, and Bligh ...	1 February	11 February.
Roxburgh ...	27 January	2 "
St. Vincent ...	19 "	26 January.
Stanley (County) ...	1 February	8 February.
Wellington (County) ...	29 January	5 "
Maneroo ...	26 "	5 "
Murrumbidgee ...	26 "	9 "
Lachlan and Lower Darling ...	25 "	11 "
Wellington and Bligh ...	27 "	10 "
Liverpool Plains and Gwydir ...	27 "	10 "
New England and Macleay ...	28 "	11 "
Clarence and Darling Downs ...	29 "	12 "
Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett and Maranoa, including Port Curtis and Leichhardt.	27 "	12 "
Sydney (City) ...	14 "	15 January.
Sydney Hamlets ...	12 "	13 "
Parramatta ...	18 "	19 "
Cumberland Boroughs ...	20 "	22 "
Western Boroughs ...	26 "	28 "
Southern Boroughs ...	25 "	28 "
Northumberland Boroughs ...	27 "	28 "
North-eastern Boroughs ...	25 "	26 "
Stanley Boroughs ...	29 "	1 February.

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Electoraltes.	General Election of											
	(2) 1859.		(3) 1860.		(4) 1864-5.		(5) 1869-70.		(6) 1872.		(7) 1874-5.	
	Nomina- tion.	Polling.	Nomina- tion.	Polling.	Nomina- tion.	Polling.	Nomina- tion.	Polling.	Nomina- tion.	Polling.	Nomina- tion.	Polling.
Argyle	15 June	18 June	5 Dec.	8 Dec.	12 Dec.	16 Dec.	13 Dec.	17 Dec.	4 Mar.	8 Mar.	28 Dec.	2 Jan.
Balnaind	14 "	5 July	5 "	19 "	15 "	18 Jan.	15 "	5 Jan.	7 "	28 "	20 "	11 "
Bathurst	8 "	9 June	5 "	6 "	20 "	21 Dec.	20 "	22 Dec.	22 Feb.	23 Feb.	30 "	2 "
The Bogan	14 "	5 July	5 "	19 "	10 "	22 "	10 "	22 "	28 "	11 Mar.	23 "	4 "
Braidwood	16 "	20 June	6 "	10 "	8 "	13 "	8 "	14 "	28 "	5 "	22 "	28 Dec.
Brisbane	10 "	11 "										
The Burnett	14 "	5 July										
Camden	25 "	28 June	19 Dec.	21 Dec.	12 Dec.	15 Dec.	10 Dec.	14 Dec.	21 Feb.	26 Feb.	31 Dec.	4 Jan.
Canterbury	16 "	18 "	13 "	15 "	3 "	7 "	20 "	23 "	16 "	20 "	23 "	28 Dec.
Carcoar	15 "	21 "	5 "	11 "	15 "	21 "	17 "	23 "	21 "	26 "	22 "	28 "
The Clarence	10 "	21 "	7 "	14 "	19 "	29 "	7 "	14 "	28 "	5 Mar.	14 "	22 "
Central Cumberland	20 "	23 "	19 "	22 "	24 Nov.	26 Nov.	24 "	28 "	19 "	22 Feb.	4 Jan.	8 Jan.
Darling Downs	14 "	5 July										
Eden	16 "	23 June	5 Dec.	10 Dec.	17 Dec.	24 Dec.	10 Dec.	14 Dec.	21 Feb.	26 Feb.	23 Dec.	28 Dec.
The Glebe	13 "	15 "	12 "	14 "	28 Nov.	29 Nov.	11 "	13 "	16 "	19 "	9 "	11 "
Goulburn	13 "	14 "	6 "	7 "	6 Dec.	7 Dec.	13 "	14 "	4 Mar.	5 Mar.	21 "	22 "
The Gwydir	14 "	7 July	5 "	19 "	10 "	24 "	10 "	24 "	7 "	21 "	23 "	6 Jan.
Hartley	20 "	25 June	10 "	14 "	3 "	8 "	18 "	23 "	2 "	6 "	16 "	21 Dec.
The Hastings	21 "	1 July	11 "	21 "	10 "	24 "	10 "	23 "	19 Feb.	29 Feb.	14 "	24 "
The Hawkesbury	22 "	25 June	17 "	21 "	26 Nov.	29 Nov.	15 "	18 "	4 Mar.	7 Mar.	23 "	28 "
The Hume	21 "	28 "	10 "	15 "	17 Dec.	24 Dec.	15 "	23 "	7 "	15 "	22 "	29 "
The Hunter	23 "	25 "	10 "	12 "	7 "	9 "	13 "	15 "	29 Feb.	2 "	23 "	2 Jan.
The Lower Hunter	27 "	29 "	13 "	15 "	5 "	8 "	14 "	17 "	4 Mar.	7 "	23 "	4 "
The Upper Hunter	20 "	24 "	7 "	10 "	12 "	15 "	13 "	16 "	26 Feb.	29 Feb.	20 "	28 Dec.
Illawarra	13 "	15 "	10 "	12 "	8 "	10 "	10 "	14 "	26 "	29 "	22 "	28 "
Ipswich	13 "	14 "										
Kiama	14 "	16 "	11 Dec.	13 Dec.	17 Dec.	20 Dec.	10 Dec.	14 Dec.	19 Feb.	23 Feb.	15 Dec.	18 Dec.
The Lachlan	16 "	24 "	14 "	24 "	17 "	28 "	20 "	28 "	1 Mar.	9 Mar.	4 Jan.	12 Jan.
Leichhardt	15 "	6 July										
Liverpool Plains	27 "	6 "	5 Dec.	16 Dec.	10 Dec.	24 Dec.	10 Dec.	23 Dec.	28 Feb.	11 Mar.	23 Dec.	6 Jan.
East Macquarie	10 "	13 June	8 "	11 "	21 "	24 "	18 "	21 "	19 "	22 Feb.	31 "	5 "
West Macquarie	11 "	14 "	7 "	10 "	21 "	24 "	13 "	15 "	21 "	24 "	31 "	4 "
East Maitland	16 "	18 "	13 "	14 "	15 "	16 "	15 "	16 "	23 "	24 "	15 "	16 Dec.
West Maitland	20 "	21 "	17 "	18 "	12 "	13 "	17 "	20 "	4 Mar.	5 Mar.	18 "	21 "
Monaro	22 "	30 "	5 "	11 "	17 "	24 "	27 "	4 Jan.	7 "	15 "	28 "	5 Jan.
East Moreton	15 "	18 "										
West Moreton	16 "	21 "										
Morpeth	22 "	24 "	12 Dec.	14 Dec.	12 Dec.	13 Dec.	16 Dec.	17 Dec.	19 Feb.	20 Feb.	16 Dec.	17 Dec.
Mudgee	14 "	18 "	12 "	15 "	21 "	24 "	13 "	16 "	4 Mar.	7 Mar.	19 "	23 "
The Murray	22 "	29 "	5 "	19 "	10 "	24 "	15 "	29 "	7 "	21 "	23 "	7 Jan.
The Murrumbidgee	10 "	17 "	5 "	19 "	10 "	24 "	9 "	20 "	7 "	12 "	22 "	2 "
Narellan	24 "	27 "	18 "	20 "	15 "	17 "	15 "	17 "	1 "	4 "	15 "	17 Dec.
The Nepean	13 "	16 "	12 "	14 "	8 "	10 "	10 "	14 "	24 Feb.	28 Feb.	19 "	23 "
Newcastle	13 "	14 "	5 "	6 "	21 "	22 "	2 "	3 "	1 Mar.	2 Mar.	7 "	8 "
New England	20 "	30 "	10 "	24 "	10 "	24 "	15 "	23 "	1 "	8 "	30 "	7 Jan.
Newtown	15 "	17 "	15 "	17 "	6 "	7 "	8 "	10 "	1 "	4 "	11 "	14 Dec.
Northumberland	15 "	17 "	7 "	8 "	23 "	24 "	7 "	9 "	19 Feb.	21 Feb.	14 "	17 "
Orange	16 "	18 "	8 "	10 "	15 "	17 "	15 "	17 "	1 Mar.	4 Mar.	15 "	17 "
Paddington	8 "	10 "	6 "	8 "	22 Nov.	23 Nov.	4 "	6 "	19 Feb.	20 Feb.	8 "	10 "
Parramatta	16 "	18 "	7 "	8 "	23 "	24 "	16 "	17 "	19 "	20 "	9 "	10 "
The Paterson	14 "	16 "	6 "	8 "	12 Dec.	14 Dec.	13 "	15 "	15 "	17 "	16 "	18 "
Patrick's Plains	28 "	30 "	11 "	13 "	7 "	9 "	21 "	23 "	24 "	27 "	14 "	16 "
Queanbeyan	17 "	21 "	10 "	12 "	15 "	17 "	21 "	23 "	4 Mar.	6 Mar.	21 "	23 "
St. Leonards	15 "	17 "	17 "	19 "	3 "	7 "	15 "	20 "	1 "	6 "	15 "	21 "
Shoalhaven	17 "	21 "	13 "	17 "	17 "	21 "	10 "	14 "	1 "	5 "	14 "	18 "
East Sydney	7 "	9 "	5 "	7 "	21 Nov.	22 Nov.	2 "	3 "	12 Feb.	13 Feb.	7 "	9 "
West Sydney	11 "	14 "	10 "	12 "	23 "	24 "	7 "	9 "	14 "	15 "	14 "	16 "
Tenterfield	16 "	24 "	10 "	15 "	17 Dec.	24 Dec.	16 "	23 "	5 Mar.	12 Mar.	22 "	29 "
The Tumut	27 "	30 "	6 "	8 "	8 "	10 "	20 "	22 "	19 Feb.	21 Feb.	31 "	2 Jan.
Wellington	8 "	15 "	10 "	15 "	15 "	21 "	21 "	28 "	21 "	28 "	31 "	7 "
The Williams	13 "	16 "	11 "	14 "	5 "	8 "	21 "	22 "	1 Mar.	8 Mar.	29 "	6 "
Windsor	20 "	21 "	21 "	22 "	23 Nov.	24 Nov.	21 "	22 "	19 Feb.	20 Feb.	15 "	16 Dec.
Wollombi	14 "	20 "	11 "	15 "	9 Dec.	13 Dec.	9 "	13 "	17 "	21 "	10 "	14 "
Yass Plains	16 "	24 "	10 "	15 "	15 "	20 "	20 "	24 "	4 Mar.	8 Mar.	15 "	18 "
Gold Fields South	13 "	6 July	5 "	19 "	15 "	10 Jan.	15 "	10 Jan.	1 "	25 "	22 "	11 Jan.
Gold Fields West	13 "	6 "	5 "	19 "	15 "	10 "	15 "	10 "	1 "	25 "	22 "	11 "
Gold Fields North	13 "	6 "	5 "	19 "	15 "	10 "	15 "	10 "	1 "	25 "	22 "	11 "

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 13 June, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. G. R. DIBBS, M.P.

(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING PAPERS TAKEN FROM CUSTOM HOUSE, BY.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 21 June, 1877.

FINAL RETURN to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 12 June, 1877,—

- “ (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House (*as an Exhibit only*),
“ the original Certificate referred to in the letters of the Collector of
“ Customs under date 25th March and 28th March, 1872, embodied in the
“ Correspondence laid before the Legislative Assembly on the 12th June,
“ 1872, respecting papers taken from the Custom House by Mr. George
“ R. Dibbs.
“ (2.) The like in regard to the fresh Certificate issued to Mr. Yeager.
“ (3.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all
“ Letters, Correspondence, &c., in this case.”

(Mr. McElhone.)

MR. G. R. DIBBS, M.P.

(Laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, with reference to Questions asked by Mr. Tanks on 9th May, 1872.)

No. 1.

The Collector of Customs to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Custom House, Sydney, 25 March, 1872.
I do myself the honor to forward, for the consideration of the Crown Law Officers, a builder's certificate, which I believe to be a forgery within the meaning of the 101st section of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854.

Originally it was a certificate in favour of William Tudor Yeager of Richmond River, who presented it in due form and made the declaration of ownership. The document was then handed to the Measuring Surveyor, who measured the vessel, but the certificate was clandestinely taken out of the Surveyor's room by some person, and was afterwards returned to the Registry Clerk by Mr. G. R. Dibbs, altered as it now appears, that is—the name of the declared owner was erased, and that of Mr. John Thomas Neale inserted in the body of the certificate, and the declaration of ownership by Mr. Yeager was torn off, and one by Mr. Neale inserted in its place.

Mr. Yeager has exhibited to me a formal contract with the builders, and there appears to be no doubt that he is the legal owner. It is stated that the builders are in difficulties, and that Mr. Neale had advanced them some money through Mr. Dibbs; but of course any transaction of that kind does not affect the right of the owner, nor can anything, in my opinion, justify the alteration and mutilation of a document which forms the whole basis of the registration system.

I have, &c.,
W. A. DUNCAN,
Collector of Customs.

P.S.—Mr. Yeager's solicitor has presented a new builder's certificate and declaration, and demands Certificate of Registry, which I believe I am bound to grant, but I have told him that I must first communicate with the Crown Law Officers.

[Urgent.]

W.A.D.,
26/3/72.

Before the case is submitted to the Crown Law Officers, I am of opinion that the Collector should call upon the parties concerned for their explanation.—G.W.L., 26/3/72.
Collector of Customs, B.C., 26/3/72.—G.E.

[Enclosure in No. 1.]

PORT OF SYDNEY.

(1) Builder's names.
(2) Sloop, smack, schooner, &c.
(3) Square-sterned, carved-built, sloop, smack, &c., as the case may be; and whether she has gallery, figure-head, &c.

WE, (1) Parkinson and Mayer, do hereby certify that the (2) steamer was built by us at Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two. Her dimensions are as follows, viz.:—Her length from the inner part of her main stem to the fore part of the stern post aloft is eighty feet; her breadth at the broadest part inside, in midships, thirteen feet; her height, in hold, five feet five-tenths, and admeasuring eighty tons; that she is a (3) round-sterned, inside and outside plating, steamer, schooner, no galleries, no figure-head; and that we built the said vessel for John Thomas Neale, of Sydney, who was the first purchaser thereof.

Witness our hands, this eighteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

For the firm of PARKINSON & MAYER,
JS. MAYER.

(4) Purchasers' names, or one of them.

I, (4) John Thomas Neale, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, the owner, do solemnly declare that the vessel mentioned in this Certificate is called the "Athletic," and the same which is so described by the builders as above.

JOHN T. NEALE.

Signed and declared before us, at the Custom House in the Port of Sydney, this 25th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two,—

H. J. RUCKER, JR.,

Registrar of the Port of Sydney.

Plantation, No. 34.—Builder's Certificate.

No. 2.

The Collector of Customs to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Custom House, 28 March, 1872.
In accordance with the Honorable Treasurer's minute of the 26th instant, I have called upon the parties concerned in the transactions referred to in my letter of the 25th for their explanations, which I enclose, with the following remarks, which I think will assist Mr. Lord in understanding my position in the matter as Registrar, and the reason of my wishing for legal advice thereon.

1. The vessel in question was built by contract, for Mr. W. T. Yeager, by Messrs. Parkinson & Mayer, whose receipts Mr. Yeager holds for about two-thirds of the contract price, but who being unable to complete the vessel, delivered her to Mr. Yeager with a clear title and a builder's certificate, to enable him to effect registration.

2. Pending the progress of the work, Mr. Neale advanced the builders £300 on their bills with personal security. These are said to be not yet due; but as the builders are supposed to be in difficulties, they were induced on the 3rd January to promise Mr. Neale, in writing, to convey the vessel to him. Mr. Neale, in stating this, appears to ignore Mr. Yeager's claim altogether.

3. Mr. Yeager having received the builder's certificate, registered it with his own declaration at the Custom House, and the vessel was measured in the usual way; meantime the certificate and declaration got, by some means or other, I know not how, into the possession of Mr. Dibbs, who admits that he tore off the owner's declaration, and altered the name in the certificate from Yeager to Neale, and having pasted thereon a new declaration, by Mr. Neale, the latter made it before the proper officer. Mr. Neale states that he was not aware of the alteration at the time he made the declaration; and this I believe, because the clerk, Mr. Rucker, informs me that Mr. Dibbs placed another paper over the alteration, which concealed it from *his* view also until they were gone.

4. As to what Mr. Dibbs alleges, that the alteration was made by consent of one of the builders, this appears to be nothing to the purpose, as the builders had parted with the document and had no longer any power over it: it was the property of Yeager, and could not be lawfully altered without his consent; it was legally in the custody of the Registrar (though improperly in Mr. Dibbs' possession), and could not be altered without the Registrar's consent as well as the owner's.

5. I believe this alteration to be "fraudulent" under the 101st section of the Merchant Shipping Act, and that it is my duty to set the law in motion to punish the fraud. I believe it also to be my duty, subject to the legal advice referred to, to place Mr. Yeager in the same position in which he was before the fraud was committed, and to register his vessel, without concerning myself with any litigation that may arise out of the conduct of the builders.

6. I enclose a formal demand for registration made by Mr. Yeager's solicitors, and have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
W. A. DUNCAN.

I think that Mr. Duncan has rather a correct view of his duty in this matter. He should put Mr. Yeager in the same position in which he was before the alteration was made. I do not think however that, under the circumstances stated, Mr. Dibbs has been guilty of a violation of the 101st section of the Act of 1854.—J.M., A.G., 30 March, 1872.

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, B.C., 30 March, /72.—W.E.P.

The Collector of Customs.—G.W.L., 3/4/72.

B.C., 3/4/72.—G.E.

[Enclosure 1 in No. 2.]

John T. Neale, Esq., to The Collector of Customs.

Sir,

Sydney, 26 March, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, in which you request me to explain, for the information of the Attorney General, the circumstances under which I signed a declaration of ownership of a steamer, beneath a mutilated builder's certificate which had been issued by the contractors in favour of W. T. Yeager, who was the declared owner in the original document as it was executed in your office.

In reply, I beg to state, for the information of the Honorable the Attorney General, that I signed the declaration referred to by reason of my being owner of the steamer in question; Messrs. Parkinson and Mayer, the builders and owners of the steamer in question, having agreed to transfer the same to me under deed of 3rd January last, by virtue of the provisions of which they were bound to give me a title in the form I thought necessary, so soon as the measurement of said vessel was made by the Custom House authorities, and which agreement they carried out by the document referred to by you as a mutilated builder's certificate.

That on the 3rd of January last, possession of said steamer was formally given to my agent by the said Parkinson and Mayer.

I am not aware of any mutilation of the builder's certificate; I am, however, aware that an alteration was made in the certificate, with the knowledge and consent in writing of the owners and builders.

I have given the foregoing for the information of the Honorable the Attorney General, while not admitting his right or yours to demand it, and have therefore to request that any information contained in this letter may not be communicated to any person claiming adversely to me.

I have to request you will give the necessary instructions to your subordinate officer to prepare the proper title, without delay, in my name; and formally, I have to give you notice that I shall hold you responsible for any damage which I may sustain by any delay in giving me such title.

I have, &c.,

JOHN T. NEALE.

[Enclosure 2 in No. 2.]

George R. Dibbs, Esq., to The Collector of Customs.

Sir,

(The Register of Shipping.)

Sydney, 26 March, 1872.

I am in receipt of your letter of 26th instant. I deny that I have done anything in contravention of the 101st section of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854.

I deny your right to ask for any explanation on my acts in connection with the subject of your letter. As a matter of courtesy, however, to the Hon. the Attorney General, I have no objection to make the following statement, for his information.

In the early part of January in this year, I negotiated an advance from Mr. J. T. Neale to Messrs. Parkinson & Mayer, in terms of which they transferred and conveyed to that gentleman the steamer then in course of construction by them at the foot of Bathurst-street, with all her engines, &c., stipulating that so soon as the boat was launched and measured by the Customs Department, Mr. Neale was to have full and perfect security over her. Possession of the vessel was formally given to me, on behalf of Mr. Neale, by the builders.

Hearing that the vessel had been measured, I applied, as Mr. Neale's agent, to Messrs. Parkinson and Mayer, on the 21st instant, to complete their contract, by giving him a perfect security, which they agreed to give, mentioning at the same time they had given a builder's certificate. They then signed an authority empowering me, as their agent, to proceed without delay in obtaining the Certificate of Registry, and empowering me to make such application and alteration of forms already signed by them, as would more speedily carry out the object in view, viz., of further securing Mr. Neale on his advance.

On Saturday the 23rd instant, hearing they contemplated making a bill of sale of their interest to Mr. Yeager, I applied, under the letter of authority of 21st, to obtain the form they had already signed, when I discovered they had inserted the name of Mr. Yeager as first purchaser. This I produced to Mr. Parkinson on the morning of Saturday; and in his presence, and with his knowledge and consent, and in the presence of two parties, I made the necessary alteration to secure Mr. J. T. Neale the title which was his due.

The enclosed declaration from Messrs. Dewesbury and Biggs more fully explains this.

It is not for me to justify Mr. Neale's position; he is quite capable of doing what is necessary to prove his rightful ownership of the "Athlete," and also to stand by the consequences of his declaration of ownership; and, in conclusion, I beg to state that I am prepared to take the consequences of anything which I have done as Mr. Neale's agent, and acting under the authority of Messrs. Parkinson and Mayer.

I am, &c.,

GEORGE R. DIBBS.

[Sub-enclosure.]

[Sub-enclosure.]

Sydney, 25 March, 1872.

We, the undersigned, George Dewesbury, of Sydney, machinist, and John Biggs, of Sydney, leather merchant, do hereby declare,—

1st. That we were present at the office of Mr. G. R. Dibbs, Pitt-street, on Saturday the 23rd instant, in company with Mr. A. W. Parkinson, of the firm of "Parkinson & Mayer," engineers, &c., Sydney.

2nd. That Mr. Dibbs produced and read in our presence an authority from Parkinson & Mayer to him, under date the 21st of March instant, authorizing Mr. Dibbs to obtain the certificate of registry from the Custom House, as the agent of Parkinson & Mayer—and further, specially authorizing Mr. Dibbs to make whatever alterations he thought necessary in any forms already signed by Parkinson and Mayer.

3rd. That Mr. Dibbs also produced the builder's certificate of the "Athlete," and made certain alterations therein, explaining to us and Mr. Parkinson the nature of such alterations, and that they were more fully to secure Mr. J. T. Neale the advance made to Parkinson and Mayer in January last of £300 and interest. That the alterations so made were done at the request and in the presence of the said A. W. Parkinson, and with his knowledge and consent, and in our presence.

GEORGE DEWESBURY.
JOHN BIGGS.

Sydney, 26th March, 1872.

Witness to signatures of Messrs. Dewesbury and Biggs,—WILLIAM BIGGS.

True copy—GEORGE R. DIBBS.

[Enclosure 3 in No. 2.]

Messrs. Holdsworth & Brown to The Collector of Customs.

Sir,

69, Pitt-street, Sydney, 27 March, 1872.

With reference to our interview with you on the 25th instant, we are now instructed by Mr. W. T. Yeager formally to call upon you to issue in his favour certificate of registry of the steam-vessel "Athletic."

As an extraordinary attempt has been made in a certain quarter to defeat our client's claim, we think it convenient here to state the grounds on which that claim is founded:—On the 3rd October last an agreement was entered into by Messrs. Parkinson & Mayer with Mr. Yeager to build for him an iron strew-steamer according to specifications, for the sum of £920, to be paid by instalments. On the 23rd February Mr. Yeager paid the builders, including the amount of a mortgage duly registered which they had previously given to Messrs. Raynes, Treve, & Company, and of which he took an assignment, £350, and thereupon took actual possession of the vessel, and has ever since held such possession—in fact Mr. Yeager himself sleeps on board; since then he has made other payments; and, on the 23rd instant, the builders not proceeding with the work to his satisfaction, he took the completion of the vessel out of their hands, paid them the sum of £172, and took their receipt in full of all demands in respect of the vessel.

On the 18th March instant Mr. Yeager obtained the builder's certificate in the usual form, and made before Mr. Rucker the owner's declaration. This we understand was handed over to Mr. Russell, the measuring surveyor, preparatory to the certificate of registry being paid. We are informed that Mr. G. R. Dibbs by some means obtained possession of the builder's certificate from Mr. Russell, struck out Mr. Yeager's name, inserted that of Mr. J. T. Neale, tore off Mr. Yeager's declaration, and pasted on to the mutilated certificate a declaration of ownership by Mr. Neale. We scarcely know how to characterize such conduct, but there is no doubt it will be the duty of the Crown Law Officers to take cognizance of it.

Our client, Mr. Yeager, has obtained a fresh builder's certificate, and made the necessary declaration, which we have left with you. There can be no objection, therefore, to you at once issuing the certificate of registry to Mr. Yeager; and we are instructed to call upon you to do so, leaving the fraudulent alteration of the previous certificate to be dealt with by the proper officers.

We have, &c.,

HOLDSWORTH & BROWN.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

(PAPERS RESPECTING APPLICATION OF, FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12 December, 1876.

No. 1.

The Speaker to The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st November, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an application from Mr. Jones, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for leave of absence for twelve months, on full pay.

I consider the application a reasonable one. Mr. Jones is a very old public servant—a most efficient, zealous, and reliable officer,—and has never had leave of absence.

I am satisfied that, under the arrangement proposed by Mr. Jones, the duties of the Department would be satisfactorily carried on during his absence, and, as pointed out by him, the arrangement entails no extra cost to the Country.

I have great pleasure in recommending that the application be granted; but, looking to the highly responsible office Mr. Jones holds, I would suggest, for your consideration, the desirability of mentioning the matter to the House.

I have, &c.,
G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

[*Enclosure in foregoing.*]

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to The Speaker.

Sir,

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 31st October, 1876.

I have been in the Public Service of this Colony for nearly thirty-three years, and, excepting a few weeks in Parliamentary recess, have not had leave of absence.

I have held the office of Clerk of the Assembly for many years, and now I find that the trying nature of my duties, and the long sittings of the House, are telling seriously on my constitution, and that I need a season of rest.

I therefore respectfully apply for leave of absence, for twelve months, on full pay, from the beginning of next year. Mr. Webb, the Clerk Assistant, is an experienced officer, well acquainted with the duties of my office, and is willing to occupy my place for a year; Mr. Vivian and other gentlemen in the Department have also expressed their willingness to undertake new duties for the time.

If the indulgence I ask for be granted, I should have to pay some of my brother officers, and also provide the cost of a junior clerk to come in at the foot of the staff, so that little more than half the salary would go into my pocket,—but no additional expense to the Government would be incurred.

Trusting to your kindness to recommend this application to the favourable consideration of the Government,—

I have, &c.;
STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

No. 2.

The Colonial Secretary to The Speaker.

SIR,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 4th November, 1876.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, in which, while forwarding an application from Mr. Stephen W. Jones, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for leave of absence for twelve months on full pay, and recommending that it be granted, you suggest that it would be desirable to mention the matter to the House,—I have the honor to request that you will advise me whether it is your meaning that the intimation should be made to Parliament before or after the leave is granted.

I have, &c.,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

No. 3.

The Speaker to The Colonial Secretary.

SIR,

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, respecting an application from Mr. S. W. Jones, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for leave of absence for twelve months, on full pay,—and, in reply, to inform you that, in suggesting the desirability of mentioning the matter to the House, I intended that the same course should be taken as was adopted by the Government in dealing with a similar application from the Auditor General in the month of February last.

I have, &c.,

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

No. 4.

CABINET think that, as the Speaker suggests it, the same course should be pursued as in the case of the Auditor General.—JOHN R., 1st December, 1876.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FORSTER, M.P.
(MISSION OF, TO ENGLAND.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12 December, 1876.

FURTHER and Final Return to an *Address* of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 2 May, 1876, praying that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, Despatches, Letters, Telegrams, and other Documents, having reference to the Mission to England of the Honorable William Forster, M.P., while holding the office of Colonial Treasurer and retaining a seat in this House, from about 3rd October, 1875, to 7th February, 1876, with a statement of the services rendered to the Colony by Mr. Forster during that period; and also a statement of the total expenditure on account of such mission, specifying separately the amount of salary, of travelling allowances, and of the cost of passage.”

(*Mr. Parkes.*)

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FORSTER, M.P.

FURTHER Statement of Expenses in connection with Mr. Forster's mission to England.

Particulars.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
Passage from Sydney to Brindisi	100 0 0
Steward's accounts and casual expenses to Brindisi	6 19 0
Train, Suez to Alexandria	4 0 0
Train, Brindisi to London	15 4 9
Expenses from Brindisi to London, at 3 guineas a day—19 days	59 17 0
Cost of circular letters of credit, &c.	3 0 0
	189 0 9
Less—Advance on account of passage money to England, &c., to be hereafter accounted for (shown in previous statement of 3rd July, 1876)	150 0 0
Balance still due to Mr. Forster	£ 39 0 9

The Treasury, New South Wales,
12th December, 1876.

J. PEARSON,
Accountant.

No. 1.

The Colonial Secretary to The Agent General.

Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 12 May, 1876.

Copy herewith;

An address having been presented to His Excellency the Governor from the Legislative Assembly, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House copies of all Minutes of the Executive Council, despatches, letters, telegrams, and other documents having reference to your mission to England while holding the office of Colonial Treasurer and retaining a seat in the Assembly, from about 3rd October, 1875, to 7th February, 1876, with a statement of the services rendered to the Colony by you during that period,—and also a statement of the total expenditure on account of such mission, specifying separately the amount of salary, of travelling allowances, and of the cost of passage,—I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish all the information in your power on the subject, to enable me to supply the necessary particulars.

I have, &c.,

(For the Colonial Secretary),
HENRY HALLOLAN.

No. 2.

The Agent General to The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

London, 3, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., 7 July, 1876.

In reply to your letter No. 76/182, of the 1st [12th] May last, I have the honor to forward herewith a statement of expenditure on account of my mission to England, and by next mail I propose to submit a brief statement of the duties performed by me in connection therewith.

As, during the portion of my journey from Brindisi to England, my passage money did not include hotel accommodation or food, I have thought it reasonable to submit for that period the same rate for personal allowance as was authorized after my arrival in England.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FORSTER.

Colonial Treasurer's Expenses—Passage Sydney to London.

Dr.	Dr.	Cr.
Passage from Sydney to Brindisi	£100 0 0	
Steward's account and casual expenses to Brindisi	6 19 0	
Train, Suez to Alexandria	4 0 0	
Train, Brindisi to London	15 4 9	
Expenses from Brindisi to London, at 3 guineas a day—19 days	59 17 0	
Cr. Cash in Sydney		147 0 0
Balance due		39 0 9
	£ 186 0 9	186 0 9

WILLIAM FORSTER.
7/7/76.

No. 3.

No. 3.

The Agent General to The Colonial Secretary.

Sir, London, 3, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., 27 July, 1876.

In continuation of my despatch, No. S. 109-76, of the 7th instant, and in compliance with the instructions contained in your telegram received by post at Galle, and transmitted thence by wire to London on the 5th instant, I have now the honor to enclose a statement of the duties performed by me during the period of my mission to England when Colonial Treasurer.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FORSTER.

[Enclosure.]

By the minute of the Executive Council, dated October 1st, 1875, authorizing my mission to England, the business entrusted to my care and to which I was particularly instructed to attend consisted of certain matters more or less specially referred to, namely:—

1. Arrangements which were considered necessary in consequence of the continued ill health of the Agent General, with a view to his probable retirement and the appointment of a successor.
2. Business in connection with the supply of railway material.
3. Lawsuits arising out of the contract entered into by the preceding Government for a Mail Service by way of San Francisco.
4. Contemplated litigation with the Park Gate Iron Company, for frauds committed, and for breach of contract in the supply of railway material, and (5) other matters not distinctly specified.

I shall endeavour to deal with these matters in order.

1. In this matter—probably the most important of all—it is obvious that my mission was unexpectedly and most unhappily terminated, and any special benefits possibly derivable therefrom prevented, by the lamented death of Sir Charles Cowper. I may add, however, that from the date of my arrival in London, which was delayed by bad weather, and serious illness in my family, until the time of my appointment as Agent General, I attended to the duties of the office, in which I am bound to say I had the benefit of the constant advice and co-operation of Sir Daniel Cooper, and was zealously assisted by the secretary and other gentlemen of the office.

2. This matter, in regard to which I had no very precise instructions, merged as a matter of course in the general business of the Agency. But, from the information I derived in the course of my inquiries upon the subject, I was enabled to recommend for the consideration of the Government the exclusive or more extensive use of steel rails for railway purposes, and I have little doubt that this recommendation will be carried into effect.

3. This matter was delayed in consequence of the length of time occupied in the preliminary negotiations apparently necessary to place the offer of compromise in a complete form for my consideration, but still more by the unfortunate interruption of telegraphic communication between England and the Australian Colonies. The difficulties interposed by this latter course still continue; and although the negotiations are in progress, I am now awaiting replies to some of my latest communications with the Government upon the subject.

4. This matter was to me most unexpectedly taken out of my hands, and my mission with reference thereto brought to a close, by the publication, by order of the Legislative Assembly, of certain correspondence, including the opinions of counsel in England, as well as of the Honorable the Attorney General in Sydney, adverse to the adoption of legal proceedings against the Park Gate Company. I was myself, notwithstanding these opinions, very much disposed to recommend at least the further consideration of the question whether or not it would be advisable to go to law with the Company; but it is obvious that the publication of the opinions above referred to placed the Government in a position of such disadvantage towards the Company that legal proceedings of any sort were necessarily afterwards out of the question.

5. The other matters named in the Minute of the Executive Council were not specified, and of course obviously merged in the general business of the Agency.

WILLIAM FORSTER.
12/7/76.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

AGENT GENERAL FOR THE COLONY.

(LETTER TO, RESPECTING HIS PUBLICATIONS IN "THE COLONIES" NEWSPAPER)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 June, 1877.

The Colonial Secretary to The Agent General.

New South Wales.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 2 May, 1877.

Sir,

The attention of the Government has been called to a paper entitled the "Fallacies of Federation," published in "The Colonies" newspaper of February 27th, under your name as "Agent General of New South Wales," and said to have been read by you in that capacity before the Colonial Institute, and also to letters bearing your name in previous issues of the same paper, in which you indulge in very free criticisms on the state of political parties in New South Wales.

2. The question is altogether waived for the present as to the propriety of an Officer of the Government clothed with the representative character of Agent General indulging before the English public in general political utterances which may be entirely opposed to the views of his Government. But in the paper first noted you have gone far beyond this. You have indulged in a critical examination of the views expressed by Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony, in which language is employed which can scarcely be regarded as becoming and respectful in one who derives the position he has used for this purpose from the Governor in Council. In another part of this paper you have taken the liberty to express your adverse opinions on the policy of the Imperial Government, a matter with which the Agent General of New South Wales was clearly not appointed to concern himself. Occasion might arise when it would be the duty of the Agent General in some special case to vindicate the claims or defend the interests of this Colony with the Imperial authorities; but his influence for effective service in any such possible conjuncture would be likely to be weakened by his gratuitous strictures on general questions of Imperial policy.

3. No Officer of the Government in the Colony, however high his rank, would be allowed to indulge in public criticisms on the conduct of the Crown, on the policy of the Government, and on the proceedings of political parties in Parliament; and the position of Agent General, by reason of its representative character, and its removal from immediate control, is one of greater delicacy and responsibility in these respects.

4. I regret that it is my duty to make this communication. The Government readily admits the zeal and ability with which you have performed the duties of your office; but you must be good enough to regard the views herein expressed on the impropriety of the Agent General's indulging in public utterances like those to which attention has been called as having the force of instructions for the future.

I have, &c.,

HENRY PARKES.

APPENDIX.

THE principal passages in Mr. Forster's publications, referred to in foregoing Letter.

EXTRACT of Letter by the Agent General to *The Colonies*, 2 September, 1876, dated London, 28 August, 1876.

"Fourthly.—It is a still greater mistake to suppose that the financial legislation of New South Wales is a model of free-trade legislation; that the tariff is characterized by a clear recognition and embodiment of free-trade principles; or that she has advanced in this respect beyond the rest of the world, or even far beyond all other British Colonies. Before what is called Responsible Government began the Colony of New South Wales possessed a tariff, known as the Deas-Thomson Tariff, which is generally admitted to have gone further in the direction of free trade than has ever since been the case. This tariff was afterwards departed from, and a system of *ad valorem* duties imposed, not for protective purposes, but for purposes of revenue. The repeal of these *ad valorem* duties has been since made a subject of glorification, and adduced as an instance of the inauguration or establishment of free trade; but there is no necessary connection between *ad valorem* duties and protection. Many years ago, indeed, when the revenue of the Colony was not so flourishing as at present, Mr. Robertson, the present Premier, proposed the abolition of these same *ad valorem* duties, which was opposed by some of the very same politicians who have since been instrumental in, and have probably obtained rather more credit than they deserved for, the subsequent abolition of these duties. The true test of the progress made by New South Wales in free trade, one would think, were best obtained by examination of the existing tariff, which can be easily shown to fall very far short of free trade in its strict practical sense, that is to say, consistently with the collection of revenue by such means. Many of the items of this tariff, it is well known, are essentially protective in their operation, and were so in the intention of many who supported them.

"The present Government of New South Wales, it is said, intends introducing such an alteration of the tariff as will place it upon a thorough free-trade footing; but this intention has been probably frustrated or postponed by their having had their hands full of other and more pressing, if not more important, business. — On the other hand, the abolition of the *ad valorem* duties was supported by many avowed protectionists. Nevertheless, the contrast assumed by you to exist between the financial policy of New South Wales and Victoria is quite correctly assumed. In the former Colony there can be no doubt that the sentiments of a large majority are in favour of free trade, although in Sydney and some of the larger provincial towns a strong party exists, and makes itself felt at elections, holding protective principles. In New South Wales the imposition of *ad valorem* duties, and of those items of the present tariff which seem to favour protective views, was adopted only for purposes of revenue. In Victoria the protective party predominates, and her tariff accordingly was instituted avowedly for protective purposes, which I need scarcely point out run counter to those of revenue."

"I have troubled you with these observations not in the interest of any political party, from which I am obviously precluded by my position, nor even in the interests of free trade itself, much as I think it right. My object is simply to correct what I consider erroneous impressions."

EXTRACTS from the Agent General's Paper, entitled "The Fallacies of Federation," published in *The Colonies* newspaper, 27 January, 1877.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

A meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Pall Mall Restaurant. In the absence of the President, his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., occupied the chair.

The paper, which we give *in extenso*, was by the Honorable William Forster, Agent-General for New South Wales, entitled

FALLACIES OF FEDERATION.

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And in the case of the Cape Colonies we are now compelled by an alarming crisis, the result of a former policy, to consider the part which we as a people have taken, or which our Government has taken, in bringing that crisis about. For our own sakes we are driven to consider—in the interests and for the sake of a common humanity we are bound to consider—the wisdom and expediency of that policy by which these Free States were created, by which their so called independence was permitted and assured; by which they were not only allowed but encouraged to sever themselves from British Empire and from British nationality and connection, and to construct, upon however small a scale it may be, another Empire and nationality, as rivals to our dominion and obstacles in the way of British progress into the interior of Africa, which belongs to us and to our race, if any country ever did, by the natural conquest of British enterprise, British courage and perseverance, and British blood and intellect. This is what we have done by the creation of these Free States. To say nothing of territory, not to speak of the surrender of empire and dominion, the abdication of sovereignty and national power—considerations which can be of little moment to a certain class of politicians, to those political realists who love to gloat over the "ruins of empires," and to feast their eyes, as it were, upon the carcases of nations; whose mission seems to be to scatter into original chaos the constituent forces and elements that constitute the power and greatness of national organizations—we now find that with territory and dominion we have lost something more, something which may possibly touch the sympathies of even the most practical statesmen—we have lost our command over the native policy. We have failed to control—we have actually given up our right to control—the relations between the native and European races. We have by these acts of dismemberment failed to do what otherwise we might have done to prevent a Kaffir war. We have been in a great measure the means of indirectly bringing about this very warfare, which our own policy was

was calculated and intended to avoid, and which we now shall probably not be able to avoid, in spite of our utmost efforts to the contrary. These are the penalties of disintegration, the consequences of a fatuous policy, the judgment that waits upon misgovernment. And to remedy these evils, to escape these penalties, we are called upon by the Government and urged by writers in newspapers, to establish, by Imperial authority, a system of local Federation at the Cape. I have been somewhat surprised to learn—and I think it must surprise most people who take an interest in Colonial affairs, and who have become acquainted with the results and circumstances of Mr. Froude's late mission there, and the local feelings it awakened—that the Imperial Government still persist, after all that has happened, in what may be termed their Federal policy for the Colonies, and that a Bill is to be introduced next session into the Imperial Parliament for the express purpose of inaugurating or establishing a Federal system at the Cape. I am aware, as of course my hearers generally are aware, that it is quite possible that Colonial Federation may be defended or advocated upon other grounds than as a means of warding off or carrying on successfully a frontier war with neighbouring savages. And there can be no doubt that in their endeavours to establish a Federal system of Government at the Cape, the British Government must have other objects in view than the benefit and interest of the Dutch settlers, or to recover those insignificant States to the Imperial dominion.

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And is there not abundant evidence at least to create a doubt whether the desire or approval of a Federal system has yet taken sufficient hold of the public mind in most British Colonies to justify the Government in prematurely forcing such a system or such a policy upon any British Colony? So far as my testimony is worth anything, I should say the question as yet has taken but very slight hold of the Colonial mind. Now and then appears an enthusiastic letter in a newspaper, or an occasional speech is made on some public or quasi-public occasion by an excited orator, seeking notoriety or elbow-room for his thoughts at the expense of his audience, or it may be by some eminent public personage who believes he has a mission or duty recommending Federation, afresh to public favor and confidence. Such a speech was lately delivered at Albury by Sir Hercules Robinson, the Governor of New South Wales, obviously an able speaker and thinker, but who showed himself on this occasion a better speaker than thinker. This speech is one which upon the very face of it can hardly recommend itself to practical minds, and with all its eloquence and rhetorical ability could not have been expected to produce, and I venture to predict that it will not produce much practical effect, or indeed anything more than a very transitory impression. Of course a Governor's speech was bound to waken up the press, and elicit the due response of a certain amount of newspaper criticism; and this Governor's speech has already been very well dealt with in one or more of the leading London papers, particularly in a late article of the *Daily Telegraph* of December 30, 1876. Its arguments, whatever they may be worth—and they are certainly not wanting in force—I shall of course have to notice, and, if possible, answer further on in this paper. I need say no more of them now than that they are the usual stock arguments in favour of Federation, and have been anticipated in a clever paper in *Fraser's Magazine* of November last—not the article, I need scarcely say, so satisfactorily disposed of before this Institute by Mr. Dennistoun Wood—which I shall also have to notice by and by. But the speech alluded to affords a good illustration of the sort of amateur interest felt in the subject by Australian colonists, which, unless galvanised by some writer or orator into temporary life, otherwise lives, if it can be said to live at all, a sort of life in death, dragging on, like an abortive birth, a painful and languid existence, sustained by so much of the milk of human kindness as consists in occasional solemn mention, as of a millennium or, dubious paradise, to which its votaries look forward without hope and pray for without emotion.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

RESERVATION FOR HER MAJESTY'S ASSENT OF THE QUEENSLAND GOLD FIELDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL OF 1876.

(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

No. 1.

The Acting Private Secretary to The Attorney General.

Sir,

Government House, Brisbane, 29 September, 1876.

I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Bill, passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, intituled "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act of 1874,' so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens.*"

2. The Governor requests that you will carefully peruse this Bill, with the view of ascertaining whether, in your opinion, there is any objection to His Excellency giving his assent thereto, or whether he is required, under the provisions of the Constitution or any other Acts, or the Royal Instructions, to withhold his assent to it, or to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

I have, &c.,

A. V. DRURY,

Acting Private Secretary.

No. 2.

The Attorney General to The Acting Private Secretary.

Sir,

Crown Law Offices, Brisbane, 5 October, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 672, transmitting to me, by command of His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying copy of a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, intituled "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act of 1874,' so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens,*" and requesting that I will carefully peruse this Bill, with a view of ascertaining whether, in my opinion, there is any objection to His Excellency the Governor giving his assent to it, or whether he is required, under the provisions of the Constitution, or any other Acts or Royal Instructions, to withhold his assent to the Bill, or to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

2. I understand that His Excellency thinks it desirable that I should report more fully than usual upon the question whether this Bill should be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure with respect to it.

3. Of the class of Bills which the Governor is, by the Royal Instructions, required to reserve for Her Majesty's Assent, the only one within which it can be suggested that this Bill falls, are those numbered 4, 5, and 7.

4. As to the first class, Bills imposing differential duties, it is, I think, clear, that the reference is to Bills imposing Customs duties upon the importation of goods, and not to Bills dealing with the administration of the internal affairs of the Colony, as to which the Colonial Legislature has always claimed and exercised the right to impose such obligations and charges, whether uniform in their incidence or otherwise, as it may think proper.

5. With regard to the question whether the provisions of the Bill now under consideration appear to be inconsistent with obligations imposed upon Her Majesty by Treaty, I have to observe that, although the Bill applies to all Asiatic and African Aliens, the only Treaty that I am aware of which can be suggested to have any bearing on the matter is the Treaty of Tien Tsin.

After a careful perusal of that Treaty, I am unable to find any obligations in it with which the provisions of this Bill are inconsistent.

6. I do not think that this Bill contains anything whereby Her Majesty's prerogative, or the rights or property of British subjects not residing in the Colony, or the trade and shipping of the United Kingdom and its dependencies, may be prejudiced.

7. I am led by these considerations to the conclusion that there is nothing in the Bill which should require His Excellency to reserve it for the Royal Assent; and I am confirmed in this conclusion by several precedents, of which I invite His Excellency's consideration.

8. In the year 1855 the Legislature of Victoria passed a Bill imposing a poll-tax upon every Chinese immigrant landing in that Colony. This Bill was not reserved for the Royal Assent, but was assented to by the Governor, and was not disallowed.

9. In the year 1861 the Legislature of New South Wales passed a similar Bill, which was also assented to by the Governor (on the 22nd November), and was not afterwards disallowed.

The provisions of this Bill, which was passed after the Treaty of Tien Tsin, appear, therefore, not to have been considered inconsistent with it, and *a fortiori*, the provisions of the Bill now under consideration, which in no way hinder the admission of Chinese immigrants, but merely require them, in common with all other Asiatic and African aliens, to pay a higher rent when engaged in gold-mining, or business connected therewith, than other persons, would appear not to be inconsistent with that Treaty.

10. The statute law of this Colony has long recognised a distinction between different classes of aliens. By the last statute on the subject (*The Aliens Act of 1867*, 31 Vic., c. 28), which is on this point a re-enactment of an earlier statute (25 Vic., c. 9), many restrictions are imposed upon the naturalization of Asiatic and African aliens which are not applicable to European and North American aliens. Both this Act and the earlier one, of which it is a re-enactment, were assented to without being reserved; and it is scarcely necessary to add that neither of these were disallowed by Her Majesty.

The Bill now under consideration adopts the distinction to which I have adverted, and provides that those aliens who are not now allowed to acquire land in the Colony, except under severe restrictions, shall not in future be allowed to exhaust the land of all that it contains of value without making a more adequate compensation for the benefits they receive than is required from other inhabitants of the Colony, who are encouraged by our existing laws to settle in our territory, and who contribute much more largely to its revenue and general prosperity.

11. For the reasons which I have stated, the competency of the Queensland Legislature to deal with this question appears to me to be supported both by principle and precedent; and I have therefore the honor to report that, in my opinion, there is no objection to His Excellency the Governor giving his assent to this Bill; and that His Excellency is not required, under the provisions of the Constitution, or any other Acts or Royal Instructions, to withhold his assent to it, or to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

I have, &c.,

S. W. GRIFFITH,
Attorney General.

No. 3.

The Acting Private Secretary to The Attorney General.

Sir,

Government House, Brisbane, 7 October, 1876.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 5th instant, covering fully and very clearly your opinion that there is no valid reason why His Excellency should not signify the Royal Assent to the Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act of 1874.'*"

The Governor, I am to say, has carefully considered the views enunciated and the arguments used in your letter; but, while necessarily attaching great importance to them, he feels it to be his duty, and in conformity with his instructions, to reserve a Bill of so extraordinary a nature as the one under notice for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure in regard thereto.

It is at least conceivable that the Secretary of State for the Colonies may regard the main provisions of this measure as involving a breach of International comity, and as running counter to the principle which the British Government has imposed on China as regards the treatment of foreigners; while His Excellency, for his own part, has been unable to arrive at any other conclusion than that possibly the fifth, and very probably the seventh, sub-sections of clause eleven of the Royal Instructions may be taken to apply to the case of the present Bill.

It is scarcely necessary to remind you that there are now growing and grown-up, in Hong Kong, Labuan, and the Straits Settlements, large numbers of Chinese British subjects, whom it would manifestly be harsh, and even unjust to subject, however temporarily, to the treatment devised by this Bill.

I have, &c.,

A. V. DRURY,
Acting Private Secretary.

No. 4.

Memorandum of the Attorney General.

THE Attorney General submits his duty to His Excellency the Governor, and begs to acknowledge Mr. Drury's letter of the 7th instant, intimating, in reply to the Attorney General's letter of the 5th instant, that His Excellency did not propose to follow the advice tendered by the Attorney General with respect to the Bill lately passed by the Legislature, to amend "*The Gold Fields Act of 1874.*"

The Attorney General respectfully submits that his duty as Law Adviser has now terminated, but that a matter of so much importance as the refusal to assent to a Bill passed by both Houses of Parliament, and which is, in the opinion of the Crown Law Officers, not within the prohibitions of the Royal Instructions, should be formally communicated to the Vice-President of the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Governor,
etc. etc. etc.

S. W. GRIFFITH.

No. 5.

Minute of His Excellency the Governor.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Government House, Brisbane, 9 October, 1876.

It is due to you as Prime Minister that I should acquaint you with my intention of reserving for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, in regard thereto, the Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act of 1874' so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens.*"

This Bill has been presented to me for my assent, and the advice I have received from the Attorney General, which I think you should see, is to the effect that, in his opinion, no objection exists to my giving my assent to the Bill, and that I am not required by the Constitution, or any other Act, or by the Royal Instructions, to withhold from it my assent, or to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure. Vide Attorney General's letter, dated 5th October, 1876.

The Honorable Mr. Griffith has stated his reasons for forming this opinion, and I have given to them the careful consideration they deserve; but with the result that, however reluctantly, I have been unable, to my own satisfaction, to divest the Bill of the character of being a Bill of an *extraordinary nature and importance*, and one to which, on that very account, I am expressly forbidden to assent.

The letter dated the 7th inst., from the Acting Private Secretary to the Attorney General (which is also placed before you) shows the difficulties I have felt when considering whether it was possible for me to assent to this Bill; and it seems therefore unnecessary that I should reproduce them here. 7 October, 1876.

W. W. CAIRNS.

No. 6.

Memorandum for His Excellency the Governor.

I HAVE submitted to my colleagues your Excellency's minute of yesterday's date, informing me that you intended to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure the Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act of 1874,' so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens.*" I have also submitted to them the Attorney General's advice contained in his letter of the 5th instant, with your Excellency's reply to it, of the 7th.

After anxious and careful consideration, Ministers are unanimous in adopting the opinion of the Attorney General, that no objection exists to your Excellency giving assent to the Bill, and that your Excellency is not required by the Constitution, or any other Act, or by the Royal Instructions, to withhold from it your assent, or to reserve it for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

I take leave here to remind your Excellency, that the fact that a Bill is of an extraordinary nature and importance is not of itself made, by the 7th sub-section of clause 11 of the Royal Instructions, a ground for refusing to assent to a Bill, unless the Bill is also one by which Her Majesty's prerogative, or the rights or property of British subjects, not residing in the Colony, or the trade and shipping of the United Kingdom and its dependencies, might be prejudiced.

It appears to Ministers to be of the utmost importance that the authority of the Colonial Legislature to pass laws upon all subjects whatever which they may think necessary for the good government of the Colony should be recognised and upheld, and that no other limit to that power should be admitted than that which is imposed by the Royal Instructions to the Governor. They think that to go beyond those instructions, or to allow the unusual character of proposed legislation, not forbidden by them, as a sufficient ground for not giving immediate effect to the wish of the Legislature, would be of serious consequence to the independence and freedom of Parliament.

Ministers, therefore, respectfully advise your Excellency to assent to the Bill now in question, without reserving it for the Royal Assent.

GEORGE THORN.

No. 7.

His Excellency the Governor to the Earl of Carnarvon.

Queensland. Government House, Brisbane, 11 October, 1876.

MY LORD,

Various considerations have weighed with me in determining, as I have deemed it my duty to do, to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure in regard thereto, the accompanying Bill, just passed by the Parliament of Queensland, of which the title is "*A Bill to amend 'The Gold Fields Act 1874' so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens.*" Four copies.

My Attorney General's report, as copied for your Lordship's perusal, is in favour of my assenting to this measure; but his reasoning has failed to convince me that the Bill is not one of an extraordinary nature and importance; that it is not opposed to International comity; and does not appear inconsistent with obligations, if not expressed, implied in treaties, and with the principle which the British Government has imposed on China as regards the treatment of foreigners; and that it does not overlook the undoubted fact of there being now many hundreds of Chinese British subjects, born in the Colonies of Hong Kong, Labuan, and the Straits Settlements, towards whom its provisions, however temporarily they might operate, would in the first instance be exceedingly harsh and even unjust. 5th October, 1876.

I say nothing of the African and Asiatic, other than Chinese aliens, with whose cases it professes to deal; for none have arrived as yet on the Gold Fields, and none are expected to arrive; but I question whether it can be shown that, man for man, the European miner, unless he becomes a permanent settler

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(as many of the Chinese will do in time, and as some have already done), contributes at all more largely to the revenue and general prosperity of the Colony than does his Asiatic rival; while I ought to acquaint your Lordship that an Act to which I have very recently assented, and which imposes a special duty of one penny per pound upon rice, almost professedly aims at obtaining a large return to the revenue from the Chinese population, settled or unsettled, and whether aliens, or naturalized, or born British subjects, they being, as is not disputed by Ministers, the chief consumers of this article of diet.

A minute signifying my intention to the Premier, Mr. Thorn's memorandum, and an extract from the consequent proceedings of the Executive Council, are also copied and transmitted for your Lordship's information.

I have, &c.,

W. W. CAIRNS.

2th October,
1876.
No date.
10th October,
1876.

No. 8.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council, Brisbane, to The Colonial Secretary,
New South Wales, &c., &c.

Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Brisbane, 20 April, 1877.

Foreseeing that considerable difficulty would arise out of the unrestricted immigration of Chinese to a portion of this territory chiefly occupied at the present time by miners, this Government, during the last session of Parliament, introduced, and carried by considerable majorities, a Bill making provision for revenue purposes, whereby an increased license fee was authorized to be collected from Asiatic or African aliens—persons who, under an Act of Parliament already in force, were subject to certain disabilities not appertaining to other aliens.

The Representative of the Queen specially invited his Ministers, through the Attorney General, to advise him whether, on the part of Her Majesty, and acting under Her Royal Instructions, he could assent to the Bill thus authorized.

His Excellency was advised that he could.

Nevertheless, after consultation, as we have since learned, with the Representatives of Her Majesty in other parts of Australia, His Excellency reserved the Bill for the Royal Assent.

Important legislation, then in a somewhat critical position, prevented Ministers from surrendering to His Excellency the offices which they held, and still hold.

Her Majesty's Advisers in Great Britain have sustained the action of their Representative; and this Government have now to face not only the serious difficulty of a Chinese occupation throughout a large portion of this territory, but the still more serious question which arises as to the exercise of their rights as a self-governing community.

I venture to bring these facts under your notice, in order that they may engage your attention. The subject is one of vital importance to us. We have been accustomed to consider our rights of self-government as second to no other rights which we possess as British subjects. We are not unjustly proud of the civilisation which has been here established by our energy. But we fear that both our rights and our civilisation may be compromised, and that our social and political systems may be imperilled, if on any plea whatever a Chinese immigration is forced upon us against our wishes and against our interests.

The people of this portion of Australia will be the first to feel the change and its consequences; but I deem it to be my duty, on the part of this Government, to point out to you that it will not be confined to them alone.

I have accordingly asked your attention to this subject, because I think that it concerns your Government also, and because it appears to me to have reference to that community of Australian interests which it is the duty of the several Australian Governments to watch and protect. I invite for it, therefore, your friendly consideration, in the belief that it may be necessary for us to lay down some principles of action whereby our rights of self-government may be sustained.

One of the practical evils connected with the unrestricted immigration of Chinese has lately forced itself on our attention. Small-pox has on several occasions made its appearance in ships arriving from Eastern ports; and though the utmost vigilance has been displayed by taking every precaution to prevent the disease from spreading, still I fear that the Chinese immigration, objectionable in itself, may become still more objectionable on account of the diseases, still unknown in Australia, which may thus be introduced among us.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DOUGLAS,

Vice-President of the Executive Council.

The Chief Secretaries of New South Wales,

Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

No. 9.

The Colonial Secretary, Tasmania, to The Vice-President of the Executive Council,
Queensland.

Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart Town, 9 May, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, bringing under my notice that considerable difficulty may be anticipated to arise out of the unrestricted immigration of Chinese to a portion of the territory of Queensland, chiefly occupied at the present time by miners, and to the serious consequences involved in the question of the right of the Australian Colonies to enforce restrictions on the introduction of Asiatic or African aliens into their respective territories.

I have, &c.,

THOS. REIBEY.

No. 10.

No. 10.

The Chief Secretary, South Australia, to The Vice-President of the Executive Council, Queensland.

Sir,

Chief Secretary's Office, Adelaide, 25 May, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, bringing under the notice of this Government the position of Queensland in regard to the unrestricted immigration of Chinese, and the course of late legislation on that subject.

In reply, I have to inform you that, whilst recognising the necessity of co-operation in preserving to the Australian Colonies the rights of self-government, this Government are desirous, before offering an opinion, of being in possession of fuller information as to the circumstances which have necessitated the consideration of the subject at the present time, as well as to the scope of the laws recently passed by your Parliament but not assented to, more particularly as to the peculiar disabilities to which Asiatics and Africans are subject, but from which other foreigners whose Governments are in alliance with that of Great Britain are free.

I shall be glad to be supplied with copy of any legal opinions, printed papers, &c., that may be available.

I have, &c.,

HENRY AYERS.

No. 11.

Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Council of Queensland, At the Government House, Brisbane, 10th October, 1876.

Present :—

His Excellency the Governor in Council.

His Excellency the Governor, at the instance of the Honorable the Vice-President, brings under the notice of the Executive Council the following documents relating to "*The Gold Fields Act (1874) Amendment Bill*," which His Excellency considers should be reserved for the signification of the Queen's pleasure thereupon :—

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| 1. Letter from the Acting Private Secretary to the Honorable the Attorney General. | 29 Sept., 1876. |
| 2. Letter from the Honorable the Attorney General to the Acting Private Secretary. | 5 Oct., 1876. |
| 3. Letter from the Acting Private Secretary to the Honorable the Attorney General. | 7 Oct., 1876. |
| 4. Memorandum to His Excellency the Governor from the Honorable the Attorney General. | 9 Oct., 1876. |
| 5. Minute by His Excellency the Governor, addressed to the Honorable the Vice-President of the Executive Council. | 9 Oct., 1876. |

The Council, having deliberated, advise His Excellency to assent to the Bill in question, and No date. Ministers record their opinions in a Cabinet Minute, which is read.

The Governor, having duly and carefully examined the reasons adduced by the Council for tendering such advice, and having informed Ministers that, in his view of the Bill, it is one of an extraordinary nature and importance, such as he is bound by the Royal Instructions to reserve, expresses his intention of so reserving the Bill.

A. V. DRURY,
Clerk of the Council.

No. 12.

Telegram from Colonial Secretary, New South Wales, to Colonial Secretary, Queensland.

Sydney, 4 June, 1877.

Will you kindly send me copy of Lord Carnarvon's despatch, recently received, on the Chinese difficulty.

No. 13.

Telegram from Colonial Secretary, Queensland, to Colonial Secretary, New South Wales.

Brisbane, 5 June, 1877.

Copy of Lord Carnarvon's despatch will be forwarded by first steamer.

No. 14.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to The Officer administering the Government of Queensland.

Queensland. No. 12.

Downing-street, 27 March, 1877.

Sir,

I have received Governor Cairns's despatch, No. 80, of the 11th October, 1876, enclosing a Bill to "*Amend the Gold Fields Act of 1874 so far as relates to Asiatic and African Aliens*," and explaining his reasons for reserving this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure; and I have read and considered with care the observations made by the Governor, and the opinions expressed by the Ministers, and separately by the Attorney General.

2. I am aware that the Colony of Victoria in the year 1855, and the Colony of New South Wales in the year 1861, enacted laws imposing a special tax of £10 upon every Chinese immigrant entering the Colony, and that Her Majesty was not advised to disallow either of those Acts; but the Duke of Newcastle, in acknowledging Sir John Young's despatch transmitting the Act from New South Wales, declared

declared (and I entirely agree with him) "that exceptional legislation intended to exclude from any part of Her Majesty's dominions the subjects of a State at peace with Her Majesty is highly objectionable in principle," and it was not until after His Grace had received a further despatch from Sir John Young that he resolved to advise Her Majesty to allow the Act to remain in operation.

3. The Act of New South Wales was repealed in 1867, by the Act 31 Vict. No. 8, and the Duke of Buckingham, in conveying Her Majesty's allowance of the latter Act, says: "I learn with much satisfaction that the restrictions hitherto imposed on Chinese immigration have been removed."

4. The Colony of Victoria had already led the way in returning to similar principles of legislation, and in 1865, by the Act No. 259, the Parliament had repealed the Act under which the tax to which so much reasonable objection has been taken, was levied. I cannot but regret, therefore, that the Legislature of Queensland should now have thought it necessary to enact a measure of this character.

5. I have considered the despatches of Governor Cairns upon the subject, and have read the discussion on the Bill reported in the Colonial newspapers, and bearing in mind the telegram which, I am aware, was transmitted by the Colonial Secretary some time back to Hong Kong, requesting the Government of that Colony to notify the intention of the Queensland Ministry to change the law in the direction contained in this Bill. I think I am right in concluding that, were it not desired to restrict or prohibit an influx of Chinese into the Northern Gold Fields, Governor Cairns would not have been called upon to transmit, for the consideration of Her Majesty, either this Bill, or the Act No. 5 of the late Session, imposing a special duty of one penny per pound upon rice.

6. I am aware that it is stated that these exceptional rates are required to meet the additional expense of police, and other charges, occasioned to the Government by the presence of the Chinese miners, and I am far from saying that special rates might not, with a show of fairness, be imposed upon a special class of persons whose acts occasioned special expenditure of public money, provided it were shown with approximate certainty that the revenue derived from these persons had been insufficient to cover the actual outlay made on their account alone; but I find no trace of any such calculation having been made.

7. I can see no substantial difference in principle between a law imposing a special tax upon the subjects of a friendly State, to be paid before they land in the Colony, and a special tax to be paid by the subjects of the same State after they have landed, but before they are allowed to proceed to those parts of the Colony which it is known that they are most likely to frequent. It appears to me that the law creating such a tax must in either case be regarded as specially intended to debar the subjects of that particular State from the enjoyment of privileges accorded to the rest of the world; and whether the privilege is that of residing in one of the British Colonies, or of residing in a particular portion of that Colony, the restrictions which prevent their doing so appear to me to be in both cases equally open to objection.

8. I have referred to "The Aliens Act of 1867," 31 Vic. No. 28, mentioned by the Attorney General, and am inclined to think that Act furnishes an argument against his contention, for I see nothing in its provisions to preclude a Chinese or other Asiatic or African alien, more than any other friendly aliens, from holding leases for mining purposes of portions of auriferous lands, with all rights of mining, and of appropriating the gold which are incident to such leases.

9. Mr. Thorn, in his minute, as head of the Government, observes that "It appears to Ministers to be of the utmost importance that the authority of the Colonial Legislature to pass laws on all subjects whatever which they may think necessary for the good government of the Colony, should be recognized and upheld, and that no other limit to that power should be admitted than that which is imposed by the Royal Instructions to the Governor." Although it is not so expressed, I must presume that it was intended that this apparently unqualified statement was to be taken as being made subject to the paramount authority of the Imperial Parliament and the power of disallowance expressly reserved to Her Majesty, by the Act 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 24, and the earlier Acts therein referred to. Mr. Thorn goes on to say, "They think that to go beyond these instructions, or to allow the unusual character of proposed legislation not forbidden by them as a sufficient ground for not giving immediate effect to the wish of the Legislature, would be of serious consequence to the independence and freedom of Parliament."

10. I do not dissent from Mr. Thorn's statement of the powers and functions of the Queensland Parliament, in so far as it relates to matters of purely internal concern with which that Parliament is competent to deal; but in the present case I am of opinion that Governor Cairns had no alternative under the 11th section of his Instructions but to reserve the Bill, inasmuch as it is one of an extraordinary nature, whereby the rights of Her Majesty's subjects, not residing in the Colony, may be prejudiced.

11. It would appear to be a further ground for reserving it, that it is inconsistent with obligations imposed upon the Queen by treaty. Her Majesty has twice entered into treaties of peace and amity with the Emperor of China, those namely of Nankin in 1842, and of Tientsin in 1858, and also into a convention of friendship (*see Hertzlet's Treaties*, vol. xi, p. 112), signed at Peking on the 24th October, 1860, of which the 5th article declares that Chinese are at perfect liberty to enter into engagements with British subjects for service in British Colonies. Seeing that this Bill imposes additional and onerous conditions upon Chinese who may wish to enter into the employment of British subjects on the gold fields, it seems to me to be scarcely in accordance with the general principles of the friendly obligations accepted by the Queen in the treaties and conventions which I have mentioned.

12. With regard to the first-mentioned point, namely the bearing of this enactment upon the Queen's subjects not residing in the colony, I observe that the third clause of this Bill provides that "In any prosecutions for any offence the averment in the information that any person named therein is an Asiatic or African alien shall be sufficient proof that he is such alien unless the defendant shall prove that at the time of committing the alleged offence such person was a naturalized British subject." Omitting, for present purposes, all reference to Africans and Asiatics, other than Chinese, there are now, as Governor Cairns very properly pointed out to the Ministers, growing and grown up in Hong Kong, Labuan, and the Straits Settlements, large numbers of British subjects of Chinese origin; and these persons, in virtue of their birth-right, have acquired the status of natural-born British subjects. These persons preserve the Chinese dress and mode of wearing the hair, and it is not to be supposed that they would be readily distinguished by the Queensland officials from the subjects of the Chinese Empire. Yet, you will observe, that in the event of one of these persons being, on account of his appearance, charged with

with an offence under this Bill he would not only be subjected to the annoyance and inconvenience connected with the proceedings, but could not be in a position to produce such evidence as, according to the terms of this clause, would exempt him from its penalties, a natural-born subject of Her Majesty having no occasion to obtain, and being unable to show a certificate or other proof of his naturalization.

13. Having regard, therefore, to the severity of these provisions in their bearing upon British subjects residing in other parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, I consider that Governor Cairns acted properly in reserving this Bill, if only as coming within that part of the 11th section of his Instructions which relates to British subjects.

14. With regard to the Convention of Peking, I may observe that although the 5th Article of that Convention specially refers to Chinese engaging to take service in the Colonies and giving them liberty to emigrate for that purpose, it is obvious that the Article contemplated that all Chinese subjects should have full-freedom of entering the British Dominions without special restrictions or impediments.

15. With respect to another matter of detail, I notice that the 4th clause of the Bill provides for the summary hearing and determination of cases under its provisions, at any place where any offender shall be found within the limits of any gold field, without apparently any further formality than the hurried preparation of an information, and without provision for the forms and records which are usual and proper in the administration of justice, and which are, as I am aware, ordinarily observed in the magistrates' courts of the colony.

16. I have given much thought to the course which I should pursue in respect to this Bill, for I should be most unwilling even to appear to infringe upon the privileges of self-government enjoyed by the inhabitants of Queensland, whose remarkable progress and advancement is a sufficient proof of the excellent use that they have made of the system under which they live. And I am very sensible that the regulation of Chinese immigration, and the preservation of order under the complications which too frequently result from it, are amongst the most difficult questions of internal administration with which a Colonial Legislature has to deal. I have, however, felt myself constrained, after full and careful consideration, to advise the Queen that this Bill is one which should not, for the reasons which I have stated, receive Her Majesty's approval in its present shape.

17. I am glad to understand that, as the annual Session will shortly commence, this course will not necessarily leave the colony for any length of time without such an enactment as, after further consideration of the difficulties which I have stated, your Ministers may think it reasonable to propose. I trust that they will feel able to recommend provisions which will not only be less calculated to cause injury to British subjects of Asiatic or African origin, but will appear less directly and exclusively aimed at the subjects of a friendly power with which it is for the advantage of the Empire at large that free intercourse should be maintained. It is hardly necessary for me to express the great reluctance with which I have recommended a re-consideration of the Bill now before me, and I hope I have made it sufficiently clear that I have no other object than to co-operate with your advisers in treating a very difficult subject in the manner more consistent with fairness and good policy.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

No. 15.

The Vice-President of the Council to The Queensland Agent General.

Queensland, Colonial Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 20 April, 1877.

Sir,

I forward to you herewith a letter which I have addressed to the Chief Secretaries of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and New Zealand.

It refers, you will observe, to the present position of the Chinese question as affecting this Government, and I have to request that you will bring the matter under the notice of Her Majesty's Government.

You will be good enough to acquaint Lord Carnarvon with the circumstances under which it has been considered desirable to make this notification, and in doing so it will be your duty to point out to Her Majesty's Secretary of State the importance of the issues which are involved in this question.

You have yourself taken such an active and prominent part in the work of colonization throughout this portion of Australia, that I feel confident of your ability to represent the true facts of the case.

It is not necessary, therefore, for me to remind you that the people of this community have succeeded, by their own efforts, in founding a prosperous and well ordered State. They have done this without cost to the Mother Country, and they feel a justifiable pride in having established over an extensive territory a civilized society which will compare favourably with that of any society in Her Majesty's dominions.

The people are happy, prosperous, and loyal. They are desirous to be permitted to follow up their experiment in self-government, so auspiciously commenced; and they trust that no action on the part of Her Majesty's Government, or of Her Majesty's Representatives, will prevent them from doing so.

2. We are now threatened with a large and unrestricted Chinese immigration, and I do not hesitate to assure you that the consequences of this immigration are contemplated with serious misgivings by all classes.

Industrious, frugal, and law-abiding as the Chinese people may be, they are not colonists in the best sense of the term. They do not bring their women with them; or, if they do, the women who immigrate belong for the most part to an immoral class. They come and go, carrying back with them the proceeds of their industry. It is possible, indeed, that their presence here in large numbers might produce an industrial activity of a certain kind; but it would be of a kind different from that which has hitherto contributed to our prosperity. The probability is that, in a country so sparsely populated as Queensland now is, it would entirely supplant European labour; and the creation of a large, intelligent, docile, but servile class would, I do not doubt, seriously affect and change the conditions upon which our political system is founded.

3. But whether the unrestricted introduction of Chinese be in itself a good thing or a bad thing, I beg that you will impress upon Lord Carnarvon that in this choice we should not be constrained by any forced interpretation of international obligations.

As British subjects we value the privilege we possess; but if we are to be called upon to sacrifice our hopes of perfecting a community which has been founded on principles of social and political equality, we are not content to do so without a most earnest effort to avert such a calamity.

4. I hope, therefore, that you will very frankly explain to Lord Carnarvon that we are most anxious to be allowed to grow in our own way; that we should, in fact, be permitted to encourage or discourage Chinese immigration as we please; and that the existence of international obligations between Great Britain and the Empire of China should not be allowed to be a pretext for forcing upon us a Chinese population against our wishes or our interests.

Her Majesty's Government, in virtue of Her Imperial Rights, negotiates treaties, and it is the privilege of Her subjects to participate in the benefits thus conferred on them; but it must be remembered that Her Majesty's Australian subjects are not represented in the Councils of Her Majesty. If, therefore, their interests are imperilled by Imperial obligations, it is their duty to make this known to those who are responsible for the policy of the British Empire.

Lord Carnarvon should be furnished with a copy of this letter and of its enclosure.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DOUGLAS,
Vice-President of the Executive Council.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

DISALLOWANCE OF QUEENSLAND GOLD FIELDS ACT
AMENDMENT BILL.

(FURTHER PAPERS RESPECTING.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

No. 1.

The Colonial Secretary, New South Wales, to The Colonial Secretary, Queensland.

Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 27 June, 1877.

I have the honor to inform you that this Government has anxiously considered your circular letter of the 20th April, together with the despatches of Governor Cairns and the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other papers relating to the disallowance of the Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill of the Queensland Parliament.

2. I desire to convey to you the expression of the earnest sympathy of the Government of New South Wales in the difficulty you have to encounter from the rapid and disturbing influx of Chinese immigrants into a portion of your territory. While fully appreciating the grave nature of the evils to be apprehended from this cause, and being prepared to join with the other Australian Governments in any well-devised and temperate measures to protect the public interests and preserve the British character of these Colonies, this Government submits that the Despatch from the Secretary of State does not appear to have been inspired by any spirit opposed to the Constitutional rights of Queensland. Being integral parts of the Empire, the Colonies must clearly be subject to the obligations of the Empire, and it is no more than the duty of the Imperial authorities to guard against local acts of legislation conflicting with the honor of the Crown. In the present instance there does not appear to be any just ground for anticipating that Her Majesty will be finally advised to withhold her assent from any measure for the protection of the people of Queensland which respects Imperial obligations and does not exceed the necessities of the case.

3. In respect to the excessive immigration of Asiatic and African aliens into the northern part of Queensland, and considering that subject apart from the complications that have arisen out of it, this Government will be glad to concur in any course calculated to moderate or wholly arrest the inflow of a population so undesirable. It is readily admitted that the dangers and evils to the peace and good order of Queensland from this cause will be felt ultimately, though probably in a mitigated form, by this and the adjoining Colonies, and regard to the public safety of our own community not less than our desire to aid in your efforts to protect society in Queensland, would urge us to this course.

I have, &c.,

HENRY PARKES.

No. 2.

Memorandum.

A TELEGRAM was sent to the Colonial Secretary, Queensland, on the 27th June, requesting to be supplied with copies of the "Gold Fields Act Amendment Bill," reserved, and of the Bill now under consideration, with copies of the reports of the debates on the latter Bill, and also copy of the letter on the same subject from the Chief Secretary of Victoria, and an estimate of the number of Chinese settled in Queensland.

No. 3.

Telegram from Vice-President of the Executive Council, Brisbane, to Colonial Secretary, Sydney.

Brisbane, 3 July, 1877.

HAVING been absent from town, I only yesterday saw your telegram of the 27th. I am informed by the Colonial Secretary that the papers you asked for were forwarded yesterday. Your despatch in reference to Chinese question has been received. I beg to thank you warmly for your timely expression of sympathy.

JOHN DOUGLAS.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

(CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING THE SYSTEM OF CERTIFYING TO CORRECTNESS OF.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 17 May, 1877.

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DEEDS OF GRANT.

No. 1.

Memo. from His Excellency the Governor to The Colonial Secretary.

Subject of communication—System at present in force as regards the signing of deeds.

16 February, 1877.

THE question alluded to has from time to time had my attention. Soon after this administration came into office, and when deeds in great numbers remained unsigned at this office and at Government House, on a search being made it was found that very many were missing. After repeated searchings during several weeks they were found. In the meantime my anxiety was aroused with regard to the whole matter, and on examination I found the looseness of which His Excellency complains.

My late colleague Mr. Garrett had his attention drawn to it, and intended to make a recommendation for change, but the extreme pressure of his work for daily business I presume was the cause of leaving old standing courses of action from which no injury had sprung to remain over.

Thus sending the papers to His Excellency was an irregularity; the rule, if carried out, would have been to send them to the Under Secretary for Lands. * See paper (1) with enclosures A & B.

Not quite so. They are sent to the Registrar General for registration and distribution.—
JOHN R.

There can be no doubt of the want of completeness of the practice.—JOHN R.

The date of sale is exhibited on each deed.

See minute of mine on separate paper.—JOHN R.

IN returning the accompanying Crown Grant Title Deeds, with my signature attached, I desire to place on record in writing certain observations with reference to the insecure system at present in force here as regards the signing of deeds, observations which during the last two years I have from time to time made verbally to the Colonial Secretary.

These deeds are engrossed in the Deeds Branch of the Lands Department, and are forwarded by the clerk in charge of that branch (Mr. C. A. Thurlow) to the Colonial Secretary's Office—where the Great Seal of the Colony is attached to them, on no other security, as far as I can see, than the initials of the clerk, without date. The deeds are then sent to Government House for my signature, which is affixed as a mere matter of form, and the documents afterwards returned to the Colonial Secretary's Office, whence, after being registered, they are sent back to the Deeds Branch for distribution to their respective owners.

I desire to point out that the system which I have sketched affords no check whatever upon either carelessness or dishonesty. It is in the power of the clerk in charge of the Deeds Branch to issue any number of spurious deeds with impunity.

Mr. Thurlow is fortunately, as I am told, a trustworthy public servant, but were it otherwise, and spurious deeds were issued, neither the officials at the Colonial Secretary's Office, who attach the Great Seal, nor myself, would be able to detect the fraud, which might not be discovered for a number of years, when it would not always be easy to ascertain even during what Ministry the deeds were signed; as they are often dated one year, and sometimes as much as two years, before the date of their execution by the Governor.

The whole system connected with this most important branch of business appears to me very imperfect, being dependent for its efficiency upon the accuracy and honesty of a single man. I would suggest, therefore, that the deeds, on being prepared, should be sent to the Treasury, or to the Auditor General's Office, and that on each deed, under Mr. Thurlow's initials (which should be dated), should be placed the initials of either the Auditor General or the Financial Under Secretary with the date of affixion. This would be tantamount to a certificate that the amount stated in the deed as having been paid into the Treasury by A.B. had been so paid by him or her.

The deeds might then be sent to the Colonial Secretary's Office for the Great Seal; and when submitted for my signature should have affixed either the signature or initials of a responsible Minister, which would be a guarantee to the Governor for the grant having passed through the proper official checks.

Perhaps the Colonial Secretary may be able to suggest some other check, but the impropriety must be obvious of an important public document passing under the Great Seal of the Colony, and the sign manual of the Governor, upon no other certificate than the undated initials of a clerk of the Lands Department.

Government House, 16/2/77.

H.R.

* See No. 2.

No. 2.

Minute of The Colonial Secretary.

Paper 1.

1. I should like to know the origin (if ever any other course existed) of deeds for grants of land passing on to the Governor for signature in the manner at present in existence; or if not, what other manner or manners have existed?

2. I want to know by whose authority Mr. Thurlow signs papers which were never in the Ministerial Department of Lands, "For the Under Secretary for Lands?"

3. I want to know the Regulations under which deeds are completed or issued: Whether they have ever been altered, and if so, from time to time, when they were altered?

JOHN R.

Mr. Thurlow, for early report.—W.W.S., 19/2/77.

1. The same course pursued in former years as now,—one deed herewith shewing action. (No. 384, J. Smith.) 2. I never had any authority from the Under Secretary to sign the schedules. 3. Copy herewith of the last Regulations, as to the delivery, &c., of deeds. Two Enclosures.

C.A.T., 20 February, 1877.

Minute of the Under Secretary for Lands.

In submitting the above replies to the queries of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, I should perhaps add that the course now followed in transmitting deeds to His Excellency the Governor is the same which has prevailed since the year 1833.

The deed of grant enclosed (which I submit as a sample) dated 12 February, 1840, bears only the initials of the gentleman at that time in charge of the deeds business at the Colonial Secretary's Office, the late Mr. Joseph M'Pherson. Signed by Sir George Gipps. Herewith. See Enclosure E.

With regard to query No. 2, Mr. Thurlow no doubt acted without authority in signing the schedules for me, but I am sure he did so with the sole desire of expediting public business. With respect to the Regulations enclosed (alluded to in reply to query No. 3) they have of course been superseded since the passing of the "Crown Lands Act of 1861," and the Real Property Act. See enclosed copy of clause 71 of the Crown Lands Regulations.

W.W.S., 20 February, 1877.

[Enclosure (paper 1) A to No. 2.]

The Colonial Treasurer to the Colonial Secretary, respecting the scale of quit rents chargeable on deeds of grant, and the practice observed in the delivery of deeds.

Sir,

Revenue Branch, Colonial Treasury, Sydney, 12 June, 1856.

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant (No. 296), requesting to be furnished with a scale of the different quit rents now chargeable on deeds of grant, whether of town or country lands or lands granted under special regulations, and also the practice pursued with respect to the delivery of deeds in cases when parties not known, or other than the grantees, make application for the same.—I have the honor to inform you that in conformity with the Government Regulations of 9 October, 1846, the 30 July, 1849, and the 13 May, 1851, twenty years quit rent is payable on all grants, subject to such reduction of time for redemption as is mentioned in the scale in the first-named Regulations, and further subject, after payment of four years at the full rate, to the reduction in charge as set down in the Regulation of 13 May, 1851 (except Sydney lots, in which no reduction is made, viz.—Country land to 2s. per 100 acres; town lots to one quarter the original amount.) Not required.

With respect to deeds, they are delivered in this office—

1st. To the grantee.

2nd. To a nominee, on production of a written authority of grantee, attested by a Magistrate only, the said authority containing a reasonable description of property required.

3rd. On the certificate of the Civil Crown Solicitor in case of death of grantee, or the application of persons claiming to act on power of attorney.

In all of which cases the recipient is required to sign the register.

2. Country applications must always be accompanied by the fees, and all authorities must be approved and deposited in this office, when the deeds are sent to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, with full instructions for their delivery to grantee or nominee, accompanied by a printed form of receipt for the signature of recipients, which is by the Clerk of Petty Sessions returned to this office, and duly registered.

3. On no account are deeds delivered to minors.

I have, &c.

THOMAS HOLT.

P.S.—Cases having passed the Court of Claims the receipts for the fees attendant thereon must be produced before the delivery of deeds.

The practice observed in delivering deeds of grant of land purchased by naval and military settlers by remission, is to withhold the grants from the purchasers until a period of two years will have elapsed from the date of purchase of the land.

[Enclosure (paper 1) B to No. 2.]

REGULATION 71 under the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861."

71. A fee of £1 shall be payable on each deed of grant from the Crown, and no deed shall be delivered until the stated fee shall have been paid. Deeds will be delivered at the Registrar General's Office, Sydney, to the grantee, or to any person holding his written order, duly attested by a Notary Public, Commissioner of the Supreme Court, or Justice of the Peace; or, on the application of the grantee, will be transmitted to the land agent for delivery. Deed fees and delivery.

[Enclosure C to No. 2.]

All sales of land by auction or otherwise have to be certified by the proper officer as being correct. The papers in connection with these sales are then sent on to the Charting Branch, whose duty it is to see that the particulars in accordance with the papers are correct. The papers are then forwarded to Mr. Underwood, the description writer, to prepare the description of the land, and then forwarded by him to Mr. Webster for diagram, which process is a check upon Mr. Underwood as to the correctness of the description. The papers, description, and forms of grant, with diagram marked, are then sent to this branch for the purpose of being engrossed, when all papers are thoroughly investigated and grant initialed as correct.

The check upon all these operations could be made by the Treasury; thus the Treasury must be advised in every case as to the nature of the purchase.

Name of grantee, area, and amount paid with deed fee. So soon as deeds have been examined and marked by the head of this branch, they might be forwarded by schedule to the Treasury to be marked as correct, and then sent to the Colonial Secretary's office for seal and signature of His Excellency. C.A.T.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure D to No. 2.]

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TOWN GRANT.

Grantee—Johanna Smith, formerly M'Gee. Date—12th February, 1840. Town—Appin. 1 acre.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Know ye that, in order to promote the establishment of towns in our territory of New South Wales, and in consideration of the quit-rent hereinafter reserved, we of our special grace have granted, and for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto Johanna Smith, formerly M'Gee, of Appin, her heirs and assigns, subject to the conditions, reservations, and provisos hereinafter mentioned, All that allotment or parcel of land in our said territory containing by admeasurement one acre, situated in the town of Appin, parish of Appin, county of Cumberland, allotment No. of section No. adjoining the land claimed by Sykes (now Carey): Bounded on the north by a line bearing east five chains; on the east by a line south two chains; on the south by a line west five chains; and on the west by the Campbelltown Road, bearing north two chains: Being the allotment promised to the said Johanna Smith, formerly M'Gee, by His Excellency Sir Ralph Darling on 16th June, 1830, and of which she was authorized to take possession on 22nd May, 1833, and now granted to her in accordance with the report on case No. 495, made on the eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the Colonial Legislature, 5th William IV, No. 21, with all the rights and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging: To hold unto the said Johanna Smith, formerly M'Gee, her heirs and assigns for ever, yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us, our heirs and successors, the quit rent or sum of one pound six shillings and eight-pence sterling, for ever, from the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: On condition that the said Johanna Smith, formerly M'Gee, her heirs or assigns, or some of them, do and shall within zero years from the date hereof, erect or cause to be erected a permanent dwelling-house, store, or other suitable building, upon the said land of the full value of zero pounds sterling or upwards: And that she and they do and shall construct proper drains through and from the same land to the nearest common drain or sewer; and also that she and they do, and shall in every respect and at all times hereafter, conform to the Government Regulations for the time being, and to the laws and regulations now or hereafter to be in force for the better regulating the alignment of the streets in the said town of Appin: Provided nevertheless, and we do hereby reserve unto us, our heirs and successors, full power for us or our successors, or for the Governor for the time being of our said territory, to resume and take possession of all or any part of the said land which may be required at any time or times hereafter for the improvement of the said town, or for any public purpose, twelve calendar months notice of its being so required being previously given in the *Government Gazette* or otherwise; and the value of the said land, or of so much thereof as shall be so required, and of any building standing on the said required land, being paid by the Government to the party entitled thereto at a valuation fixed by arbitrators, chosen as hereinafter mentioned: And we do also reserve unto our heirs and successors, and to the Governor for the time being of our said territory, by such person or persons as shall be duly authorized in that behalf, full power to make and conduct through the said land all common or public drains and sewers which may be deemed expedient, three calendar months notice being previously given to the occupier or owner thereof; and the damage which any building may sustain thereby being paid for by the Government to the party entitled thereto, at a valuation fixed by arbitrators aforesaid: And we do hereby declare that in every case of arbitration which may arise under and by virtue hereof, one arbitrator shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of our said territory, and one by the then owner or owners of the said land, which two arbitrators (before they enter upon the said arbitration) shall elect a third as umpire, who shall determine any disagreement between the two said arbitrators; but if the owner or owners of the said land shall refuse or neglect to choose an arbitrator on his, her, or their part, within one calendar month after being required so to do by public advertisement in the *Government Gazette* or otherwise, then both arbitrators shall be chosen by the Governor for the time being of our said territory, which arbitrators shall also elect an umpire in the manner above-mentioned: Provided always, that if the aforesaid quit rent shall be at any time unpaid for the space of twenty days after the same shall become due (although no formal demand shall have been made thereof), it shall be lawful for us, our heirs and successors, or the Governor for the time being of our said territory, or other person duly authorized in that behalf, to re-enter upon the said land or any part thereof with its appurtenances, and thence to remove the said grantee, her heirs and assigns, and to hold the same and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to have, receive, and take to and for the use of us, our heirs and successors, until we or they shall therewith and thereby be fully paid and satisfied, the quit rent due thereon and every part thereof, and all arrears of the same due at the time of our said entry, or which shall accrue due during the time of our possession by virtue thereof, together with all costs and charges attending the non-payment of the said quit rent and our entry upon the said land: Provided also, that if the fees payable on this our grant be not paid, and the grant claimed by the said grantee, or some person lawfully authorized on her behalf, within six calendar months after notice of its being ready for delivery shall be given in the *Government Gazette* or otherwise; or if the conditions, reservations, and provisos herein contained, or any part thereof, be not duly observed and performed by the said grantee, her heirs and assigns, then the said land shall be forfeited and revert unto us, our heirs and successors; and these presents and every matter and thing herein contained shall cease and determine, and become absolutely void, to all intents and purposes; and it shall be lawful for us, our heirs and successors, by our Governor for the time being of our said territory, or other person duly authorized in that behalf, to re-enter upon and take possession of the said land or any part thereof, and the said grantee, her heirs, and all occupiers thereof, therefrom wholly to remove: And further provided, that the lawful rights of all parties other than the grantee herein named in the land hereby granted shall enure and be held harmless, anything in these presents to the contrary notwithstanding: In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our said territory.

Given under the hand of Sir George Gipps, Knight, our Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of our said Territory and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twelfth day of February, in the third year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

GEO. GIPPS.

Signed and sealed in the presence of—

HY. WATSON PARKER.

Exd.—J.M.

Entered on record by me, in the Register of Town Grants, No. 53, page 267, this eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty, the words "for ever" having been previously interlined after "sterling", in the seventeenth line; and the words from "until the thirtieth" to "sterling yearly for ever," inclusive, struck out in the letterpress in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines, counting from the heading.

DEAS THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

Enrolled in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in Town Grants No. 3, page 149, this twenty-first day of October, 1840.

J. E. MANNING,
Registrar, Sup. Court.

Entered as No. 171, folio 60, in the Register No. 2 of Town Grants, in the Surveyor General's Office, 23rd June, 1841.

HENRY HALLORAN.

No. 3.

Minute by the late Colonial Secretary.

Memo. for my colleagues.—JOHN R.

DEEDS of grant of lands and their preparation, and signature by His Excellency the Governor.

This question has from time to time from my taking office in the present Government occupied my attention. It is now dealt with as follows, so far as auction sales are concerned, and my remarks with regard to land sold at such sales, if coincided in by my colleagues, can easily be made applicable to lands sold under each other mode of sale, authorized by substituting the proper officer in each case, for the one I shall here suggest should have certain duties under the Auction Sale Branch of Lands. It will not be necessary to go further back in dealing with a description of the process in practice, than that at which Mr. Edwards, the clerk in charge of the Auction Branch, appears; this gentleman says he obtains from the Government Printer, sales lists, which lists have been prepared and forwarded to the printer (for printing) by the Auction Branch of the Survey Office, which branch is controlled separately from that under Mr. Edwards; the papers thus obtained are similar to paper marked 1 herewith, and are sent to the Land Agent exhibiting the land to be offered at each sale; while selling, the Land Agent marks how each lot has been disposed of. The Land Agent then returns paper 1 to the Under Secretary for Lands, who forwards it to Edwards, who checks it, &c., with a slip, showing the money received (for that sale) at the Treasury (and which is furnished by the Treasury, and separately states the amount received from the Land Agent from that which may have been paid in Sydney).

The Treasury does not in the slip give details, but only the lump sum. Three months after each sale the Land Agent forwards to the Under Secretary for Lands, through whom Mr. Edwards receives it, a paper similar to that marked 2 herewith, containing the final report of the result of the sale. Mr. Edwards examines 1 and 2, and thus ascertains who has completed by paying his balance, and who forfeited from non-payment thereof. Mr. Edwards then causes the information communicated by the slip, &c., to be entered in a ledger kept by him, and no deeds are made out until the amounts received by the Treasurer, and those shown by the reports 1 and 2 of the Land Agent, are made to agree.

With paper 1 Mr. Edwards sends* tracing to the Land Agent of all the portions to be offered for sale at any sale similar to paper marked 4.

The tracing is forwarded to him from the Auction Branch in the Survey Office, and exhibits Nos. of lots, areas, &c.

The Deputy Surveyor General says the tracings (4) are copies of originals kept at the Survey Office, where also the written descriptions, afterwards copied into the deeds, are prepared, and then transmitted to the clerk in charge of deeds, Mr. Thurlow, who superintends the engrossing in the deeds, and certifies, &c. (See deed herewith, marked five (5)).

Mr. Newcombe, the Treasury Receiver, says receipts are given by Land Agents to purchasers, and that the butts of such receipts are kept by the Land Agents for the inspection of the Treasury Inspector, who inspects and reports to Treasurer.

Mr. Newcombe says that the Treasurer does not receive the details of a sale, but only the gross amounts of money received.

The Auditor General receives from the Land Agent a duplicate of form 2, which is signed by Land Agent and attested by a magistrate. The Auditor General compares Land Agents' with the Treasury accounts and reports discrepancies, if any exist.

Thus the Land Office and the Auditor General's Office only have details. The deeds when sent on to the Colonial Secretary's Department for the Great Seal have no further indication of their having had careful consideration than the initials of Mr. C. A. Thurlow—C.A.T.; on this authority and on this alone the Great Seal is placed on the documents. They are then forwarded by the Under Secretary, Mr. Halloran, to His Excellency, whose only warrant for signing them is that the Great Seal is upon them.

It is clear to me that there ought to be on the deeds not only the signature of Mr. Thurlow but that of Mr. Underwood, the draftsman in charge of the description branch; this would connect the Survey Department work with that of the engrossing under Mr. Thurlow, and could be done with very little inconvenience to the Service. It is equally clear to me that the Auditor General should also in the deeds certify that the money has been paid. At present there is on the deeds an allegation to that effect, but no certificate. The Acting Auditor says that his office has the means of doing this without much inconvenience.

I think His Excellency ought not to sign any document that has the Great Seal upon it unless it has been countersigned by a responsible Minister. In the mother country the Queen may not take any course of the kind.

I am surprised that our Governors have done so, for they really cannot by any other means ascertain that the signature or initials of the proper officers in each regard are upon them. All the processes I have mentioned having been gone through, the deed should pass on for the Great Seal and then be signed by the Governor.

Document 5 exhibits so far as it is written in black ink the present state of a deed when it reaches Mr. Halloran. The red exhibits the additions I recommend.

I am not at all sure that it was wise to discontinue the practice of the issue by the Land Agent of two receipts for each lot of land sold, one in black ink, and the other in red ink—one of which used to be forwarded to the Treasury by the purchasers.

I am told that much money has been lost since that discontinuance, which loss might have been prevented, but as that does not necessarily pertain to the immediate matters under consideration I will postpone its consideration until I have an opportunity of conferring with my honorable colleague, the Colonial Treasurer.

JOHN R.

P.S.—Of course a meantime arrangement can be made to enable deeds already prepared to pass on for completion, so as to prevent delay and unnecessary work.

After consultation with the Treasurer and the Minister for Lands, who with myself were appointed on Saturday by the Cabinet to settle this matter, we have agreed that all that will be necessary will be the initial in each case in red ink, and not any words in red ink preceding. For the Cabinet.—JOHN R., 13/3/77.

No. 1 Sale List. See Appendix A.

No. 2 Final Report. See Appendix B.

*Tracing herewith. Appendix † See enclosure to Sale List.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure 4 to Paper No. 3.]

(No. 76-213.)

New South Wales.

[Land Grant No. 5.]

[Arms.]

Register Book, Vol. Folio

GRANT OF LAND SOLD AT UPSET PRICE AFTER ATTEMPTED SALE BY AUCTION.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

WHEREAS in conformity with the Regulations in force for the sale of Crown Lands in our Colony of New South Wales, the lands herein mentioned were, on the twentieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, put up for sale by auction at Wagga Wagga, in our said Colony, when no sufficient bidding was offered for the same: And whereas, since the said twentieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, Richard James Gilman, junior, of Wagga Wagga, hath applied to purchase the same at the upset price thereof: Now know ye, That for and in consideration of the sum of eighty pounds sterling, being the said upset price thereof, well and truly paid into the Colonial Treasury of our said Colony, before these presents are issued, We, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, have granted, and for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant, unto the said Richard James Gilman, his heirs and assigns, subject to the several and respective reservations hereinafter mentioned,—all that piece or parcel of land in our said Colony, containing by admeasurement eighty acres, be the same more or less, situated in the county of Mitchell, and parish of Milbrulong, portion three:

Commencing as per plan in the margin hereof, being the land proclaimed as lot A on the 16th July, 1875, and selected by the said Richard James Gilman, with all the rights and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging; to hold unto the said Richard James Gilman, Richard James Gilman, junior, his heirs and assigns for ever: Provided nevertheless, and we do hereby reserve unto us, our heirs and successors, all such parts and so much of the said land as may hereafter be required for making public ways, canals, or railroads in, over, and through the same, to be set out by our Governor for the time being of our said Colony, or some person by him authorized in that respect; and also all sand, clay, stone, gravel, and indigenous timber, and all other materials, the natural produce of the said land, which may be required at any time or times hereafter, for the construction and repair of any public ways, bridges, canals, and railroads, or any fences, embankments, dams, sewers, or drains necessary for the same, together with the right of taking and removing all such materials; and we do hereby further reserve unto us, our heirs, and successors, the right of full and free ingress, egress, and regress, into, out of, and upon the said land, for the several purposes aforesaid: In testimony whereof, we have caused this our grant, to be sealed with the seal of our said Colony.

Witness, our trusty and well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this seventeenth day of June, in the thirty-ninth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

Recorded and enrolled in the Registrar General's Office, at Sydney, in New South Wales, this twentieth day of February, 1876.

E. G. WARD, Registrar General.

No. 4.

Minute of the late Minister for Lands.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

IN accordance with the decision arrived at by the Cabinet, as to the alteration to be made in the present system of certifying to the correctness of deeds of grant, previously to their transmission for the signature of His Excellency the Governor, it is directed that in future all deeds should in addition to the initials of Mr. C. A. Thurlow, clerk in charge of the Deeds Branch, Lands Department (as at present), have affixed also those of Mr. R. Underwood, the draftsman in charge of the Description Branch, in the Survey Office, so as to officially connect the descriptions supplied by that branch with those which have been engrossed in the deeds submitted for signature.

The deeds are then to be transmitted to the Auditor General, who upon being satisfied, from the Lands Department and Treasury (or Audit) accounts, that payment has been made of the purchase money, and by the persons named in the deeds, should likewise initial them, or if this be too inconvenient suggest an officer of his Department to do it.

Upon the return of the deeds from the Audit Office they are to be submitted to the Minister for Lands, who will affix his initials as a final authority for the deeds being sent on for the Great Seal and for the signature of His Excellency the Governor.

The initials will be written as shown, and in the order as placed, upon the draft form of deed attached hereto, and marked A.

E. A. BAKER,
15 March, 1877.

The Auditor General, for information.—W. W. STEPHEN, B.C., 21 March, 1877. To be returned when noted. Auditor General wishes to have letter and copies of minutes.—W. W. S., 22. Letter sent, 23.

[Enclosure

The Lands and Treasury Departments accounts having been duly examined enable me to certify that this money has been duly paid.—E. A. B.

J. U.

C. A. T.

[The Great Seal.]
E. A. B.

See enclosure.

[Enclosure to No. 4.]

(No. 76-1389.)
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New South Wales.
[Arms.]

[Land Grant.]

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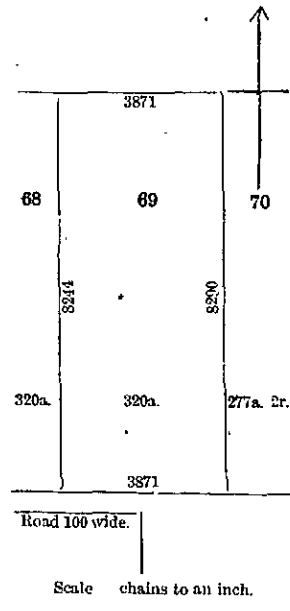
A. LAND PURCHASE.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

WHEREAS at a sale by auction of Crown lands in our Colony of New South Wales, held at Hay, in our said Colony, on the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, William Rudd, of Howlong, in our said Colony, grazier, became the purchaser of the land hereinafter described, for the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds sterling: Now know ye, that for and in consideration of the said sum for and on our behalf well and truly paid into the Colonial Treasury of our said Colony, before these presents are issued, we, with the advice of our Executive Council of New South Wales, have granted, and for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto the said William Rudd, his heirs and assigns, subject to the several and respective reservations hereinafter mentioned,—All that piece or parcel of land in our said Colony, containing by admeasurement three hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less, situated in the county of Sturt, and parish of Currathool, portion sixty-nine:

C.R.



Commencing at the south-western corner of W. Rudd's portion seventy; and bounded thence on the east by the western boundary of that portion bearing north eighty-two chains and ninety links; on the north by a line bearing west thirty-eight chains and seventy-one links; on the west by the eastern boundary of W. Rudd's portion sixty-eight bearing south eighty-two chains and forty-four links; and on the south by a road one chain wide; and thence by a line in all bearing east forty-one minutes south thirty-eight chains and seventy-one links, to the point of commencement.

As per plan in the margin hereof; being the land sold as lot EE under the advertisement dated the 25th day of January, 1875, with all the rights and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging; to hold unto the said William Rudd, his heirs and assigns for ever: Provided nevertheless, and we do hereby reserve unto us, our heirs and successors, all such parts and so much of the said land as may hereafter be required for making public ways, canals, or railroads, in, over, and through the same, to be set out by our Governor for the time-being of our said Colony, or some person by him authorized in that respect; and also, all sand, clay, stone, gravel, and indigenous timber, and all other materials, the natural produce of the said land, which may be required at any time or times hereafter, for the construction and repair of any public ways, bridges, canals, and railroads, or any fences, embankments, dams, sewers, or drains necessary for the same, together with the right of taking and removing all such materials; and we do hereby further reserve unto us, our heirs and successors, the right of full and free ingress, egress, and regress into, out of, and upon the said land, for the several purposes aforesaid: In testimony whereof, we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the Seal of our said Colony.

E.A.B.

Witness, our trusty and well-beloved Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this seventeenth day of June, in the thirty-ninth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

C.A.T.
R.W.

No. 5.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Auditor General.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 23 March, 1877.

I am directed by the Minister for Lands to forward for your information a copy of the Minutes of the Cabinet and Minister for Lands, together with a draft form of deed and other papers, relative to the alteration decided to be made in the present system of certifying to the correctness of deeds of grant previously to their transmission for the signature of His Excellency the Governor.

See previous papers.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to give this matter your earliest attention, and notify to me as soon as you are ready to give effect to the alteration so far as your office is concerned.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 6.

Minute by The Under Secretary for Lands.

MEMO.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

I think it right to bring under notice that since the enclosed minute was addressed to the late Colonial Secretary by His Excellency the Governor, stating his objections to the present system of certifying to the correctness of deeds of grant sent for his signature, a very large number of deeds have accumulated, the same having been prepared before the new arrangement determined upon by the late Cabinet (see copy of minute enclosed) was determined upon.

See No. 1.

See No. 3.

I would therefore respectfully submit, as the Auditor General has informed me that there is some little difficulty in starting the new system so far as his office is concerned, that the grants already in hand might be sent on for signature, and that the alterations in the present arrangement should take effect from the commencement of the ensuing quarter.

This course would appear to be in accordance with the suggestion contained in the P.S. to the Memo. laid before the late Cabinet.

W.W.S., 25 March, 1877.

No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Auditor General.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 27 March, 1877.

Adverting to my letter of the 23rd instant, forwarding for your information a copy of the minutes of the Cabinet and Minister for Lands, together with a draft form of deed and other papers relative to the alteration decided to be made in the present system of certifying to the correctness of deeds of grant previously to their transmission for the signature of His Excellency the Governor, I am now also directed to transmit herewith a memorandum of His Excellency the Governor on the subject, with copies of minutes made thereon, which will more fully explain the reasons of the new arrangement recently determined upon.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 8.

The Auditor General to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Audit, Sydney, 3 April, 1877.

After careful consideration of the arrangements submitted with your letter of the 23rd ultimo, with reference to the proposed alteration in the matter of preparing deeds of grant for the Governor's signature, I beg to offer the following observations bearing on the duty proposed to be cast upon the Audit Department.

1. As regards "Sales by Auction" and "Selections after Auction," there will be no difficulty in verifying at once the payments into the Treasury, as I am already furnished with returns comprising the necessary particulars; but with regard to other modes of disposing of lands I am utterly in the dark, both as to the names of purchasers and sums paid.

2. To enable me therefore to carry out the wishes of the Government it will be necessary that in all alienations of land otherwise than those by auction, or by selection after auction, I should be furnished with returns from the Treasury (say weekly or monthly), containing in such form as may be agreed upon such particulars as will connect the sums paid into the Treasury with those named in the deeds submitted for verification.

3. Upon this being arranged, I shall be in a position to deal with all classes of deeds as required; but as a matter of convenience, indeed I may say of security, I should be glad that separate schedules for the sales by auction, and for each class of other alienations, should accompany the deeds when transmitted for my verification.

I have, &c.,

C. ROLLESTON.

No. 9.

Minute by The Under Secretary for Lands.

Preparation and certifying of Deeds of Grant.

THE enclosed letter from the Auditor General explains the difficulty which exists at present to his certifying to the payments of the purchase money specified in deeds of grant, excepting in those for lands purchased at auction or by selection after auction under clause 25 of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," and I now venture to take the opportunity of submitting one or two questions in connection with the new system of verifying deeds, as proposed by the late Government, which appear to me to call for consideration.

From the accompanying returns, which I have had prepared, showing the business of the Deeds Branch during the months of February and March last, it will be seen that the number of deeds engrossed and examined averages about 2,700 per month, and that there are now in consequence of their having been kept back recently, 8,540 deeds ready for signature, irrespectively of those stated to be with the Colonial Secretary's Office.

If the proposed new arrangement is to be adopted in its entirety and made retrospective each one of those deeds will have to be signed or initialled by the Minister as well as by the Auditor General, besides between 2,500 and 3,000 a month for the future; and I respectfully submit that to cast this work upon any one person whose ordinary daily duties must occupy his whole time and attention must in the end lead to delay and public inconvenience.

It has occurred to me, therefore, and my suggestion, if adopted, will carry out in this particular the views of the late Cabinet, that a division of labour, and just as secure an arrangement as the other, might be effected by having the deeds of grant classified and certified by the officers in charge of the branches in which the business connected with the different classes of sale is conducted, and who, from having acted on each case from its earliest stage up to the receipt of the Treasury report of the payment of the purchase money, are in as good a position as any other official (if not better) to give the necessary certificate.

The enclosed printed statement will show the different modes of alienating land, and by whom the grants would under the above arrangement be certified, viz. :—

I. Conditional Sales by Mr. Blackman.

II. Miscellaneous (i.e., under clauses 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Alienation Act of 1861, and clauses 2 and 31 of "Lands Amendment Act of 1875"), by Mr. L. Thompson.

III.

III. Auction sales and selections after auction, by Mr. W. C. Edwards. The adoption of this plan would do away with the delay of sending the deeds up to the Audit Office, and it must be also remembered that excepting in the case of auction sales the Auditor General will have to affix his initials as a matter of form only, because he will do so, not upon information furnished by his own officers, but by those of the department in which the business is properly conducted, and in which, I think, it ought to be retained.

The certificates of Messrs. Thurlow and Underwood as to the correctness of the descriptions cannot be well dispensed with, as that part of the work is solely under their charge.

I feel confident that this arrangement will save much time and be ample security for the deeds being correct without the necessity of sending them out of the department.

The question as to the necessity of the further safeguard of the signature of a responsible Minister is of course one about which it is not in my province to offer any opinion or remarks.

W. W.S., 7 April, /77.

The Colonial Secretary.—R.D. The Principal Under Secretary.—W. W.S., B.C., 9 April, 1877.

[Enclosure A to No. 9.]

Mr. C. A. Thurlow to The Under Secretary for Lands.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Deeds Branch from the 1st to 28th February, 1877, inclusive.

No. of deeds engrossed	2,610
" examined	2,610
" sent for seal and signature	1,184
" sent to the Registrar General	609

In duplicate.

Deeds Branch, 5 March, 1877.

C.A.T.

[Enclosure B to No. 9.]

Mr. Thurlow to The Under Secretary for Lands.

STATEMENT showing the operations of the Deeds Branch from 1st to 31st March, 1877, inclusive.

No. of deeds engrossed	2,794
" examined	2,794
" sent on for signature	Nil.
" sent on to Registrar General	2
" ready for signature	8,540
" forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for seal, &c., from 1st August, 1876, to 28th February, 1877	5,656

Deeds Branch, 6 April, 1877.

C.A.T.

[Enclosure C to No. 9.]

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

STATEMENT showing the different Branches of the Department and the Classification of Business.

Conditional Purchase Branch :—Head of Branch—WILLIAM BLACKMAN.

Sales of land by conditional purchase, including registration of applications, cancellations, declarations, forfeitures, transfers, correspondence with Crown Lands Agents and the general public; also Commissioners and Conditional Purchase Inspectors.

Sections 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, and 22 of "Crown Lands Act of 1861."

Sections 6 to 29 inclusive, of "Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," and 18 to 54 inclusive.

Miscellaneous Branch :—Head of Branch—LINDSAY G. THOMPSON.

Reservation of land from sale.

Dedication of land to religious and other public purposes.

Appointment of trustees.

Proclamation of temporary commonages.

Revocation of temporary reserves.

Withdrawal of land from pastoral lease.

Reclamation of land.

Purchase of unnecessary roads.

Purchase without competition by freeholders of land adjoining their properties to which no way of access exists, &c.

Rescission of the reservation of water frontage.

Purchases in consideration of improvements and of intended improvements.

Appraisements.

Leases for oyster culture.

Sections of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," Nos. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 28.

"Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875," Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 31.

"Occupation Act," No. 5, 29.

"Oyster Beds Act of 1868."

"Public Parks Act of 1854."

Deeds Branch :—Head of Branch—CHARLES A. THURLOW.

Preparation of all deeds of grant, delivery of deeds from formation of Colony up to the year 1862.

Amendment of deeds under "Titles to Land Act of 1858."

Auction Sales and Statistical Branch :—Head of Branch—WILLIAM C. EDWARDS.

Lands sold by auction.

Lands selected after auction.

Land statistics.

Volunteer Land Orders.

Alienation of the Church and School Estate.

Selections of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861," Nos. 23 and 25.

"Crown Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," No. 30.

"Volunteer Regulation Act of 1867," Nos. 44 and 45.

N.B.—Mr. Edwards acts also as Agent for Sale (by selection after auction) of Crown lands within the Metropolitan and Coast District.

No. 10.

Minute of The Principal Under Secretary.

THE whole matter appears simple enough.

The deeds are prepared in the Lands Department; the permanent head of that Department has within his control ample means of assuring himself of the accuracy of every deed, and he should furnish a certificate with every batch of deeds, say from 1 to 100 or 200, to the effect that every inquiry and examination having been made by qualified and reliable officers, the deeds are submitted for the Great Seal and the signature of His Excellency.

This would I apprehend be sufficient to warrant my causing the affixing of the Great Seal, and the Governor would, I doubt not, thereupon readily sign. H.H., 9/4/77.

Cabinet.—H.P., 9/4/77.

No. 11.

Minutes of The Minister for Lands and His Excellency the Governor.

CERTIFYING OF DEEDS OF GRANT.

HAVING carefully considered the different modes which have been submitted in the enclosed papers, I have arrived at the conclusion that as all business in connection with deeds properly appertaining to the Lands Department, it will be better to avoid the delay and inconvenience of sending them the rounds of other Departments for certificates which can be furnished with equal authority and security by the Chief Officers of Lands as explained in enclosed minute by the Under Secretary of date 7th April. I beg now therefore to recommend that the following system be adopted:—

- 1st. That the correctness of the descriptions be verified by Mr. Thurlow (as now) and also by Mr. Underwood, the chief description writer; this will prevent the possibility of any inaccurate description being inserted in the grant.
- 2nd. That the deeds be grouped according to the different classes of sale under which the lands have been alienated and which are dealt with from beginning to end by three distinct branches of the Department, and that the correctness of the name of the grantee and the payment by him of the purchase money be certified by the officers (of corresponding position to Mr. Thurlow) in charge of the respective branches in which the business is conducted, and who have in each case the written Treasury certificate of payment.

I might here point out in support of this plan (though not quite incidental to the question) that this extra check will be the means of considerably lessening the number of errors in deeds, which I understand have now to be amended under the "Titles to Lands Act of 1858," under the hand of His Excellency the Governor.

The only other question remaining to be determined is the signing of each deed by the *Minister*.

Although this would doubtless be a serious tax upon him I think that all deeds should be so signed, a matter which of course however I now leave for the final decision of His Excellency.

RICHARD DRIVER,
1/5/77.

Very urgent. The Private Secretary.—W.W.S., 4 May, 1877, B.C.

Of course I am not in a position to know anything whatever myself as to the correctness of such documents, but I am prepared to sign all land deeds placed before me duly authenticated by the signature of the Minister for Lands. The checks which he may deem necessary for his own security are matters for his judgment, and I have not sufficient acquaintance with the working of the Department to decide upon them, but as far as I can judge I am inclined to think that the checks proposed by Mr. Driver will be sufficient to guarantee the genuineness and accuracy of the deeds.

H.R., 5/5/77.

The Honorable the Minister for Lands.

APPENDIX A.

[Enclosure 1 to Paper No. 3.] No. 1 Sale List.

No. 2.

1877.

LAND SALE LIST.

ARTICLES and CONDITIONS of SALE held by PUBLIC AUCTION, at Cooma, on the twenty-third day of May, 1877, commencing at Eleven o'clock, under the direction of the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at that place (acting for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen), of the following PORTIONS of Land advertised by the Minister for Lands, on the twentieth day of April, 1877, in conformity with existing Regulations, of which those more particularly necessary to be noticed are as follows, viz. :—

- 1st.—Each lot will be put up for Sale at the price stated in the Advertisement, and the bidder of that sum, or the highest bidder above it, will be declared the purchaser, provided he shall immediately pay down a deposit of not less than twenty-five per cent. on the amount of the purchase money, and sign the Sale List, thereby binding himself to the observance of all the Conditions of Sale. Should the purchaser or his agent refuse to pay the required deposit, the lot shall be forthwith put up again to competition, when the bid of the person so refusing to pay shall not be accepted for the lot in question.
- 2nd.—The balance of the purchase money is to be paid to the Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands, or to the Treasurer in Sydney, within three Calendar Months from this date, or the deposit will be forfeited, and the Land again open for Sale or Selection.
- 3rd.—Immediately after the biddings on each lot are concluded, and before another lot is put up, the name, place of residence, and calling of the purchaser will be entered by the Agent in the Sale List. If previous to such entry any question or dispute arise between the seller and bidders, or amongst the bidders themselves, the lot in question shall be put up again; subsequently to such entry no dispute whatever can be admitted.
- 4th.—Deeds of Grant will be completed and issued in each case as soon as practicable after payment in full of the purchase money, and will be delivered to the Grantees by the Registrar General, on payment of the regulated fee of £1 on each lot, which will be required to be paid on completion of the purchase. Each lot will be granted to the purchaser by Deed Poll, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and the Great Seal of the Colony, to be held in free and common socage, subject to the payment of a Quit-rent of one peppercorn yearly, if demanded, and subject to such other reservations as may be deemed expedient for the public benefit.

The Crown Lands Agent.

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5th.—If the Officer holding the Sale, or other person acting on behalf of the Government, shall have reason to believe that any lot will not obtain its fair value, or shall otherwise have just cause to withdraw the same from the Sale, he shall have full power to do so at any time previously to its being actually sold.

6th.—Persons having affixed their signatures to the Sale List in token of their having become purchasers (or agents for purchasers) of the lots to which their signatures are respectively so affixed, will be held to have previously obtained all necessary information, and not to be entitled to allege ignorance or any other cause for their not fulfilling all and every obligation incumbent upon them by these Articles and Conditions.

DECLARATION.

WE, whose signatures are attached to the lots respectively purchased by us, do hereby acknowledge that we are the purchasers (or agents for purchasers) of the same; and we do each of us severally for ourselves (or on behalf of our constituents), undertake to make payment to the Officer appointed to receive the same, of the remainder of the purchase money of the said lots respectively, within three Calendar Months from the date of these presents, and to fulfil all and each of the foregoing Articles and Conditions; and failing our doing so, we do further acknowledge that we thereby forfeit all and every claim to the said lot or lots, and to the deposits which we have paid. IN WITNESS whereof, we have, on the day and year above-written, severally signed our names against the descriptions of each lot respectively purchased by us.

[Sub-enclosure to 1 to Paper No. 3.] No. 4.

SALE AT THE POLICE OFFICE, COOMA,

On Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1877.

COUNTRY LOTS.

Lot.	No. of Portion.	Area.			Price per Acre.			County.	Parish.	Situation.	Remarks.
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.				
A B	15	40	0	0	1	0	0	Beresford	Rowland	On the road from Little Plain to Whinstone Valley, and adjoining and near the western boundaries of D. Feeney's conditional purchases Nos. 3, 10, and 12 of 40 acres each. Wangrah Run. Aln. 76-37,966; B. 1,072-1,765.	
	16	46	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
C	21	40	0	0	Per Lot. 65	0	0	do	Colinton	On the road from Cooma to Sydney, and lying between the northern boundary of portions No. 25 of 67 acres 3 rods and the southern boundaries of J. C. A. and D. Ryrie's portions 7 and 14 of 160 and 57 acres respectively. Micaligo Run. C.S. 77-725; B. 972-1,765.	Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide. Forfeited conditional purchases of John Kirby.
D	22	40	0	0	Per Acre. 1	0	0	do	do		
E	23	40	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
F	24	100	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
G	32	61	2	0	1	0	0	do	do	On both sides of the road from Micaligo to Bredbo, and between the eastern boundaries of T. Roach's portion 4 of 40 acres and A. Ryrie's portion 11 of 40 acres, and the western boundary of C. Povey's conditional purchase No. 31 of 200 acres. Micaligo Run. Aln. 76-37,967; B. 1,081-1,765.	Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide
H I	36	97	3	0	1	0	0	do	Milford	On and near the road from Cooma to Braidwood, and between the right bank of Towney's Creek and the left bank of Queanbeyan River. Anembo Run. Aln. 76-37,977; B. 1,080-1,765.	do do
	37	82	3	0	1	0	0	do	do		
J	38	40	0	0	1	0	0	do	do	On the right bank of Towney's Creek, and on the road from Cooma to Braidwood, and nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile southerly from portion 37, lot I of this sale. Anembo Run. Aln. 76-37,978; B. 1,081-1,765.	
K	41	41	0	0	1	0	0	do	do	On the right bank of Towney's Creek and on the road from Cooma to Braidwood, and 35 chains southerly from portion 38, lot J of this sale. Anembo Run. Aln. 76-37,978; B. 1,081-1,765.	
L	40	84	0	0	1	0	0	do	Sherlock	Situated $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile south-westerly from portion No. 39 of 40 acres, and on the right bank of Towney's Creek. Anembo Run. Aln. 76-37,980; B. 1,083-1,765.	
M N	66	79	0	0	1	0	0	do	Callaghan	Near and adjoining part of the eastern boundary of Bridget Smith's conditional purchase No. 64 of 80 acres, and adjacent to the western boundaries of R. Jackson, jun.'s, conditional purchases Nos. 40 and 41 of 40 and 80 acres respectively. Billyingra Run. Aln. 77-346; B. 1,130-1,765.	
	67	52	2	0	1	0	0	do	do		
O	99	40	0	0	1	0	0	do	The Brothers	On and near the road from Coolringdon to Nimmitabel, and adjoining and near the northern boundaries of E. Pratt's conditional purchase No. 25 of 142 acres, and portions Nos. 96 and 97, parish of Myalla, county of Wallace. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,625; B. 1,070-1,765.	Exclusively of two roads, each 1 chain wide.
P	100	104	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
Q	101	41	3	24	1	0	0	do	do		

SALE AT THE POLICE OFFICE, COOMA—continued.

COUNTRY LOTS—continued.

Lot.	No. of Portion.	Area.			Price per Acre.			County.	Parish.	Situation.	Remarks.
		a.	r.	p.	£	s.	d.				
T	125	100	0	0	1	0	0	Beresford	The Brothers	On both banks of Jillimatong Creek, and adjoining the south-east corner of A. McDonald's conditional purchase No. 54 of 100 acres. Myalla Run. Aln. 77-598; B. 1,121-1,765. Adjacent to the western boundary of James Litchfield's portion No. 41 of 48 acres. Arable Run. Ms. 77-777; B. 1,123-1,765. On the road from Sydney to Cooma, and adjoining the northern boundary of reserve No. 302 for camping and water supply, and adjacent to the western boundary of A. Ryrie's portion 29 of 40 acres. Micaligo Run. Aln. 76-32,894; B. 903-1,765.	
U	126	40	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
V	86	40	0	0	1	0	0	do	Micaligo. . . .		
W	80	100	0	0	1	0	0	do	Coolringdon. . .	On the road from Middlingbank to Cooma, and adjoining the eastern boundary of G. Kealing's conditional purchase No. 79 of 320 acres. Coolringdon Run. Ms. 76-8,699; B. 564-1,765.	
X	89	61	0	0	1	0	0	Wallace.	The Peak	Adjoining the eastern boundary of S. Stewart's conditional purchase No. 71 of 310 acres, and extending easterly to the right bank of Jenny Brother Creek, and adjoining and near the northern boundary of S. A. Pratt's conditional purchase No. 30 of 120 acres. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,622; W. 1,467-1,604.	Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide.
Y	90	108	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
Z	91	66	0	0	1	0	0	do	do	On both sides of the road from Bald Hill to Myalla, and between the northern boundaries of portions 73 and 93, and the southern boundary of S. Stewart's conditional purchase No. 71 of 310 acres. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,623; W. 1,468-1,604.	Exclusively of two roads, each 1 chain wide. Exclusively of a road 1 chain wide.
AA	92	88	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
BB	95	73	3	0	1	0	0	do	do	On both sides of the road from Bobundara to Myalla, and adjoining the western boundary of S. Stewart's conditional purchase No. 71 of 300 acres, and portion 92 of 88 acres, and on the left bank of Myalla Creek. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,624; W. 1,463-1,604.	do do
CC	71	85	0	0	1	0	0	do	Myalla	Adjoining and near the western boundary of Wm. Bradley's portion 4 of 173 acres, and the northern and eastern boundaries of R. G. Pratt's conditional purchase No. 70 of 240 acres. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,627; W. 1,462-1,604.	do do
DD	72	50	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
EE	73	62	1	0	1	0	0	do	do		
FF	74	43	0	0	1	0	0	do	do	Respectively adjoining the western boundaries of G. R. Pratt's conditional purchase No. 70 of 240 acres, and portion 26 of 100 acres, and lying between the southern boundary of portion 73 and the northern boundaries of portions 13 and 14. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,623; W. 1,461-1,604.	do do
GG	75	51	0	0	1	0	0	do	do		
HH	102	49	3	0	1	0	0	do	do	Lying between the western boundary of E. Pratt's conditional purchase No. 25 of 142 acres, and the eastern boundary of portion 105 of 54 acres 1 road, parish of The Brothers, county of Beresford. Myalla Run. Aln. 76-40,629; W. 1,460-1,604.	
II	103	44	1	0	1	0	0	do	do		
JJ	104	71	3	0	1	0	0	do	do		

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on the _____ day of _____ 187_

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APPENDIX B.

[Enclosure 2 to Paper No. 3.] No. 2—Final Report.

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(E.)

No. 8.

187 .

FINAL REPORT
OF THE
SALE OF CROWN LANDS,

HELD AT

On the day of 187 .

UNDER THE ADVERTISEMENT DATED THE DAY OF 187 .

Extent of Land offered for Sale Ac. r. p.

Extent of Land Sold..... Ac. r. p.

Amount realized by the Sale.....£

Amount realized by Deed Fees.....£

TOTAL.....£

FINAL REPORT of the SALE OF CROWN LANDS, held at _____
 under the Advertisement dated the _____

Lots.	SITUATION.		EXTENT.						BY WHOM DEPOSIT FORFEITED			
	County.	Parish, Town, or Place.	Sold.			Withdrawn.				Not offered for or forfeited.		
			Acres.	r.	p.	Acres.	r.	p.			Acres.	r.	p.
TOTALS.....												

Office for the Sale of Crown Lands at _____

[1 plan.]

Sydney: Charles Potter, Acting Government Printer.—1877.

[1s. 9d.]

Enclosure 3 to Paper N^o 3.

Parish of Coobool

PLAN

of 13 portions of land

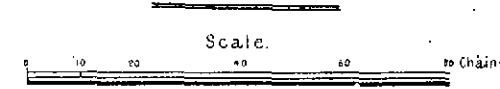
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25, 27, 28 & 29 } Coobool.

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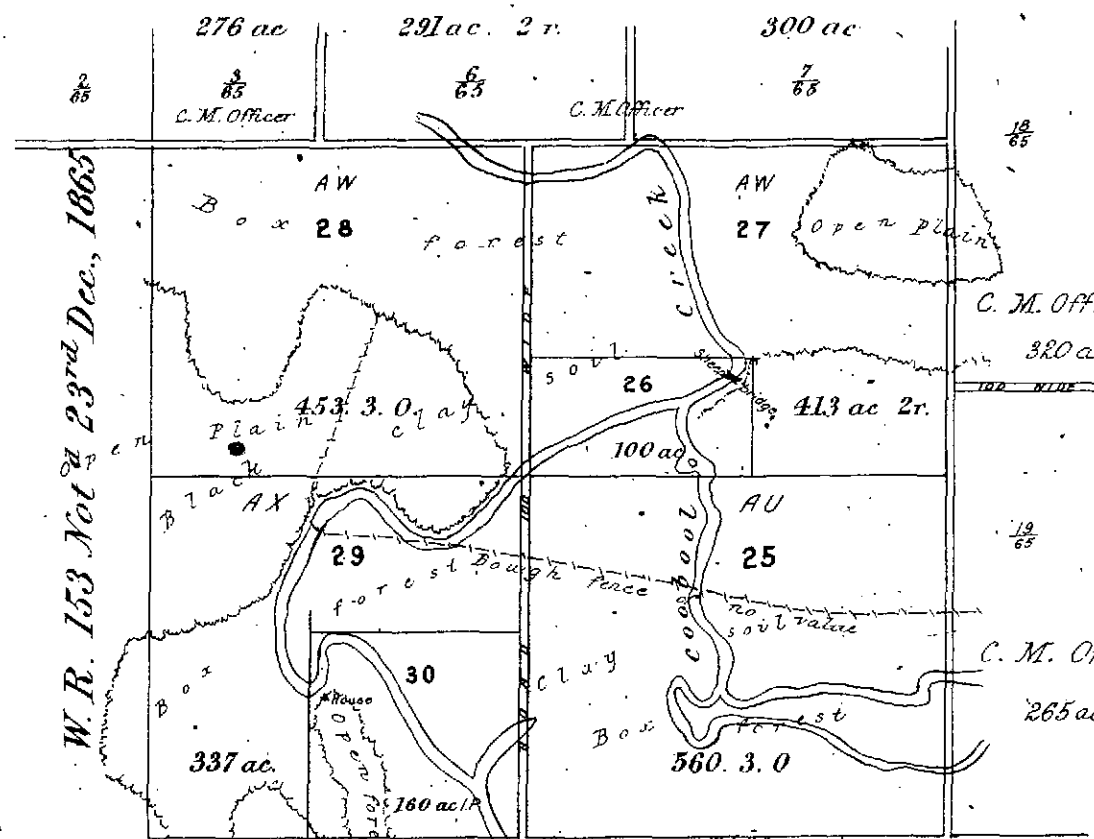
Applied for under the 23rd clause of the C.L.A. Act of 1861 by S. H. Officer.

Sale at Deniliquin, 9th May, 1877.
Country lots, AL to AX.
Portions, 13, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 25, 27, 28, 29.

Marked according to Regulations
Theodolite Survey completed 20th Oct 1876.
Improvements, 8, £30; 16, £40; 25, £10.
Willakool Run.
Variation 7° 35' 30" E.

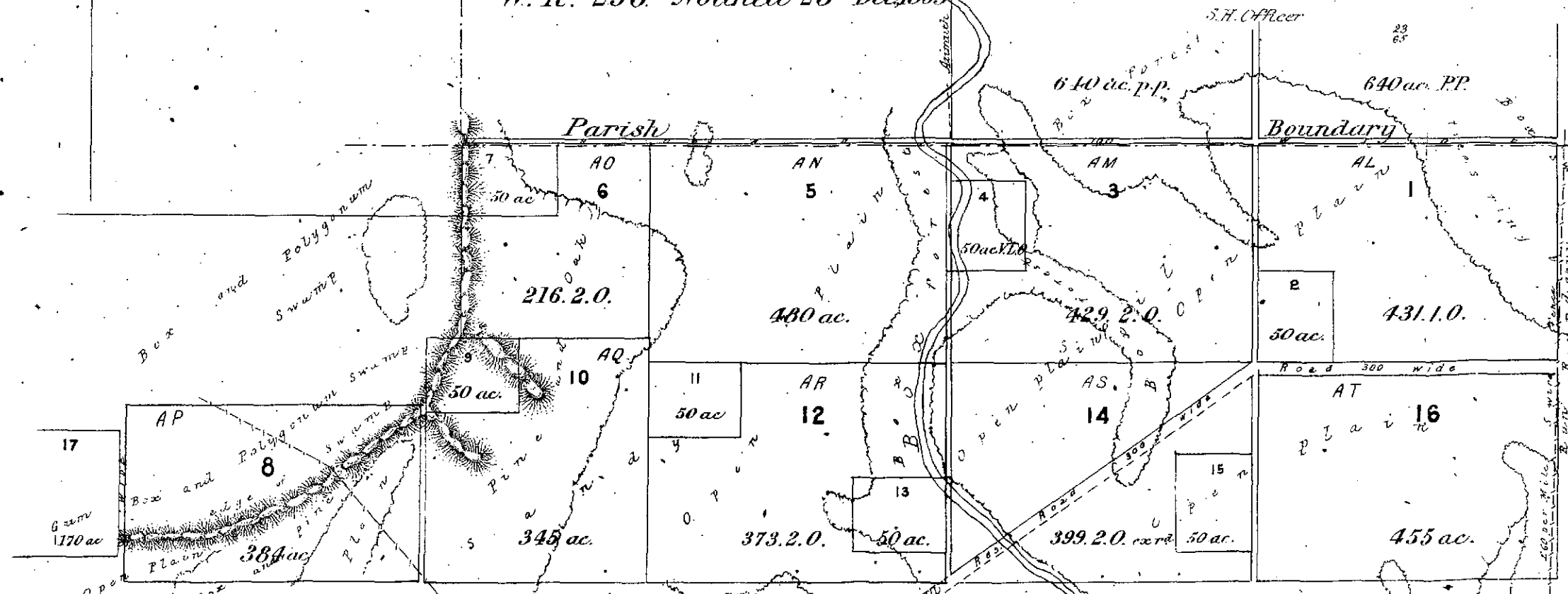


Exhibited at the Sale at Deniliquin this day



W. R. 153 Notified 23rd Dec., 1865

W. R. 258. Notified 28th Dec. 1865



W. R. 258 Notified 28th Dec., 1865.

Transmitted to the Surveyor General with my letter dated 18th Dec. 1876. N^o 76/93.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MASSACRE OF CREW OF "DANCING WAVE."

(DESPATCH, &c.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G.
New South Wales, No. 54.

Sir,

Downing-street, 4 October, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit to you for your information an extract from a despatch received at the Admiralty from Commodore Hoskins, in which he reports the massacre, by the natives of Florida Island, Solomon Group, of the master and six of the crew of the schooner "Dancing Wave," a labour vessel from Sydney, and states the steps which will be taken to inquire into the matter.

I also enclose an extract from a subsequent despatch from Commodore Hoskins, in which he states the further orders he has given on the subject.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

[Enclosures.]

EXTRACT of a despatch from Commodore Hoskins to the Admiralty, dated "Pearl," at Sydney, 8th July, 1876, No. 166.

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, accounts of the massacre, by the natives of Florida Island, Solomon Group, of the master and six of the crew of the British schooner "Dancing Wave."

In acquainting me of the account he had received of the occurrence, Lieutenant Bell, of H.M. schooner "Sandfly," informs me he has taken the only European survivor of the "Dancing Wave" on board the "Sandfly," and was about to proceed to make inquiries on the spot, in hope of being able to apprehend the murderers.

2. Commander Digby, of H.M.S. "Sappho," who is on a cruise with orders to visit the Solomon Group, has probably before this arrived at Makira Harbour; he will then hear of the catastrophe, and will be able to take any measures against the natives which he may consider just and advisable.

3. So far as I am at present aware, the "Dancing Wave" was not licensed to receive labour, but from the accounts forwarded appears to have been doing so without using violence.

Lieutenant Bell to Commodore Hoskins.

Report of the attack on the schooner "Dancing Wave."

Sir,

H.M.S. "Sandfly," Makira Harbour, 28 May, 1876.

I have the honor to report that the schooner "Dancing Wave," of Sydney, has been attacked at Galia, near Florida Island, while recruiting labour, and the master, five white men, an American coloured man, and two natives killed.

The survivor, William Broad, seaman, states that the attack was made on the forenoon of the 22nd April, while shipping labour; the mate, steward, and the man Broad got into the cabin, but soon afterwards the mate and steward killed themselves.

The man then jumped overboard, but a native of San Christoval Island, who was in the fore-rigging, called him back, when he found that the natives had left the ship.

He then, with the assistance of twelve natives who had been shipped at Guadaleonor Island, got the vessel to sea; but he appears to have been afraid of these natives, who would not let him take the vessel to Savo where he knew that he could get assistance, so he left the vessel after dark in a small boat with the San Christoval native, and made for Savo, where he found the barque "Sydney," which put to sea in search of the schooner, and found her on the 24th April off Wanderer Bay, Guadaleonor Island; the natives who were on board having taken everything they thought of value and left the vessel.

The barque put a crew in her who took her to Rabiana, and now she has arrived here on her way to Sydney.

I intend to proceed as soon as possible to Wanderer Bay and Galia, and try to obtain the murderers and get back the property taken.

I am, &c.,

J. J. F. BELL,

Lieut. in Command.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MASSACRE OF CREW OF "DANCING WAVE."

(FURTHER DESPATCH.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G.
No. 67.

Sir,

Downing-street, 21 October, 1876.

With reference to my despatch, No. 54, of the 4th October, I transmit to you an extract from a further despatch from the Commodore commanding on the Australian station, accompanied by an extract from a report from Lieutenant Bell, R.N., commanding the "Sandfly," in regard to his proceedings at the scene of the "Dancing Wave" massacre.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

[Enclosures.]

EXTRACT of a despatch from Commodore Hoskins, dated 25th August, 1876. No. 209.

"Lieut. Bell visited the scene of the 'Dancing Wave' massacre with the only white survivor from that schooner's crew on board, and I attach an extract from his report."

EXTRACT from letter of proceedings, dated 13 June, 1876, from Lieut. L. J. F. Bell, commanding H.M. Schooner "Sandfly," to Commodore in Australia.

"On arrival I at once proceeded to the shore and endeavoured to communicate with the natives, in the hope of getting murderers delivered up; but although I saw a large number of natives they all retired into the bush when I approached. On the following day another attempt to communicate also failed.

"Having done all that was in my power to obtain the murderers, and seeing the natives were hostile by their loud shouts and gestures, I considered that some punishment should be inflicted on them for the massacre of the crew of the 'Dancing Wave.'

"Therefore, on Monday, the 12th June, I fired a few shell and rockets into the village and bush, and landed the ship's company and destroyed the huts and canoes in the bush near the beach, also the Tabu House, near which six human skulls were found.

"The village being situated on the face of a very steep hill in the thick bush, I did not attack that afternoon, on account of the very heavy rain that set in, but on the following day landed the ship's company, and after some difficulty found the path to the village, which was destroyed.

"The natives fired a few shots, but although a large number of them were seen armed they all retired as we advanced through the thick bush.

"I consider the punishment inflicted will do good, as the report of it will go all through the group and prevent the recurrence of another massacre."

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

(MESSAGE No. 4.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 December, 1876.

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

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 Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service.

Government House,

Sydney, 19 December, 1876.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL
SERVICE.

(SINCE 9 FEBRUARY, 1875.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 January, 1877.

RETURN to an *Address* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 8 February, 1876, praying that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- “(1.) A Return showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and the salary in each case.
- “(2.) The names of the relatives of each Member of the present Ministry now in the Government service, their relationship to such Minister, the dates of their Appointments and Promotions, if any.
- “(3.) The like Returns as No. 2, with reference to each Member of the present Parliament.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

RETURN of Appointments and Promotions made from the time when the present Government came into office to the 8th of February, 1876, in Departments under the Ministerial control of the Colonial Secretary.

Date of first Appointment.	Date of Promotion.	Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Description of office.	Appointment or Promotion by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
4 Aug., 1874.	1 Jan., 1876.	Frank Walsh	Clerk in Legislative Assembly Office	Governor and Executive Council.	£ 175	Promoted from salary of £150. On probation for 6 months.
1 Jan., 1876.		James Macalister	"	Colonial Secretary	160	
1 " 1875.	22 April, 1875.	James Edward Ormiston	Sixth Clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office	Governor and Executive Council.	100	No increase of salary.
1 " 1875.	"	Thomas William Leahy	"	"	75	
12 April, 1875.	"	James Adam Brodie	"	"	50	
1 Jan., 1863.	7 Oct., 1875.	John Dowling Brown	Superintendent of Police	"	300	
1 Jan., 1863.	29 Sept., "	Henry Wager	Inspector of Police (in charge of detectives)	"	250	
13 Feb., 1853.	21 Sept., "	Thomas Ferris, Senior-sergt.	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police	"	10s. $\frac{3}{4}$ diem.	
3 July, 1853.	"	Thomas Kerrigan, "	"	"	10s. $\frac{3}{4}$ diem.	
27 Aug., 1862.	"	Thomas Garvin, "	"	"	10s. $\frac{3}{4}$ diem.	
4 " 1858.	1 June, "	D. Gilchrist	Clerk in the Audit Office	"	350	
21 Feb., 1862.	1 Mar., "	D. W. Gregory	"	"	320	
3 June, 1853.	1 June, "	T. J. Moppett	"	"	300	
1 Mar., 1863.	"	C. Whittell	"	"	275	
16 Aug., 1864.	1 Mar., "	C. S. Gregory	"	"	225	
1 June, 1866.	1 June, "	A. Freeman	"	"	225	
14 Jan., 1870.	1 Mar., "	J. Mitchell	"	"	200	
1 Nov., 1870.	"	J. E. Scrutton	"	"	200	
1 Feb., 1873.	"	J. T. Dennis	"	"	175	
1 May, 1873.	"	J. McKern	"	"	175	
1 " 1873.	"	J. McKern	"	"	150	
4 Nov., 1873.	1 June, "	R. N. M'Dunmuid	"	"	175	
"	1 Mar., "	C. Wray	"	"	100	
"	1 June, "	G. Hole	"	"	150	
"	1 Mar., "	J. Coates	"	"	50	
"	1 June, "	G. Hole	"	"	75	
"	"	E. B. Greenup	"	"	100	
19 April, 1875.	1 July, "	E. B. Greenup	Colonial Secretary	Colonial Secretary	150	Promoted from contingent to permanent staff.
8 May, 1875.	"	A. G. M'Shane	"	"	100	
1 July, 1875.	"	C. M'Kern	"	"	50	

APPOINTMENTS, &c., COLONIAL SECRETARY—continued.

Date of first Appointment.	Date of Promotion.	Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Description of office.	Appointment or Promotion by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
1 Sept., 1875		John Connery	Clerk in the Registrar's General's Office	Colonial Secretary	£ 150	
17 April, 1875		Edwin Arthur Farnell	"	"	50	
1 Mar., 1873	1 Sept., 1875	Charles Hardwick Keble	"	Governor and Executive Council.	125	
22 Aug., 1870	1 May, "	John Duff	Cashier in Blacksmith and Engine-driver of N.S.S. "Vernon"	"	175	
10 May, 1875		John Moran	"	"	120	
29 Dec., 1875		Clement Fruston	"	"	120	
4 Jan., 1876		Edward Bailey	"	"	120	
1 May, 1874	20 Mar., 1875	Alexander Horniman	First Clerk in Department of Prisons	"	175	
1 Oct., 1873	22 April, "	Edward W. Doyle	"	"	125	
12 April, 1867	7 Oct., "	Stephen Murphy	Clerk in Sydney Gaol.	"	200	
4 Oct., 1873	"	Douglas H. Rowley	" Parramatta Gaol	"	150	
17 Dec., 1875	"	Thomas Stapleton	Dispenser of Gaol and of Asylum for Indrm and De-titute at Parramatta.	"	150	
6 Nov., 1861	7 Oct., 1875	Thomas Rankin	Gaoler at Cooma	"	175	
25 June, 1867	"	Maria Rankin	Matron of Cooma Gaol	"	42	
28 May, 1861	"	John Paton, V.C.	Gaoler at Deniliquin	"	160	
7 Oct., 1875		Arnelia M. C. Paton	Matron of Deniliquin Gaol	"	20	
1 April, 1875		Selina G. Walker	Superintendent of Bilocla Industrial School for Girls	"	200	
1 Jan., 1876		Alfred J. Cane	Temporary Clerk in Asylum for Imbeciles, &c., New-castle.	Colonial Secretary	50	
18 May, 1871	1 Aug., 1875	George Fullerton	Inspector of Public Charities	Governor and Executive Council.	500	
25 June, 1875		Rev. E. Dixon	Church of England Chaplain of Berrima Gaol	"	100	
12 Nov., 1875		Rev. L. Tyrrell	" Maitland Gaol	"	30	
23 Dec., 1875		Rev. W. Locke, B.A.	" Goulburn Gaol	"	30	
6 Oct., 1875		Rev. T. Druitt	" Cooma Gaol	"	100	
1 Feb., 1876		Rev. William RJordan	Roman Catholic Chaplain of Berrima Gaol	"	30	
16 July, 1875		Rev. A. T. O'Dwyer	" Goulburn Gaol	"	30	
11 Oct., 1875		Rev. E. O'Brien	" Cooma Gaol	"	30	
1 Feb., 1876		Rev. Bernard Fitzpatrick	" Parramatta Gaol	"	60	
20 July, 1862	2 Feb., 1876	Haynes Gibbs Alleyne, M.D.	Medical Adviser to the Government.	"	300	
1 Feb., 1876		William Roper Elliot, M.D.	Assistant Government Medical Officer	"	50	
1 Oct., 1869	1 Nov., 1875	Peter H. Gentile	Visiting Surgeon of Goulburn Gaol.	"	25	
5 June, 1874	4 Feb., 1876	Arthur Andrews	" Albury Gaol	"	25	
1 Oct., 1875		Erasmus Wren	" Wagga Wagga Gaol	"	25	

Health Officer of Port Jackson.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1877.

HENRY HALLORAN.

Return with reference to Appointments and Promotions herewith.—Principal Under Secretary, B.C., 22 January, 1877.—W.E.P.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

RETURN showing Appointments and Promotions made by the present Government.

Name.	By whom Appointed.	When.	To what office.	Salary.
				per Annum £
Addison, G. W. F.	Governor and Executive Council	14 June, 1875	Police Magistrate, Maitland ¹	500
Alpress, J. B.	"	1 May, "	Sheriff's Bailiff, Sydney	175
Abrams, L. G.	"	1 Feb., 1876	"	120
Brackenrigg Thomas	"	1 April, 1875	"	120
Baly, E.	"	1 Feb., 1876	3rd Clerk, Prothonotary's Office ²	250
Brooks, J. N.	"	1 May, 1875	Police Magistrate, Singleton ³	450
Bry, James	"	21 Sept., "	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court, Armidale. ⁴	250
Bray, Joshua	"	"	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tweed River	175
Bladen, T. M.	"	1 Jan., 1876	Meteorological Observer	100
Burns, C. J.	"	1 Feb., "	2nd Clerk, Prothonotary's Office ⁵	325
Cook, G. E.	"	10 Jan., "	Junior Clerk, Prothonotary's Office	75
Cutcliffe, C.	"	1 May, 1875	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Murrumburrah	175
Cardew, W. C.	"	21 July, "	Registrar, District Court, Inverell ⁶	40
Campbell, M. M.	"	9 April, "	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Casino.	205
Clemenger, R. (deceased)	"	1 Sept., "	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Araluen. ⁷	375
Chisholm, W.	"	15 Jan., 1876	Clerk, Coroner's Office ⁸	175
Crane, W.	"	1 Sept., 1875	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Central Police Office. ⁹	500
Crook, F. E.	"	24 Oct., "	Junior Clerk, Department of Justice, &c.	100
Docker, E. B.	"	8 June, "	Crown Prosecutor, Northern District	500
Davidson, F. B.	"	1 Sept., "	3rd Clerk, Water Police Office ¹⁰	250
		17 Sept., "	2nd "	350
Elliott, H. S.	"	28 Aug., "	Police Magistrate, Richmond River ¹¹	450
Fisher, A. M.	"	17 Sept., "	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Boat Harbour.	225
Frazer, W. W.	"	1 Aug., "	Police Magistrate, Inverell	350
Fielder, F. S.	"	1 Sept., "	Clerk, Water Police Office ¹²	175
		17 Sept., "	"	185
Frawley, Thos.	"	1 April, "	Sheriff's Bailiff, Dubbo	150
Garrett, T. W.	"	21 Feb., 1876	4th Clerk, Prothonotary's Office ¹³	140
Gordon, H.	"	1 Sept., 1875	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wollombi. ¹⁴	300
Graham, J. B.	"	14 June, "	Police Magistrate, Tenterfield ¹⁵	450
Harmer, J. F.	"	9 Oct., "	Clerk, Water Police Office	175
Hales, F. B.	"	28 April, "	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Raymond Terrace. ¹⁶	275
		12 Oct., "	" Walgett	350
Horniman, A.	"	1 July, "	Clerk, District Court, Sydney ¹⁷	200
Kelleher, M. P.	"	1 Feb., "	Infant Teacher, Roman Catholic Orphan School.	50
Lane, N. O.	"	16 June, "	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Orange	75
Love, W.	"	2 Sept., "	Police Magistrate, Gundagai	450
Lucas, P. C.	"	1 Sept., "	Clerk, Water Police Office ¹⁸	350
		17 Sept., "	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Water Police Office	500
M'Arthur, L. W. A.	"	1 April, "	Clerk, Department of Justice, &c. ¹⁹	165
M'Cauley, F. G.	"	1 July, "	"	162
		19 Oct., "	"	250
M'Diarmid, R. N.	"	1 Mar., "	Clerk, Department of Justice ²¹	100
		24 Oct., "	"	150
Maybury, C. E.	"	1 Sept., "	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bathurst	225
M'Arthur, F. C.	"	1 April, "	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar District Court, Hill End ²²	165
Middleton, C. R.	"	11 Oct., "	Police Magistrate and C.P.S., Raymond Terrace.	275
M'Donough, M.	"	1 April, "	Sheriff's Bailiff, Grafton ²³	150
Meares, W. D.	"	1 Sept., "	Police Magistrate, Mudgee ²⁴	430
Martin, G.	"	2 Sept., "	Police Magistrate and C.P.S., Glen Innes ²⁵	300
Makin, H. J.	"	15 Aug., "	Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Berrima	75

¹ Clerk, Lands Department, 1858; Sub-Gold Commissioner, Northern District, 1860; Gold Commissioner, Northern District, 1865; Police Magistrate, Tenterfield, 1869. ² Clerk, Central Police Office, 1869; Clerk, Prothonotary's Office, 1874. ³ Clerk, General Post Office, 1853; Clerk, of Petty Sessions, Wollombi, 1862; Police Magistrate, Wollombi, 1868. ⁴ Crown Lands Agent, Tweed River, 1866; Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tweed River, 1869. ⁵ Junior Clerk, Stamp Duties Office, 1870; Clerk, Central Police Office, 1871; Clerk, Prothonotary's Office, 1872; Clerk, Equity Office, 1872. ⁶ Clerk of Petty Sessions, Inverell, 1874. ⁷ Clerk of Petty Sessions, Braidwood, 1861. ⁸ Clerk, Comptroller General's Office, 1875. ⁹ Clerk, Central Police, 1853 to 1861; Clerk of Petty Sessions, Water Police Office, 1861. ¹⁰ Clerk, Water Police Office, from 1871. ¹¹ Clerk of Petty Sessions, Albury, 1857; Registrar, District, 1862; Police Magistrate, Gosford, 1873. ¹² Registrar, District Court, Bathurst, 1874. ¹³ Clerk in Lands Department, 1874. ¹⁴ Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dungog, 1859. ¹⁵ Supernumerary Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, 1859; Clerk, Lands Office, from 1860 to 1864; Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Tenterfield, 1871. ¹⁶ Clerk, Central Police Court, 1861; Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bathurst, 1864. ¹⁷ Clerk, Comptroller General of Prisons Office, 1874. ¹⁸ Junior Clerk, Telegraph Office, Redfern, 1861; Clerk, Central Police Office, 1863; Clerk, Water Police Office, from 1864 to 1875. ¹⁹ Junior Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, 1873; Clerk, Department of Justice, 1874. ²⁰ Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, 1870; Clerk, Department of Justice, 1874. ²¹ Temporary Clerk, Audit Office, 1870; Clerk, Audit Office, 1873. ²² Clerk Associate to Mr. Justice Hargraves, 1872; Clerk, Department of Justice, &c., 1874. ²³ Sheriff's Bailiff, Sydney. ²⁴ Clerk of Petty Sessions, Kinross, 1853; Clerk of Petty Sessions, Central Police Office, 1863. ²⁵ Chief Officer, Nautical School Ship "Vernon," 1863; Clerk of Petty Session, Glen Innes, 1871.

(No. 1.)

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled and salary in each case.

Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
	Appointment.	Promotion.				
Ardill, W.		27 Sept., 1875	Clerk	Executive Council	£100 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Adams, W. H.		1 Jan., 1876	Temporary Clerk	Minister for Lands	75	
Blackman, W.		2 Sept., 1875	Clerk	"	450	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Brown, C. A.		2 "	"	"	350	"
Banks, T. P.		2 "	"	"	250	"
Blaxland, J. G.		2 "	"	"	200	"
Byrnes, W.	15 Dec., 1875	"	Temporary Clerk	"	7/6 per diem.	"
Bromer, F. G.		1 Nov., 1875	"	"	7/6	"
Badie, James		27 Sept., "	Clerk	Executive Council	£100 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Croft, J. P.	27 Sept., 1875	"	"	"	150	"
Cope, C.		30 Mar., 1875	"	Minister for Lands	150	"
Capper, W. H.		27 April, "	"	Executive Council	100	"
		2 Sept., "	"	Minister for Lands	150	"
		2 "	"	"	200	"
Gurry, H.		2 "	Temporary Clerk	"	10/- per diem.	"
Cotton, C.		1 Jan., 1876	"	"	£75 per annum.	"
Devlin, J. N.		1 Oct., 1875	Clerk	"	150	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Donovan, J.		30 Mar., "	Temporary Clerk	"	7/6 per diem.	Deceased.
Edwards, J. A.		9 Sept., "	Temporary Clerk	Executive Council	£150 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Evans, L. H. L.		27 "	Clerk	Minister for Lands	300	"
Edwards, W. C.		2 "	"	"	50	"
Evans, J. T.		2 Sept., 1875	Temporary Clerk	"	150	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Garrett, T. W.		6 Sept., 1875	Temporary Clerk	"	7/6 per diem.	Since transferred as Asst. Land Agent at Singleton.
Hepworth, F.		"	"	"	"	"
Harriman, E.		27 "	Clerk	Executive Council	£150 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act. Since transferred as Asst. Land Agent at Dubbo.
Horton, T.		2 Sept., 1875	"	Minister for Lands	200	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Johnson, T. H.		2 "	"	"	350	"
Lock, J. T.		2 Sept., 1875	"	Executive Council	150	"
Lackey, Major		2 Sept., 1875	"	Minister for Lands	150	"
Milford, S. F. F.		27 "	"	Executive Council	100	"
Miles, J. J. R.		1 July, 1875	Temporary Clerk	Minister for Lands	100	"
Macdonald, J. R.		27 April, 1875	Clerk	Executive Council	100	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
		2 Sept., "	"	Minister for Lands	150	"
M'Kern, F.		24 Jan., 1876	Temporary Clerk	"	8/6 per diem.	"
M'Donald, W.		2 Sept., 1875	Clerk	"	£200 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Mantou, W. A.		1 Aug., "	Temporary Clerk	"	8/6 per diem.	"
Neale, J. G.		27 Sept., "	Clerk	Executive Council	£100 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Neale, G. J.		1 Aug., 1875	Temporary Clerk	"	50	"
North, J. H.		1 Jan., 1876	"	"	8/6 per diem.	"
Oakley, R. C.		30 Mar., 1875	Clerk	"	£75 per annum.	"
Oliver, C. N. J.		"	"	"	250	Provided for in Appropriation Act.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—continued.

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
	Appointment.	Promotion.				
Punch, S.	31 Jan., 1876		Clerk	Executive Council	£150 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Phillips, C. E.		2 Sept., 1875	"	Minister for Lands	300	"
Robertson, H. O.		30 Mar., "	"	"	200	"
Sharp, Geo.		1 Oct., "	Temporary Clerk	"	8/6 per diem.	"
Salwey, A.	1 July, 1875		"	Executive Council	£100 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
"		27 Sept., 1875	"	Minister for Lands	150	"
Thompson, L. G.		2 "	"	"	400	"
Unwin, James	1 July, 1875		Temporary Clerk	"	7/6 per diem.	"
Ward, Thomas		1 Oct., 1875	"	"	£75 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Williams, Frederick		2 Sept., "	"	"	250	"
Williams, Frank		2 "	"	"	250	"

Note.—All the clerks designated as "temporary" are paid from Votes for Contingencies and extra clerical assistance, and are not on the permanent staff of the department, as provided for in the Appropriation Act. All the clerks shown to have received promotion (see Column 3) were, with the exception of Mr. A. Salwey, in the service before the present Administration came into office.

ENQUIRIES UNDER "LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1875."

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
	Appointment.	Promotion.				
Blythe, S.	17 Sept., 1875		Commissioner of Conditional Purchases	Executive Council	£500 per annum.	Transferred from C.P.S. and Land Agent, Armidale.
Burne, H.	1 Sept., "		"	"	500	" P.M., Araluen.
Bolding, H. J.	1 "		"	"	500	" P.M. and C.P.S., Raymond Terrace.
Clarke, G. O'M.	1 "		"	"	500	Transferred from Gold Fields Warden.
Delaney, J.	1 "		"	"	500	"
Hawkins, S. J.	1 "		"	"	500	"
Johnson, W.	1 "		"	"	500	"
King, J. G.	1 "		"	"	500	"
Morarty, A. O.	11 Aug., "		"	"	100	"
Rose, A. C. S.	1 Sept., "		"	"	500	"
Franks, R. C.	9 Mar., "		Inspector of Conditional Purchases	"	850	"
Gearty, H. V.	11 Oct., "		"	"	350	"
Higgins, J.	17 Sept., "		"	"	350	"
Keele, D.	1 "		"	"	350	"
Lord, R. C.	1 "		"	"	350	"
Page, J. C.	17 "		"	"	350	"
Smith, Geo.	11 Oct., "		"	"	200	"
Wild, J.	17 Sept., "		"	"	350	"

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—continued.
INSPECTORS OF OYSTER-BEDS, LAND AGENTS, AND ASSISTANT LAND AGENTS.

Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
	Appointment.	Promotion.				
Langham, W. J.	30 April, 1875		Inspector of Oyster-beds.	Executive Council	£200 per annum.	Provided for in Appropriation Act.
Croft, H.	31 May,		Land Agent, Corowa	"	300	from Survey Department. Now filled by Mr. H. Gordon.
Elliot, A.	21 June,		Acting Land Agent, Wollombi	Minister for Lands	50	
Armour, A. W.	1 July,		Assistant Land Agent, Gundagai	"	100	
Hannah, E.	1 Dec.,		"	Executive Council	225	Provided for in Appropriation Act. from Department of Lands.
Hepworth, F.	1 "		"	"	200	"
Hayes, R. B.	4 Oct.,		"	"	20	
King, J. L.	10 Aug.,		"	"	225	Provided for in Appropriation Act. from the Department of Lands.
Korff, F. D. A.	1 Sept.,		"	"	225	"
Nepenn, M. H. D.	1 "		Wagga Wagga	"	225	"
Oliver, H. T. J.	1 Nov.,		Murrumbidgee (now Tamworth)	"	225	"
Prinrose, C. H. D.	1 Sept.,		"	"	225	"
			"	"	225	from Survey Department.
Tompson, Jas.	31 May,		Young	"	225	Provided for in Appropriation Act. from Department of Lands.
Willans, O. A.	30 Aug.,		"	"	75	
Morriset, R. R.	12 Feb.,		Land Agent, Menindie	Minister for Lands	50	Made in virtue of and in conjunction with appointment as C.T.S.
Campbell, M. M.	16 April,		"	"	50	"
Macarthur, F. C.	20 April,		Casino	"	50	"
Simons, J.	15 Oct.,		Tambaroora and Hill End	"	50	"
Bray, Joshua	15 "		Tenterfield	"	50	"
Hales, F. B.	15 "		Tweed River	"	50	"
Bray, James	15 "		Walgett	"	50	"
Gordon, H.	26 Oct.,		Armidale	"	50	"
Robertson, W. F.	20 Sept.,		Wollombi	"	50	"
Smithers, G. H.	28 Aug.,		Braidwood	"	50	"
Smith, C. G.	24 Nov.,		Cooma	"	50	"
Weekes, C. W.	26 Oct.,		Dungog	"	50	"
Nisbet, J. H.	20 Sept.,		Gundagai	"	50	"
Middleton, C. R.	26 Nov.,		Molong	"	50	"
Creegh, J. A.	9 Feb.,		Raymond Terrace	"	50	"
			Wingham	"	50	"

(No. 2.)

SURVEY.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions made in this Branch since the present Ministry came into office, by whom appointed, salary, &c.

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	By what authority appointed or promoted.	Salary.
	Appointment.	Promotion.			
Arnheim C. T.	2 Feb., 1875		Supernumerary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75 per annum.
Allan H. A.		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£300
Alphen T.		23 June, "	Permanent clerk	"	6s. per diem.
"		19 Sept., "	"	"	£150 per annum.
Aylmer W. H.		6 " "	Description writer	"	£200
Allworth E. R.	6 Mar., 1875		Supernumerary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75
Bobardt J.		9 June, 1875	Temporary draftsman	"	£200
Baly H. P.		28 " "	Permanent clerk	Executive Council	£200
Bullhausen —		20 July, "	Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£200
Burgess R. B.	20 July, 1875		"	"	£100
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	9s. per diem.
"		20 Jan., 1876	"	"	11s. "
Bush G.	22 July, 1875		Supernumerary draftsman	"	£75 per annum.
"		15 Sept., 1875	Temporary draftsman	"	£150
Burgess J. O.	5 Aug., 1875		"	"	£150
"		13 April, 1875	"	"	£200
Bouton A.	5 Aug., 1875		"	"	£150
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	13s. per diem.
Bannister —	5 Aug., 1875		Supernumerary draftsman	"	£75 per annum.
"		8 Oct., 1875	Temporary draftsman	"	£150
Blake M. O'C.		6 Sept., "	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£250
Brausby —		6 " "	"	"	£200
Berry A.	13 Sept., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£100
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	7s. per diem.
Barlow M.	15 Sept., 1875		"	"	£100 per annum.
Bacon F. B.		21 Mar., 1875	"	"	£200
Buller F.	20 Sept., 1875		Supernumerary draftsman	"	£100
"		26 Jan., 1876	Temporary draftsman	"	9s. per diem.
Berry T.	25 Sept., 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
Bradford J. E.	27 " "		"	"	£150
Butler W. F.			Temporary clerk	"	£75
Briscoe E.	29 Oct., 1875		"	"	£100
Callachor J. J.		23 Feb., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£150
Coyle C. L.	4 Mar., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£150
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	13s. per diem.
"		5 April, "	"	"	15s. "
Chiene G. S.	7 June, 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
"		28 July, 1875	"	"	£200
Callachor T. J.		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£300
Canty M.		6 " "	"	"	£250
Christie —		6 " "	Assistant lithographer	"	£100
Cowper H. P.	21 Dec., 1875		Temporary clerk	Minister for Lands	£75
Dickson F. B.	23 Aug., "		Temporary draftsman	"	£150
Dewhurst A.	26 Jan., 1876		"	"	9s. per diem.
Eldershaw P. E.	22 June, 1875		Temporary clerk	"	£50
"		22 Oct., 1875	"	"	£75
Elwin T.		6 Sept., "	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£300
Edmunds W. F.	17 Dec., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	6s. per diem.
Frappell R.		20 July, 1875	"	"	£200 per annum.
Fewings —	20 July, 1875		"	"	£75
Finch C. E.		23 Aug., 1875	Permanent draftsman	"	£400
Horsley W. R.	— Feb., 1875		Temporary draftsman	"	£200
Hemming O. H.	17 " "		"	"	£150
"		10 July, 1875	"	"	£200
Holland E.	16 Feb., 1875		"	"	£75
Hungerford M. O.	15 June, "		"	"	£75
"		4 Oct., 1875	"	"	£100
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	9s. per diem.
Hogan W.	19 June, 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	13s. per diem.
Hack F. G.		28 June, 1875	Permanent clerk	Executive Council	£150 per annum.
Harris J.	5 Aug., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75
"		20 Oct., 1875	"	"	£100
"		17 Dec., "	"	"	9s. per diem.
Houston W.		6 Sept., "	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£300 per annum.
Higinbottom A. J.	7 Sept., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£150
Higgs W. H.	15 Oct., "		"	"	£100
Hassall J. J.	20 Dec., "		"	"	£75
Hooke —	20 " "		"	"	£75
Ireland C. J.	5 Aug., 1875		"	"	£100
"		4 Oct., 1875	"	"	£150
Inglis J.	5 Aug., 1875		Lithographic printer	"	£200
Kolly Mrs.	12 " "		Housekeeper	"	£35
Lester —	5 Oct., "		Temporary draftsman	"	£100
Loxton T. H.	20 Dec., 1875		"	"	£75
Miller D.	15 Feb., 1875		Temporary clerk	"	£75
"		19 Sept., 1875	"	"	6s. per diem.
M'Clelland R.		1 May, 1875	Assistant storekeeper	"	£50 per annum.
Maclardy D. St. C.	31 Mar., 1875		Temporary draftsman	"	£150
Meldrum —	3 May, 1875		"	"	£75
"		20 July, 1875	"	"	£150
M'Minn D. S.	9 June, 1875		"	"	£75
"		15 Sept., 1875	"	"	£100
"		17 Dec., "	"	"	9s. per diem.

SURVEY—continued.

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	By what authority appointed or promoted.	Salary.
	Appointment.	Promotion.			
Mauna —	9 June, 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75 per annum.
"		10 July, 1875	"	"	£150 "
"		17 Dec., "	"	"	13s. per diem.
M'Lean R.	17 July, 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	13s. per diem.
Muller —		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£200 per annum.
Murphy D.	12 Aug., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£150 "
M'Intyre —	7 Sept., 1875		"	"	£150 "
M'Lean J. A.	15 July, "		"	"	£100 "
M'Lean W. H.	27 Sept., "		"	"	£100 "
Morgan J. A.	18 Jan., 1876		"	"	6s. per diem.
Malcolm R. J.	5 Feb., "		"	"	11s. "
Paton N.	19 June, 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	13s. per diem.
Parrott T. S.		27 April, "	Assistant draftsman and computer.	Executive Council	£250 per annum.
Peyton —		6 Sept., "	Permanent draftsman	"	£250 "
Perdrian —	20 Dec., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75 "
Quinn —	20 " "		"	"	£75 "
Ryan M.	6 May, "		"	"	£150 "
Russell J. E. M.	6 " "		"	"	£250 "
Rotton —	9 June, "		" (lithographic)	"	£150 "
Rushforth —	20 July, "		"	"	£75 "
Reece J. D.		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£200 "
Robinson C. G.		6 " "	"	"	£200 "
Robinson C. J.	7 Sept., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£150 "
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	13s. per diem.
Rochford S.	10 Nov., 1875		"	"	£100 per annum.
Reeve H.	10 " "		"	"	£150 "
Robinson H. E. C.	17 Dec., "		"	"	11s. per diem.
Small J. T.	— Feb., "		"	"	£75 per annum.
Scott W. N.	16 " "		"	"	£150 "
Stephen A. W.	17 April, "		Supernumerary draftsman	"	£75 "
Schulze L.	9 June, "		Temporary draftsman	"	£75 "
Stack J.		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£350 "
Sellars D. B.	16 Aug., 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75 "
"		13 Jan., 1876	"	"	7s. per diem.
Sheahan J. J.	7 Sept., 1875		Temporary clerk	"	7s. 6d.
Scott —	27 Oct., "		Temporary draftsman	"	£75 per annum.
Scrivener C. R.	29 " "		Temporary clerk	"	£100 "
Tecece G. T. A.	22 June, "		"	"	£100 "
"		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent clerk	"	£100 "
Twine A. F.	29 Oct., 1875		Temporary clerk	"	£100 "
Taylor J.		6 Sept., 1875	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£350 "
Vautin E. S.		26 Jan., 1876	Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	9s. per diem.
Worham W. J.	4 Mar., 1875		Temporary clerk	"	6s. "
"		19 June, 1875	"	"	£150 per annum.
Wilkinson H. E.	9 June, 1875		Temporary draftsman	"	£100 "
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	9s. per diem.
Winder W.	20 July, 1875		"	"	£150 per annum.
"		17 Dec., 1875	"	"	13s. per diem.
Willis J. A. C.		6 Sept., "	Permanent draftsman	Executive Council	£450 per annum.
Wickham H.		6 " "	"	"	£300 "
Walters J. J.		6 " "	"	"	£250 "
Wiley W.	7 Sept., 1875		Temporary Clerk	Minister for Lands	£150 "
Williams C. H.	29 Oct., 1875		"	"	£100 "
Welchman H.	7 Dec., 1875		Temporary draftsman	"	6s. per diem.
Walker G. W.		26 Jan., 1876	Assistant plan-mounter	"	£75 per annum.
Arnheim E. H.		6 Sept., 1875	District surveyor	Executive Council	£730 "
Allworth J. W.		6 " "	1st class surveyor	"	£630 "
Atchison J. T.	22 Dec., 1875		2nd class "	"	£530 "
Bolton C. F.		6 Sept., 1875	District surveyor	"	£730 "
Betts A. C.		6 " "	"	"	£730 "
Blencoe J. B.	15 June, 1875		Temporary draftsman	Minister for Lands	£75 "
Barlow M.		15 Sept., 1875	"	"	£100 "
"		18 Nov., "	Field assistant	"	6s. per diem.
Binsted W. H.	17 Jan., 1876		Alignment surveyor	Executive Council	£530 per annum.
Crouch H. A.		6 Sept., 1875	1st class surveyor	"	£630 "
Chamberlain J. T.	6 Sept., 1875		2nd class "	"	£530 "
Conder W. J.	5 Aug., 1875		1st class "	"	£630 "
Dalglish J. C.		6 Sept., 1875	District surveyor	"	£730 "
Finley F. G.	6 Sept., 1875		1st class surveyor	"	£630 "
Dewhurst A.		6 Sept., 1875	District surveyor	"	£730 "
Gill S. L.		21 Dec., 1875	Field assistant	Minister for Lands	6s. per diem.
Galloway R. M.	20 Sept., 1875		Supernumerary draftsmen	"	£75 per annum.
"		21 Dec., 1875	"	"	6s. per diem.
Hedgeland G. C.	1 Jan., 1876		Alignment surveyor	Executive Council	£530 per annum.
Kelly J.	23 Feb., 1875		Field assistant	"	6s. per diem.
M'Cona T. C.	22 Nov., "		2nd class surveyor	"	£530 per annum.
M'Donald R.	24 Sept., "		"	"	£530 "
Meares A. L.	13 Dec., "		Field assistant	Minister for Lands	6s. per diem.
Schleicher A.	6 Sept., "		2nd class surveyor	Executive Council	£530 per annum.
Spry J. M.	22 Nov., "		Field assistant	Minister for Lands	6s. per diem.
Thurburn C.	10 " "		Supernumerary draftsman	"	£75 per annum.
"		20 Dec., 1875	Field assistant	"	6s. per diem.
Woolrych F. B.		6 Sept., "	1st class surveyor	Executive Council	£630 per annum.
Wansbrough C. H.		6 " "	2nd class "	"	£530 "
Wood W. H. O'M		6 " "	Field assistant	Minister for Lands	6s. per diem.

Surveyor General's Office,
22nd January, 1877.

ROBT. D. FITZGERALD,
for Surveyor General.

NOTE.—The salaries of the Officers on the Permanent Staff are provided for in Appropriation Act; those on the Temporary list are paid out of vote for "Temporary Increase Auction and Compiling Branches."

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(No. 3.)

DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATION OF LANDS.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made in this Department since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and salary in each case.

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.
	Appointment.	Promotion.			
A. Tidemann	15 Mar., 1875		Crown Lands bailiff	Minister for Lands ...	£180 per annum.
James Roberts	12 April, "		Extra clerk	" "	6/- per diem.
"		1 July, 1875	"	" "	7/6 "
A. Anderson	1 Aug., "		Crown Lands bailiff	" "	£180 per annum.
George Morgan		1 Aug., "	Clerk	Executive Council	£200 "
A. B. Crew	3 Sept., "		Temporary clerk	Minister for Lands ...	£50 "
"		1 Jan., 1876	Clerk	Executive Council	£100 "
J. A. Manton	1 Oct., "		Forest ranger	" "	£200 "
Israel Noake	11 "		Crown Lands bailiff	Minister for Lands ...	£180 "
Wm. Carron	1 Jan., 1876		Forest ranger	" "	£225 "
T. H. Green	" "		"	" "	£200 "
Joseph Rebello	" "		"	" "	£200 "
E. C. Landers	" "	1 Jan., 1876	Clerk	Executive Council	£150 "
G. R. Raymond	" "	" "	"	" "	£125 "
Thomas Wood	5 Jan., "		Crown Lands bailiff	Minister for Lands ...	£180 "
Joseph Green	19 " "		Temporary clerk	" "	£50 "

(No. 4.)

BOTANIC GARDENS.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and salary in each case.

Name of person appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.
	Appointment.	Promotion.			
Finlay McKay	Oct., 1875		Domain bailiff	Executive Council ...	£120 per annum.
John McLachlan	18 Mar., 1876		Clerk and librarian	" "	£175 "

(No. 5.)

STOCK BRANCH.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made in this Branch since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and the salary in each case.

Names of persons appointed or promoted.	Date of		Description of office.	Appointment or promotion, by what authority made.	Salary.
	Appointment.	Promotion.			
Hinchcliffe, Thos. C.	21 July, 1875		Extra clerk	Minister for Lands ...	10/- per diem.
Howard, W. H.	1 Dec., "		"	" "	7/6 "
Jones, J. W.	16 April, "		Inspector of Sheep, Narrabri, and Deputy Registrar of Brands.	Governor and Executive Council, on nomination of Board of Sheep Directors.	£175 per annum.
Dowe, W. D.	30 " "		" Tamworth	" "	£175 "
Wallace, William	4 June, "		" Cooma	" "	£275 "
Hindmarsh, Walter	26 Oct., "		" Grafton	" "	£75 "
Sheahan, Jeremiah	3 Feb., 1876		" Gundagai	" "	£175 "

Departments

Departments under the control of The Postmaster General.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Appointment.	Salary at which appointed.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Stamper and Sorter.	Mathers R.	12 Feb., 1875	£ s. d. 132 0 0	Postmaster General	To provide extra assistance asked for by Superintendent, Mail Branch.
"	Griffiths J.	19 " "	132 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
"	Benson W.	22 " "	132 0 0	"	Resigned 4th March, 1875.
"	Davies H.	24 " "	50 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Eastcott J. R.	1 Mar., "	75 0 0	"	To provide an extra clerk for night staff, asked for by Superintendent, Mail Branch.
Stamper and Sorter.	Steadman W. W.	17 " "	132 0 0	"	Resigned 10th April, 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Cunningham W. G.	23 " "	50 0 0	"	Paid from vote for extra clerical assistance.
Boy Messenger	Downes J.	30 " "	26 0 0	"	Resigned 8th May, 1876. Paid out of vote for female and boy servants.
"	Child S.	17 April, "	26 0 0	"	Vice Clark, resigned. Paid out of vote for female and boy servants.
"	Wilson H.	17 " "	26 0 0	"	Paid out of vote for female and boy servants. Vice Alchin promoted.
Letter-carrier	Rourke P.	4 May, "	108 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Jacob H.	5 " "	52 0 0	"	Vice Eastcott, promoted.
Letter-carrier	Graham R.	6 " "	108 0 0	"	Since deceased. Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Mail-boy	Cracknell F.	6 " "	50 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Clerk	Maybury C. E.	6 " "	100 0 0	Executive Council...	"
Letter-carrier	Clark J.	7 " "	108 0 0	Postmaster General	"
"	Post J.	8 " "	120 0 0	"	At West Maitland, vice Pickering, transferred to Newcastle.
Clerk	Foley P. J.	10 " "	100 0 0	Executive Council...	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Boy Servant	Thruclty T.	10 " "	26 0 0	Postmaster General	Vice J. Downey, resigned.
"	Pritchard E.	10 " "	26 0 0	"	Paid out of vote for female and boy servants.
Letter-carrier	Rush J.	10 " "	108 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Moses H.	10 " "	50 0 0	"	Since resigned. Paid from vote for extra clerical assistance.
"	Whyte E. J.	12 " "	50 0 0	"	"
Letter-carrier	Grey W.	12 " "	108 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Haynes J. J.	14 " "	100 0 0	"	"
Stamper and Sorter..	O'Neill W.	17 " "	132 0 0	"	Appointment provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Messenger	Staunton J.	17 " "	50 0 0	"	Since resigned. Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Storeman.....	Plesuer P.	17 " "	108 0 0	"	"
Stamper and Sorter..	M'Lachlan H.	19 " "	132 0 0	"	Appointment provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Mail-boy	Duffy M.	20 " "	50 0 0	"	Vice Dewson, resigned.
"	Lawton P.	26 " "	50 0 0	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
"	Brady C.	27 " "	50 0 0	"	Additional mail-boy. Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Boy servant.....	Foster G. R.	29 " "	26 0 0	"	Paid out of vote for female and boy servants.
Letter-carrier	Rugg W.	1 June, "	120 0 0	"	Appointed letter-carrier for Wickham and Hamilton.
Probationary Clerk...	Springthorpe A.	7 " "	75 0 0	"	Paid from vote for extra clerical assistance. Since resigned.
Letter-carrier	Ashley J.	7 " "	120 0 0	"	Extra letter-carrier, Parramatta.
"	Murphy C.	7 " "	108 0 0	"	Country letter-carrier. Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Probationary Clerk...	Taylor W. H.	16 " "	100 0 0	"	Resigned on 6th July, 1876.
"	Ross H. H.	7 July, "	75 0 0	"	Vice J. H. Ross. Since resigned.
Clerk	M'Neilly J.	14 " "	100 0 0	Executive Council...	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Letter-carrier	Costello T.	16 " "	108 0 0	Postmaster General	"
Probationary Clerk...	Redman J.	20 " "	75 0 0	"	Vice Haynes, promoted.
"	O'Connor J. J.	28 " "	50 0 0	"	Vice Moses, resigned.
Extra Letter-carrier..	Monro R.	2 Aug., "	5/ per diem	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Groom.....	White W.	2 " "	104 0 0	"	Vice Cotter, resigned.
Letter-carrier	Hinchcliffe J.	9 " "	108 0 0	"	Letter-carrier for Alexandria and Waterloo.
Probationary Clerk...	Ring W. W.	10 " "	50 0 0	"	Vacancy in consequence of Evans' resignation.
"	Wylie J.	10 " "	50 0 0	"	Since deceased. Vacancy in consequence of Booty's promotion.
Messenger	Aubusson C.	25 " "	50 0 0	"	Vice Staunton, resigned.
Letter-carrier	Fairbairn G. A.	1 Sep., "	108 0 0	"	Letter-carrier for Marrickville.
Probationary Clerk...	Butler F.	1 " "	25 0 0	"	"
"	Hourigan J.	7 " "	50 0 0	"	Vice H. H. Ross, resigned.
Stamper and Sorter..	Hughes C. A.	7 " "	132 0 0	"	Vice Harding, promoted.
Probationary Clerk...	M'Kensy J.	7 Oct., "	75 0 0	"	Vice Whyte, resigned.
"	Martin P.	7 " "	75 0 0	"	Vice Springthorpe, promoted.
Boy-sweeper	Corbett D.	26 " "	26 0 0	"	Vice Foster, resigned.
Probationary Clerk...	Richardson J. S.	1 Nov., "	75 0 0	"	Vice Jacob, promoted.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS—continued.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Appointment.	Salary at which appointed.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Boy-messenger	Glasheen W.	4 Nov., 1875	£ 26 0 0	Postmaster General	Vice Farquharson, promoted.
Mail Guard	Daly J.	9 " "	150 0 0	"	Required in consequence of the extension of the Railway to Gunning.
Letter-carrier	Smith J.	13 " "	108 0 0	"	Vice Connell, promoted.
Probationary Clerk	M'Gibbon G.	7 Dec. "	50 0 0	"	Vice Ring, promoted.
"	Anstey T.	8 " "	100 0 0	"	Vice Melville, promoted.
Railway Sorter	Tucker C.	8 " "	150 0 0	"	Required to carry out plan of sorting mails in transitu on Railway line.
"	Coghlan C.	9 " "	150 0 0	"	"
Clerk	Overmyer J.	10 " "	75 0 0	Executive Council	Vice Richardson, promoted.
Probationary Clerk	Ryan W. W.	10 " "	25 0 0	Postmaster General	Paid from vote for extra clerical assistance.
Clerk	O'Connor P.	14 " "	75 0 0	Executive Council	Vice Holmes, promoted.
Storeman	Bartholomew S.	14 " "	108 0 0	Postmaster General	Vice Plesner, resigned.
Railway Sorter	Thackeray J. R.	13 " "	150 0 0	"	Since resigned.
Boy-sweeper	Hoare J.	20 " "	26 0 0	"	Vice Wilson, resigned.
Railway Sorter	Jones J. W.	22 " "	150 0 0	"	Required to carry out plan of sorting mails in transitu on Railway line.
Stamper, Sorter, and Postal Assistant	Emanuel L.	29 " "	150 0 0	"	Appointed to Newcastle.
Letter-carrier	Stringfellow T.	16 Jan., 1876	120 0 0	"	Vice Pickering.
Probationary Clerk	Landers A.	26 " "	50 0 0	"	Paid from vote for extra clerical assistance.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—PROMOTIONS.

Previous Rank.	Names.	Date of Promotion.	From.	To.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Clerks in the General Post Office	Unwin G. P.	1 Jan. 1875	£ 250	£ 300	Postmaster General	Promotions in consequence of the following extra clerks having been voted for 1875, viz. :—2 at £300 per annum, 1 at £225, 3 at £132.
"	Davies W. J.	1 " "	250	300	"	
"	Thompson J.	1 " "	225	250	"	
"	Ward G. J.	1 " "	225	250	"	
"	Button A. C.	1 " "	200	225	"	
"	Barnett G.	1 " "	200	225	"	
"	Gale H.	1 " "	200	225	"	
"	Hope W. E.	1 " "	175	200	"	
"	Murdoch H.	1 " "	175	200	"	
"	Crouch C. T.	1 " "	175	200	"	
"	Iredale R. R.	1 " "	150	175	"	
"	Davies F. G.	1 " "	150	175	"	
"	O'Neill H. C.	1 " "	150	175	"	
"	Tribe E. S.	1 " "	132	150	"	
"	Lackey J. G.	1 " "	132	150	"	
"	Booty C. J.	1 " "	132	150	"	
"	Durkan P.	1 " "	100	132	"	
"	Read G.	1 " "	100	132	"	
"	Rigg T.	1 " "	100	132	"	
"	Scymour E. B.	1 " "	100	132	"	
"	Aria F.	1 " "	100	132	"	
"	Russell R. L.	1 " "	100	132	"	
Stamper and Sorter	Donelan E.	1 " "	50	132	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
"	Green J. C.	1 " "	150	175	"	
Letter-carrier	Smith J. C.	1 " "	132	144	"	Promotions in consequence of the following additional letter-carriers having been voted for 1875, viz. :—4 at £144, 2 at £132, and 4 at £120.
"	Quinn E.	1 " "	132	144	"	
"	Duncan J.	1 " "	132	144	"	
"	Williams H.	1 " "	132	144	"	
"	Olive A.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	Gallagher D.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	Bentley F.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	Baillif C. S.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	M'Padden J.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	West J.	1 " "	120	132	"	
"	Mason W. J.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Solomon H.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Smith W.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Leck R.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Reardon J.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Duffy A.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Matthews W. A.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	M'Namee M.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Lecs R.	1 " "	108	120	"	
"	Ryan J.	1 " "	108	120	"	
Boy Messenger	Williams F.	1 " "	26	50	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
"	Burgis F.	1 " "	26	50	"	
Shipping Messenger	Howard J.	1 " "	108	120	"	Increases provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Messenger	Purkis F.	1 " "	96	108	"	
Mechanic for gasfittings	Sheridan O.	1 " "	130	150	"	

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—PROMOTIONS—continued.

Previous Rank.	Names.	Date of Promotion.	From.	To.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Cashier	Day A. A.	1 Feb., 1875	£ 400	£ 450	Executive Council	Appointed Superintendent, Mail Branch, <i>vice</i> Buchanan.
Clerk	Sayers E. T.	1 " "	300	400	"	Appointed Cashier, <i>vice</i> Day.
"	M'Mahon J. T.	1 " "	250	300	Postmaster General	"
"	Button A. C.	1 " "	225	250	"	"
"	Clarke J.	1 " "	200	225	"	"
"	Porter A.	1 " "	175	200	"	Promotions in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Buchanan as Postal Inspector.
"	Edward R.	1 " "	150	175	"	"
"	Arndell A. J.	1 " "	132	150	"	"
"	M'Dermott A. J.	1 " "	100	132	"	"
Letter-carrier	Sheedy J.	1 " "	108	120	"	<i>Vice</i> Burton, resigned.
Clerk	Cunningham W.	1 April "	50	75	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
"	Holmes H. W. R.	1 " "	50	75	Executive Council	"
"	Robinson E. G.	1 " "	50	90	Postmaster General	"
"	Langstaff F. G.	1 " "	50	90	"	"
"	Eastcott J. R.	1 " "	75	90	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
"	Anderson N.	1 " "	26	50	"	"
"	Young M.	1 " "	90	125	"	"
Stamper and Sorter	Davies H.	1 " "	60	78	"	"
Mail-boy	Child W.	1 " "	78	108	"	<i>Vice</i> Adams, resigned.
Messenger	Alchin G.	1 " "	26	50	"	Appointed mail-boy, <i>vice</i> Child promoted.
Clerk	Ord C. A.	1 May "	50	100	Executive Council	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
"	Taylor G.	1 " "	26	100	"	"
Assistant Mail Guard	Burgis T.	16 " "	100	150	"	Appointed 1st Assistant at Goulburn.
Letter-carrier	Whatham W. H.	1 " "	78	108	"	"
Mail-boy	Doherty J.	1 " "	50	78	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
"	Burgis C. J. H.	1 " "	26	50	"	<i>Vice</i> Whatham, promoted.
"	Douglass J. G.	1 " "	26	50	"	<i>Vice</i> Doherty, promoted.
Clerk	Harle T. Y.	1 July "	250	300	"	"
"	Barnett G.	1 " "	225	250	"	"
"	Hope W. E.	1 " "	200	225	"	"
"	Clarke C.	1 " "	175	200	"	Promotions in consequence of Mr. Cuttriss being appointed Postmaster at Goulburn.
"	Evans H.	1 " "	150	175	"	"
"	Lloyd E.	1 " "	132	150	"	"
"	Ord C. A.	1 " "	100	132	"	"
"	Cunningham W.	1 " "	75	100	"	"
"	Taylor G.	6 " "	100	132	Postmaster General	<i>Vice</i> Ross, resigned.
"	Jacob H.	8 " "	52	75	Executive Council	<i>Vice</i> Cunningham, promoted.
"	Tribe E. S.	1 Aug., "	150	175	Postmaster General	<i>Vice</i> Evans, resigned.
"	Booty C. J.	1 " "	150	200	"	Appointed Postmaster at Deniliquin.
"	Durkan P.	1 " "	132	150	"	In consequence of the resignation of Mr. Evans, and the appointment of Mr. Booty as Postmaster at Deniliquin.
"	Read G.	1 " "	132	150	"	"
"	Little G. L.	1 " "	100	132	"	"
"	Maybury C. E.	1 " "	100	132	"	"
"	Whyte E. J.	1 Aug., "	50	75	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
Stamper and Sorter	Harding H.	1 Sept., "	132	150	"	<i>Vice</i> Glasheen, deceased.
Clerk	Foley P. J.	14 " "	100	132	"	<i>Vice</i> Maybury, resigned.
"	Jacob H.	14 " "	75	100	"	<i>Vice</i> Foley, promoted.
"	Springthorpe A.	15 " "	75	113	"	Appointed Assistant Postmaster at Queanbeyan. Since resigned.
"	Rigg T.	22 " "	132	150	"	<i>Vice</i> Lackey, resigned.
"	Cunningham W.	22 " "	100	132	"	<i>Vice</i> Rigg, promoted.
"	Builer F.	1 Oct., "	25	50	Executive Council	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Mail Guard	Hughes C. A.	1 " "	132	150	Postmaster General	<i>Vice</i> Woods, appointed Railway sorter.
"	Cullinan M.	1 " "	100	150	"	Appointed Assistant to Postmaster at Young.
Stamper and Sorter	Davies H.	1 Nov., "	78	100	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
Letter-carrier	M'Namee M.	1 " "	120	132	"	<i>Vice</i> Bentley, deceased.
"	Meehan J.	1 " "	108	120	"	<i>Vice</i> M'Namee, promoted.
Mail-boy	Duffy M.	1 " "	50	108	"	Appointed Letter-carrier, <i>vice</i> Meehan, promoted.
Messenger	Farquharson F. G.	1 " "	26	50	"	Appointed Mail-boy, <i>vice</i> Duffy, promoted.
Letter-carrier	Goodsell J.	1 " "	5/ per diem	108	"	<i>Vice</i> Grey, resigned.
"	Connell E.	13 " "	108	120	"	<i>Vice</i> Ryan, promoted to Morpeth.
Clerk	M'Kensley J.	15 " "	75	100	Executive Council	"
"	Hourigan J.	15 " "	50	75	"	"
"	Holmes H. W. R.	1 Dec., "	75	100	Postmaster General	£100 per annum, in each case.
"	Richardson J. S.	1 " "	75	100	"	Provided for in "Appropriation Act for 1875."
"	Ring W. W.	1 " "	50	75	Executive Council	"
"	Brady C.	1 " "	50	75	Postmaster General	Appointed Probationary Clerk, <i>vice</i> O'Connor, resigned.
"	Haynes J. J.	3 " "	100	132	"	<i>Vice</i> Taylor, resigned.
Assistant Mail Guard	Melville A.	8 " "	100	150	"	Appointed Railway Sorter.
Mail-boy	Corbett D.	23 " "	26	50	"	<i>Vice</i> Brady, promoted.
Clerk	Hourigan J.	1 Jan., 1876	75	100	"	Provided for on Estimates for 1875.
Stamper and Sorter	Small W.	1 " "	132	150	"	Appointed a Railway Sorter.
Assistant Mail Guard	Gorman W. J.	1 " "	100	132	"	Appointed Stamper and Sorter.
Letter-carrier	Stringfellow T.	16 " "	5/ per diem to	120	"	Appointed to Newcastle, <i>vice</i> Pickering.

MONEY ORDER DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Appointment.	Salary at which appointed.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Clerk	Mooney J. J.	1 June, 1875	£ 100	Executive Council..	Vice Mr. Wood, transferred to Government Savings' Bank Department. Consequent on the death of Mr. Reeve, late Chief Clerk.
"	Kay R.	1 July, "	100	"	

PROMOTIONS.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Promotion.	From	To	By whom made.	Remarks.
Clerk	Doak A. J.	1 Jan., 1875	£ 300	£ 350	Executive Council..	Provided for in Estimates for 1875.
"	Simpson W. P.	1 " "	150	200	"	
"	Uhr W. A.	1 " "	150	200	"	
"	Lunsdaine E. B.	1 " "	100	150	"	
"	Docker A. R.	1 July, "	300	350	"	Consequent on the death of Mr. Reeve, late Chief Clerk.
"	Burnet W.	1 " "	200	300	"	
"	Blackmore A. E.	1 " "	150	200	"	Transferred from Government Savings Bank Department.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS' BANK DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Appointment.	Salary at which appointed.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Ledger-keeper	Simpson W. P.	1 July, 1875	£ 54	Executive Council..	Vice Mr. Burnet, promoted.
Clerk	White G. F.	1 Mar., 1876	100	"	Paid under the authority of the "Government Savings' Bank Act," 34 Vict., No. 15.
"	Bull F.	1 " "	100	"	
"	Reeve H.	1 " "	100	"	
Messenger	Wells G.	1 July, 1875	25	"	

PROMOTIONS.

Rank.	Names.	Date of Promotion.	From	To	By whom made.	Remarks.
Ledger-keeper	Wood W.	1 June, 1875	£ 100	£ 150	Executive Council..	Transferred from Money Order Department.
"	Moyse W.	1 July, "	100	150	"	Vice Mr. Blackmore, transferred to Money Order Department.

F. W. HILL.

Departments under the control of The Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(No. 1.)

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions in the Departments under the control of the Colonial Treasurer, from 9th February, 1875, to 8th February, 1876, together with the dates of such Appointments and Promotions, and the authority for making same.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Names of Officers appointed and Departments in which the appointments took place.	Office.	Salary per annum.	Appointments.	
			Date.	Authority.
<i>Treasury—</i>		£	1876.	
Charles Napier	Clerk, Correspondence Branch	250	1 January ...	Governor and Executive Council.
E. Cleland	Clerk, Account Branch	100	1 September.	" "
B. F. M'Gibbon	Clerk, Revenue Branch	75	1 November.	" "
Thomas Gainford	Clerk, Account Branch	100	16 December..	" "
<i>Customs—</i>				
Malcolm Scrymgour	Customs Locker at Bourke ...	250	15 July	" "
<i>Colonial Distilleries and Refineries—</i>				
David Murdock	Clerk	100	23 November..	" "
Senior-sergeant Oliver Hinde	Inspector of Distilleries, Camden District.	Nil.	4 March	" "
Senior-sergeant Thomas Garvin	Inspector of Distilleries, Orange District.	"	"	" "
Senior-sergeant John Carroll	Inspector of Distilleries, Gundagai District.	"	17 January ...	" "
Senior-constable Jos. P. Vizzard	Inspector of Distilleries, Corowa District.	"	"	" "
Sergeant Robert Latimer	Inspector of Distilleries, Penrith District.	"	21 "	" "

COLONIAL TREASURER—NEW APPOINTMENTS—*continued.*

Names of Officers appointed and Departments in which the appointments took place.	Office.	Salary per annum.	Appointments.	
			Date.	Authority.
<i>Gold Receivers—</i>		£	1875.	
Senior-sergeant Thomas Garvin.	Gold Receiver, Orange.....	10	1 February ..	Governor and Executive Council.
Senior-sergeant Walter C. Casey	" Bathurst.....	15	" ..	" ..
Senior-constable Michael Fagan.	" Sofala	10	" ..	" ..
Senior-constable Lewis Ward ..	" Nundle	10	1 April	" ..
Senior-sergeant John Carroll ...	" Gundagai ...	10	1 October ...	" ..
			1876.	
Senior-constable John Wells ...	" Araluen	10	1 January ...	" ..
<i>Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets—</i>			1875.	
Alonzo Grocott	Lithographic Printer	Ss. per diem	12 July	Colonial Treasurer.
Henry Reid Hore.....	Reader	Ss. "	17 "	" ..
<i>Store Branch of the Treasury—</i>		£		
J. R. Evans	Assistant Clerk	125	12 "	Governor and Executive Council.
<i>Ordnance and Barrack Department—</i>				
E. C. Haviland	Assistant Ordnance Store-keeper and Barrack-master.	200	1 October ...	" ..
<i>Health Officer—</i>				
Richard Harris, M.R.C.S., E....	Health Officer, Newcastle.....	50	1 September.	" ..
<i>Shipping Master's Department—</i>				
Samuel C. Reid.....	Clerk	100	27 July	" ..
<i>Marine Board of New South Wales—</i>				
George Sydney Lindeman	Secretary to the Marine Board	400	1 March.....	" ..
David S. Kirkwood	Engineer Surveyor to the Marine Board, Newcastle.	Paid by Fees.	28 August ...	" ..
John Muir.....	Pilot, Manning River	175	16 April	" ..
George Morris	Assistant Light-keeper, Seal Rocks Light-house.	96	1 October ...	" ..
Daniel Watson	" ..	96	" ..	" ..
Thomas Upton	Assistant Light-keeper, Port Stephens.	96	1 September.	" ..
J. N. Schromberg	Shipwright Surveyor, Clarence River.	Paid by Fees.	18 August ...	" ..
Richard H. Buxton	Assistant Light-keeper at Nobby's, Newcastle.	96	23 November..	" ..
Charles Smith	Master of Pilot Steamer, Port Jackson.	400	17 November..	" ..
George Peacocke	Mate of Pilot Steamer, Port Jackson.	200	19 November..	" ..
Henry Hannell	Second Light-keeper, Nobby's, Newcastle.	96	1 January ...	" ..

PROMOTIONS.

Names of Officers promoted and Departments in which the promotions took place.	Promoted.				Date.	Authority.
	From the Office of	Salary per annum.	To that of	Salary per annum.		
<i>Treasury—</i>		£		£	1875.	
James Pearson	Clerk, Audit Office	320	Sub-Accountant & Transfer Clerk, Treasury.	350	1 March.....	Governor and Executive Council.
James W. Meikle ...	Clerk, Account Branch, Treasury.	100	Clerk, Examining Branch	165	"	" ..
N. Neale	" ..	100	Clerk, Account Branch..	150	1 September.	" ..
T. W. Nicholl	Clerk, Pay Branch	200	First Clerk, Pay Branch.	300	12 October ...	" ..
F. C. Rooke	Clerk, Account Branch..	150	Clerk, Pay Branch	190	1 September.	" ..
S. R. Corkhill	Clerk, Revenue Branch..	150	" ..	175	16 December..	" ..
E. Hanson	" ..	100	Clerk, Revenue Branch..	150	" ..	" ..
G. Brodie.....	" ..	75	" ..	100	" ..	" ..
<i>Customs—</i>						
D. J. McKenny	Searcher and Night-watchman, Wentworth.	175	Sub-Collector of Customs, Wentworth.	250	1 September.	" ..
<i>Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets—</i>						
George Kellick.....	Clerk of Stamps and Cashier.	210	Chief Clerk and Cashier..	275	18 November.	" ..
<i>Store Branch of the Treasury—</i>						
James M'Veigh	Assistant Clerk.....	125	Chief Clerk	175	1 March.....	" ..
<i>Ordnance and Barrack Department—</i>						
Julien T. Blanchard...	Assist. Ordnance Store-keeper and Barrack-master.	225	Ordnance Storekeeper and Barrack-master.	300	10 September.	" ..
<i>Marine Board of New South Wales—</i>						
Henry Hoadley	Principal Lightkeeper, Port Stephens.	180	Principal Light-keeper, Seal Rocks.	180	1 September.	" ..
James Priest	Assistant Lightkeeper, Port Stephens.	96	Principal Light-keeper, Port Stephens.	180	" ..	" ..

The Treasury, New South Wales,
19 January, 1877.

J. PEARSON,
Accountant.

Departments under the control of The Secretary for Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and dates, made by the present Ministry, so far as the Public Works Department is concerned, in satisfaction of the order made on motion of Mr. McElhone, M.P., on 8th February, 1876.

Name.	Office.	Salary.	Date of Appointment.	Remarks. Whether related to any member of the Ministry or Member of Parliament.
Arthur William Bowley	Cadet.....	£52	1875. 1 July	Nil.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 25 October, 1876.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS, &c.

Appointments.

Names.	Date of Appointment.	By whom appointed.	Position.	Pay.
	1875.			
D. O'Connell.....	1 Oct.	Governor and Executive Council	Clerk, Commissioner's Office	£150 per annum.
A. G. Hartnoll ...	9 June.....	Secretary for Public Works	„ Engineer-in-Chief's Branch ...	£125—£150 from 1st September.
K. Mackenzie ...	10 March ...	„ „	District Engineer, „	£500.
J. M. Beattie ...	6 June.....	„ „	Temporary clerk, „	60/- per week.
J. D. Browne ...	8 „	„ „	„ „	12/- per day.
W. Glover.....	10 Sept.....	„ „	Assistant District Engineer, „	£350 per annum.

Promotions and Salary Increases.

Name.	Date.	Change of position.	Increase of pay.
	1875.		
C. Little.....	1 April	Porter to Relieving Station-master	8/- to 9/- per day.
„	1 Nov.	To Station-master, Riverstone	9/- per day to £130 per annum and house.
G. J. Roberts.....	1 July	Station-master, Mittagong to Goulburn	£150 and £25 house to £250 and house.
„	1 Nov.	„ Goulburn to Gunning	£250 and house £50.
Jno. Stafford	1 Nov.	Guard to Station-master, Rooty Hill	10/- per day to £140 and house.
E. Fielding	1 Nov.	Station-master, Riverstone to Fairfield.....	£130 to £140 and house.
S. Pass	1 Nov.	„ Rooty Hill to Kelso.....	£140 and house to £150 and £35 house.
R. B. Ewen	1 Nov.	Goods clerk at Goulburn to Station-master, Goulburn.	£200 to £200 and house.
H. Morris	1 Nov.	Station-master, Fairfield, to Penrith	£140 to £150 and £25 house.
	1876.		
T. Pearce	1 Jan.	Clerk, Wallerawang, to Station-master, Douglas Park.	42/- per week to £130 and house.

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office,—whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and the salary in each case; the names of the relatives of each Member of the present Ministry now in the Government service; their relationship to such Minister; the dates of their appointments and promotions (if any); the like Returns as No. 2 with reference to each Member of the present Parliament.

Name.	Position.	Date of Appointment.	Salary.
APPOINTMENTS.			
T. W. Lackey	Clerk and Time-keeper, Moruya	25 June, 1875	15/- per diem.
W. W. Haywarde.....	Assistant Storekeeper, Fitz Roy Dock ...	1 July, 1875	£10 per month.
PROMOTIONS.			
NIL.			

Department of Public Works,
Harbours and River Branch, Sydney, 17th Jan., 1877.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—*continued.*

RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office,—whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and the salary in each case; the names of the relatives of each Member of the present Ministry now in the Government service; their relationship to such Minister; the dates of their appointments and promotion (if any); the like Returns as No. 2 with reference to each Member of the present Parliament.

Name.	Position.	Date of Appointment, &c.	Salary.
.....	Nil.	.....	.....

Department of Public Works,
Colonial Architect's Branch, Sydney, 18 January, 1877.

(No. 1.)

Roads Department.

A RETURN showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office filled, and the salary in each case.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Officer.	Salary.	By whom Appointed.
Alfred R. Potter	15 Mar., 1875	Cadet in Office.....	£ per Annum. 50	Honorable Secretary for Public Works.
Edward G. Cronin.....	" "	"	50	" "
Denis F. Bullen.....	24 Sept., 1875	"	52	" "
John M. Small	20 Aug., "	3rd class Road Super- intendent.	200 & 80	" "
A. J. C. Single	16 Sept., "	"	200 & 80	Governor and Executive Council.
R. Ramsden	23 Dec., "	Clerk	120	Honorable Secretary for Public Works.
Crawford Allen	3 June, (since resigned)	Cadet in Office	50	" "
Alfred H. Martin	11 Jan., 1876	"	52	" "

SUPPLEMENTARY Return showing Promotions, dating from 1st January, 1876, but not made until subsequent to that date (after the Estimates of 1876 had been passed).

Names.	Dates of Appointment.	Office.	Salary.		By whom appointed.
			From	To	
Frederick Wells.....	1876. 1 Jan.	Field Assistant Engineer .....	.....	£500 & £70	Governor and Executive Council.
Frederick A. Franklin*...	" "	From Road Superintendent to Field Assistant, Engineers.	.....	£500 & £70	" "
Edwin Joseph Statham* .....	" "	" "	.....	£500	" "
Arthur P. Wood* .....	" "	" "	.....	£500	" "
James B. Meldrum*.....	" "	From 1st class Road Superintendent, 2nd grade, to 1st class, 1st grade.	£375 & £150	£400 & £150	" "
Percy Scarr* .....	" "	" "	.....	" "	" "
Peter Doyle*	" "	From 1st class Superintendent, 3rd grade, to 1st class, 2nd grade.	£340 & £150	£375 & £150	" "
Patrick Murray* .....	" "	" "	.....	" "	" "
James J. Duffy*	" "	From 2nd class Road Superintendent, to 1st class, 2nd grade.	£300 & £125	£375 & £150	" "
William T. Bundock*	" "	From 2nd class Road Superintendent, to 1st class, 3rd grade.	£300 & £125	£340 & £150	" "
Robert Donaldson* .....	" "	" "	.....	" "	" "
M. E. Wikner*	" "	From 3rd class Road Superintendent, to 2nd class, 1st grade.	£200 & £125	£300 & £125	" "
W. H. Higman* .....	" "	" "	.....	" "	" "
J. M. Smail* .....	" "	" "	.....	" "	" "

* Promotions consequent upon the passing of the 1876 Estimates.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—continued.

PROMOTIONS.

Name.	Date of Promotion.	Office.		Salary.		By whom appointed.
		From	To	From	To	
George Cook Eames ..	1875. 1 Sept. ..	Clerk in Charge of Trustee Roads	Chief Clerk, Roads Branch ..	£350 per an.	£400 per an.	Governor and Executive Council.
John George Lackey ..	" ..	Clerk in the Post Office	Clerk in Charge of Trustee Roads	£150 per an.	£300 per an.	" ..
Frederick G. M. Baker	1 Oct. ..	Cadet in office	Field Cadet.....	£75 per an., 15/- per diem.	£156 salary, & £80 allowance per annum.	Hon. Secretary for Public Works.
George Philben*	1 Jan. ..	2nd class Road Superintendent	1st class, 2nd grade, Road Superintendent,	£300 & £125 per annum.	£375 & £150 per annum.	" ..
R. Donaldson*	" ..	2nd class Road Superintendent, 2nd grade.	2nd class, Road Superintendent, 1st grade.	£250 & £125 per annum.	£300 & £125 per annum.	" ..
G. Earnsey*	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
G. M. L. Mathison*	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
W. H. Higman*	" ..	Field Cadet.....	3rd class Road Superintendent..	£156 & £80 per annum.	£200 & £125 per annum.	" ..
T. Magner*	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
T. P. Davis*	" ..	" ..	Field Cadet on Staff.....	£52 per an.	£156 & £80 per annum.	" ..
Edward M'Allman* ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	10/- per day	£156 & £80 per annum.	" ..
Cecil W. E. Bedford* ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..

* Promotions consequent upon passing of 1875 Estimates.

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Name.	Position.	Date of Appointment.	Salary.
Nil.....	Nil.....	Nil.....	Nil.

Department of Public Works,
Electric Telegraph Branch, Sydney, 18 January, 1877.

RETURN

RETURN of Appointments and Promotions made from the time when the present Government came into office to 8th February, 1876, in Departments under the Ministerial control of the Minister for Mines.

Date of first Appointment in the Public Service.	Date of Promotion or additional appointment.	Name of person Appointed or Promoted.	Description of office.	Promotion or what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
1 April, 1866..	1 May, 1875..	King Edward J.*	Draughtsman, Department of Mines	Governor and Executive Council	£200 per annum	
1 June, 1875..		Armstrong O. G. C.*	"	"	£200	
1 Oct., 1871..	14 Dec., 1875..	Mayer J. H.*	"	"	£200	
1 Aug., 1872..		Smith T. A.	Warden, Trunkoy	"	£75	Employed in Department of Justice.
15 April, 1871..	1 Oct.,	Robinson Samuel	Young	"	£500	To 31 Dec., 1875, employed in Department of Justice.
24 Nov., 1861..	27 April,	King J. G.	Casino	"	Nil	Resigned.
8 Aug., 1843..	1 Nov.,	Elliott H. S.	"	"	Nil	Employed in Department of Justice.
4 Jan., 1860..	3 April,	Garrett John	"	"	"	"
1 " 1865..	16 "	Vyner F. W.	"	"	"	"
1 " 1867..	21 Sept.,	Lane J. T.	"	"	"	"
12 Aug., 1874..	21 "	Lee Benjamin	"	"	"	Resigned.
1 Sept., 1875..	10 Dec.,	Rusden F. T.	"	"	"	"
1 May, 1865..	18 Sept.,	North E. J. C.	"	"	"	"
1 Sept., 1875..	25 Oct.,	Maybury C. E. B.	"	"	£30 per annum	"
14 Mar., 1862..	1 Nov.,	Edwards J. R.	Warden's Clerk, Bathurst	"	£25	"
1 Nov., 1875..		Galway P. J.†	Young	"	£15	"
1 Mar., " "		Langford H. M.	Little River, Braidwood	"	Nil	"
9 " " "		Carille E. F.†	Mining Registrar	"	£10 per annum	"
16 " " "		O'Brien John†	To issue Miners' Rights, &c., Tumberumba	"	£80	"
1 " " "		Simons John†	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Arluhen	"	£10	"
1 Sept., 1862..	1 April, 1875..	Wilshire Jas. T.	"	"	£20	"
12 Aug., 1873..	1 "	Marriott E.	"	"	£10	"
1 July, 1864..	1 "	Macarthur F. C.	Warden's Clerk, Uralla	"	£50	"
12 Nov., 1864..	22 "	Willars O.	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Hill End	"	£25	"
1 April, 1875..	1 May,	Campbell M. M.	To issue Miners' Rights, &c., Queanbeyan	"	Nil	"
8 May, " "		Syngue M. J.	Mining Registrar, Casino	"	£10 per annum	"
27 " 1872..		Lucas James†	To issue Miners' Rights, &c., Lunatic	"	£20	"
27 May, 1875..	27 May, 1875..	Shelley W. J.	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Tingha	"	£20	"
" " " "		Heazlett J.†	Mining Registrar, Major's Creek	"	£10	Resigned.
" " " "		Brislan P.†	Uralla	"	"	"
" " " "		Fox Albert†	Warden's Clerk, Ten-mile Creek	"	"	"
" " " "		Flanagan John†	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Merrimunga	"	"	"
11 June, " "		Buckland G. A.	"	"	"	"
12 " 1875..	17 June, 1875..	Hare R.	To issue Miners' Rights, &c., Corowa	"	£10 per annum	Employed in Department of Justice.
1 Mar., 1862..	17 "	Broughton J. A.	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Braidwood	"	£10	"
23 Jan., 1865..	9 Aug.,	Robertson W. F.	"	"	Nil	"
29 May, 1869..	1 Sept.,	Badcock W.†	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Carcoar	"	£20 per annum	"
1 Oct., 1875..	1 Nov., 1875..	Armstrong A. B.	"	"	£20	"
1 Jan., 1867..	9 Mar.,	Lovegrove W.	Mining Registrar, Parkes	"	Nil	"
1 " 1857..	18 Sept.,	Smithers G. H.	To issue Miners' Rights, Nowra	"	£20 per annum	"
22 Oct., 1868..	18 "	Margules H.†	Warden's Clerk, Nowra	"	Nil	"
1 Nov., 1875..	1 Nov.,	Rogerson W. C.†	Mining Registrar, Cooma	"	"	"
" " " "		Mitchell H. J. C.	M'Guigan's	"	"	"
1 Dec., 1875..	29 Nov., 1875..	Hoban James†	Glen Innes	"	"	"
4 " " "		Bishop E. T.†	Mining Surveyor	"	£200 per annum	"
" " " "		James H. A.†	Mining Registrar, Reedy Flat	"	£200	"
1 Oct., " "		Herborn E.†	Superintending Draughtsman, Department of Mines	"	£50	Resigned.
1 " " "		Larkin P. B.†	"	"	£25	"
1 Mar., " "		Primrose E. C.†	"	"	£75	"
21 April, " "		Williams E. G.†	Temporary Clerk, Department of Mines	Governor and Executive Council	£65	"
12 July, " "		Chambers C.†	"	Minister for Mines	£20	"
9 Sept., " "		Burcher T. T.†	"	"	7s. 6d. per day	"

* Previously employed as Temporary Draughtsman in the Survey Office. † Persons who entered the Public Service for the first time.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

(SINCE 9 FEBRUARY, 1875.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 24 January, 1877.

RETURN (*in part*) to an *Address* adopted by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly on the 8th February, 1876, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- “ (1.) A Return showing the Appointments and Promotions, and the dates thereof, made by each Minister since the present Government came into office, whether by the Executive Council or otherwise, with the office to be filled, and the salary in each case.
- “ (2.) The names of the relatives of each Member of the present Ministry now in the Government Service, their relationship to such Minister, the dates of their Appointments and Promotions, if any.
- “ (3.) The like Returns as No. 2, with reference to each Member of the present Parliament.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.—APPOINTMENTS.

Rank and Locality.	Name.	Date of Appointment.	At what Salary.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Operator at Wentworth	Dunne, P. A.	6 Feb., 1875	£150 per annum	Executive Council	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Junior Operator at Arundale	Lott, H. A.	6 "	104 "	"	vice Parsons, promoted.
Messenger at Tamworth	Lambert, J.	26 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	vice Caldwell, resigned.
Station-master at Rylstone	Williams, H. J.	12 "	£104 per annum	Executive Council	
Messenger at Head Office	Cleland, R.	25 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	
do.	Cooper, A.	25 "	10s.	"	
Clerk at Head Office	Burrows, H.	22 "	£100 per annum	Executive Council	vice J. Milley, promoted.
Station-master at Pakes	Lorking, W. A.	3 March,	150 "	"	New station.
Line Repairer at Bathurst	Hayes, J.	3 "	120 "	"	vice J. Stevens, resigned.
Operator at Head Office	Howard, M.	3 "	150 "	"	
Junior Operator at Tamworth	Woodall, G.	2 "	52 "	"	vice Rush, promoted.
Junior Operator at Head Office	Martin, G.	2 "	52 "	"	vice Lorking, promoted.
Messenger at Newtown	Faulks, A.	2 "	52 "	"	vice Moody, resigned.
Junior Operator at Oxford-street	Leavy, A. J.	3 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	vice Powell, promoted.
Operator at Head Office	Groft, A. J.	10 "	£52 per annum	Executive Council	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Line Repairer at Arundale	Histon, M.	2 "	150 "	"	vice Clarke, resigned.
Messenger at Hill End	Reid, R. M.	2 "	52 "	Postmaster General	vice Williams, promoted.
Clerk at Head Office	Kaif, J.	3 "	150 "	Executive Council	vice Little, exchanged.
Messenger at Head Office	Thompson, W.	19 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	vice Clarke, resigned.
do.	Chevell, W.	19 "	10s.	"	vice Burgess, promoted.
do.	Rodman, W.	19 "	10s.	"	vice Thompson, resigned.
Station-master at Adumby	Johnson, J. P.	19 "	10s.	"	New Station.
Messenger at Head Office	Cooke, J.	5 April,	£104 per annum	Executive Council	
Operator at Head Office	Clay, Percy	8 "	15s. per week	Postmaster General	vice Wells, resigned.
Messenger at Richmond	Tomkinson, L. A.	19 "	£200 per annum	Executive Council	vice White, resigned.
Junior Operator at Berrina	Small, F.	17 "	5s. per week	Postmaster General	vice Makin, resigned.
Junior Operator, Maswellbrook	Doran, P.	17 "	52 "	"	
Junior Operator at Penrith	Tomkinson, W. E.	17 "	104 "	"	vice Mulligan, resigned.
Messengers' Overseer at Head Office	Steadman, W. H.	17 "	150 "	"	vice Richardson; resigned.
Operator at Albury	Aubin, H.	17 "	150 "	"	vice Murphy, promoted.
Operator at Terrana	Campbell, W. J.	26 "	104 "	"	vice Armstrong, resigned.
Station-master at Clarence Town	Phelan, T.	26 "	120 "	"	vice Johnson, deceased.
Station-master at Torculla	Kelly, J.	24 "	120 "	"	New station.
Station-master at Wiseman's Ferry	Marr, J. T.	6 May	150 "	"	vice Smith, promoted.
Line Repairer at Madge	Battye, J. R.	6 "	120 "	"	Since appointed Station-master, Walgett.
Station-master at Bundarra	Rowland, W. H.	6 "	104 "	"	vice Culnane, promoted.
Station-master at Bingera	Coleman, J.	10 "	150 "	"	New station.
Temporary Instrument Fitter, Head Office	South, S.	10 "	10s. per day	Postmaster General	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Junior Operator at Deniliquin	Holding, C.	20 "	£104 per annum	Executive Council	vice Channon, promoted.
Messenger at Head Office	Connors, C.	5 June	10s. per week	Postmaster General	
Junior Operator at William-street	McGrath, J.	7 "	£52 per annum	Executive Council	vice Angles, promoted.
Messenger at William-street	Macgovernay, G.	7 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	vice McGrath, promoted.
Line Repairer at Pilliga	McCarthy, E.	22 May	£120 per annum	Executive Council	

Rank and Locality.	Name.	Date of Appointment	At what Salary.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Tenterfield—Line Repairer.	Raleigh, H.	22 May, 1875	£120 per annum	Executive Council	vice Clark, resigned.
Junior Operator at Head Office.	Ree, G.	11 June	104	"	vice Noolds, resigned.
do.	Gresty, G.	"	104	"	vice White, resigned.
Junior Operator at Richmond	Delaney, J. W.	22 "	52	"	vice Roberts, resigned.
Junior Operator at Nattai	Thompson, Thomas	2 July	52	"	New station.
Station-master at Warialda	McClean, D.	6 "	150	"	
Line Repairer at Port Macquarie	Toose, J. C.	6 "	120	"	
Messenger at Grafton	White, J.	5 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Messenger, West Maitland	Miers, T.	7 "	£52 per annum	"	vice Briggs, promoted.
Automatic Operator at Tenterfield	Macgregor, Miss	7 "	104	Executive Council	
do.	Halloran, Miss	7 "	104	"	
do.	Albury	7 "	104	"	
do.	Parter, Miss	10 "	104	"	
do.	Larner, Miss	10 "	104	"	
Station-master at Candelo	Stapilton, M.	9 "	104	"	New station.
Clerk at Head Office	Collingwood, H.	16 "	100	"	Resigned.
Messenger at Wagga Wagga	Murray, A. H.	16 "	26	Postmaster General	vice Smith, resigned.
Messenger at West Maitland	Webb, G.	16 "	26	"	
Operator at McLeay Heads	Garnard, Miss	16 "	26	"	
Station-master at Kandera	Ambrose, A. E.	22 "	104	Executive Council	
Junior Operator at Richmond	Healy, W. J.	24 "	52	"	
Line Repairer at Forbes	Lewis, W. H.	21 "	120	"	
Assistant in Instrument Room, Head Office	Pollard, J.	31 "	15s. per week	Postmaster General	
Inspector of Lines and Stations	Tucker, Alexander	4 Aug.	£350 per annum	Executive Council	
Operator at Tenterfield	Aubin, W.	20 July,	150	"	
Automatic Copyist at Head Office	Murray, J. D.	20 "	104	"	
do.	Day, W. H.	20 "	104	"	
do.	Waller, F.	20 "	75	"	
do.	McGrane, J.	5 Aug.,	120	"	
Junior Operator at Head Office.	Park, J.	13 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	
Line Repairer at Kiama	Hansen, H.	25 "	10s.	"	
Messenger at Wollongong	De Gruchy, J.	26 "	£150 per annum	Executive Council	vice Vermeisch, promoted.
Messenger at Parramatta-street.	Cridge, J. I.	26 "	104	"	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Operator at Head Office	Dennis, G. J.	2 Sept.,	104	"	vice Wells.
Junior Operator at Newcastle	Rowe, P. E.	13 "	52	"	vice Mann, resigned.
Junior Operator at Merimbula	Fry, Charles	13 "	52	"	vice Small, resigned.
Junior Operator at Berrima	Joseph, F.	13 "	150	"	New station.
Station-master at Coonamble	Donavan, W.	14 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	
Messenger at St. Leonards	Newberry, W.	14 "	10s.	"	vice Smith, resigned.
Messenger at Head Office	Norris, H.	16 "	£104. per annum	Executive Council	
Station-master at Sofala	Shepherd, C.	22 Oct.,	104	"	
Junior Operator at Mudgee	Murray, J.	22 "	52	"	
Junior Operator at Head Office.	Draper, G.	27 "	52	"	vice Bennett, promoted.
Messenger at Deniliquin	Plunkett, G.	29 "	52	Postmaster General	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Junior Operator at Richmond	Summatt, C.	18 "	10s. per day	Executive Council	vice Healy, resigned.
Instrument Fitter at Head Office	Sharpe, N.	21 Nov.,	£104 per annum	"	Appointed in consequence of increased business.
Station-master at Kynmumboon	Croft, T. G.	8 "	104	"	New station.
Junior Operator at Legislative Assembly	Tighe, F.	8 "	52	"	Appointed to new office.
Junior Operator at William-street	Hayes, Wm.	3 Dec.,	10s. per week	Postmaster General	vice McGrath, promoted.
Messenger at Parramatta					vice Folkes, resigned.

Rank and Locality.	Name.	Date of Appointment.	At what Salary.	By whom made.	Remarks.
Line Repairer at Young	Kline, H. T.	2 Dec., 1875	£120 per annum	Executive Council	<i>vice</i> Lyons.
Messenger at Head Office	Porter, Sydney	24 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	<i>vice</i> Batty, promoted.
Line Repairer at Mudgee	Russell, J.	9 "	£120 per annum	Executive Council	<i>vice</i> Crutch, promoted.
Messenger at Balmain	Hyland, H.	7 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	New station.
Operator at St. Mary's	Pegus, Miss	10 "	£52 per annum	Executive Council	Appointed to supply vacancies caused by pro-
Messenger at Head Office	Wilson, F.	7 "	10s. per week	Postmaster General	motions and resignations.
Do.	Turner, G.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Do.	Coglan, J.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Do.	Maher, T.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Do.	Phillips, J. G.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Do.	Telfer, T.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Do.	Bragg, Wm.	7 "	10s. "	"	
Junior Operator at Beggabri	Kingsmill, L.	16 "	£104 per annum	Executive Council	<i>vice</i> Tierney.
Junior Operator at Bathurst	Mulligan, Wm.	26 Nov., "	104 "	"	
Messenger at Orange	Cooper, R.	26 "	26 "	Postmaster General	
Junior Operator at Deniliquin	Buckley, Miss	26 "	52 "	Executive Council	
Junior Operator at Young	Cunningham, S.	26 "	104 "	"	
Junior Operator at Braidwood	Malone, H.	26 "	52 "	"	
Junior Operator at West Maitland	Barnes, W. B.	26 "	52 "	"	
Messenger at Bathurst	Swan, T.	26 "	26 "	Postmaster General	
Junior Operator at Lawrence	Barnett, F.	26 "	104 "	Executive Council	<i>vice</i> Lassen, promoted.
Line Repairer at West Maitland	McCarthy, J.	18 Dec., "	120 "	"	
Junior Operator at Head Office	Whysall, F.	16 "	52 "	"	
Do.	Cleland, G.	16 "	52 "	"	
Assistant Messengers' Overseer, Head Office	Gibbes, W.	4 Jan., 1876	75 "	Postmaster General	<i>vice</i> Evans, resigned.
Messenger at Bega	Hayes, W. J.	3 Feb., "	52 "	"	
Messenger at Manly	Ruswald, G.	4 "	12s. per week	"	
Messenger at Newcastle	Coleman, J.	24 "	£ 26 per annum	"	<i>vice</i> Banfield, promoted.
Station-master at Bodalla	Barr, R. J.	25 "	104 "	Executive Council	New station.
Station-master at Albury	McGauran, D. J.	7 Mar., "	300 "	"	<i>vice</i> Maguire.

PROMOTIONS.

Rank and Locality.	Name.	Date of Promotion.	Per annum.		By whom made.	Remarks.
			From	To		
Booking Clerk at Head Office	Miller, J. A.	22 Feb., 1875	£ 100	£ 150	Executive Council	Succeeded E. Miller.
Operator at Head Office	Rush, W. C.	2 Mar., "	52	120	"	Succeeded Clarke, resigned.
Station-master at Tarcare	Eldershaw, P. E.	2 "	104	150	"	New Station.
Operator at East Maitland	Atkinson, E.	2 "	52	104	"	Succeeded Eldershaw.
Operator at Rocky Mouth	Corbett, William	3 "	52	104	"	Succeeded McNaughton.
Operator at Lawrence	Cobley, J.	3 "	50	52	"	Succeeded White.
Station-master at Coonabarabran	Fowler, F. J.	18 "	120	180	"	New station.
Station-master at Coolah	King, T.	18 "	120	120	"	Succeeded Fowler.
Operator at Albury	Holohan, W.	3 April, "	104	150	"	Succeeded Young.

Rank and Locality.	Name.	Date of Promotion.	Per annum.		By whom made.	Remarks.
			From	To		
Inspector of Railway Lines and Station	Watson, S. J.	12 April, 1875	£ 180	£ 250	Executive Council	Provided on Estimates.
Station-master at Milton	Mulligan, E. T.	26 "	104	150	"	New station.
Station-master at Wollombi	Smith, J. C. J.	6 May,	160	180	"	Succeeded Watson.
Station-master at Dubbo	Channon, T.	20 "	100	150	"	vice Altwell, deceased.
Station-master at West Maitland	Caspersoun, C.	20 "	200	250	"	vice Moygan.
Station-master at Tabulam	Cox, B.	7 July,	120	120	"	New station.
Line Repairer at Tamworth	Hayes, G.	7 "	104	120	"	Do.
Station-master at Wallabadah	Briggs, S.	7 "	52	104	"	vice Hayes.
Line Repairer at Cooma	Probt, C. W.	14 "	104	120	"	vice Kirwan.
Operator at Head Office	Young, E.	15 "	150	200	"	vice Caspersoun.
Booking Clerk at Head Office	Cooke, D.	16 "	100	120	"	vice Beatty, resigned.
Operator at Head Office	Angles, G.	20 "	52	75	"	vice Smith.
Do.	Doutty, J.	20 "	52	75	"	vice Bennett.
Do.	Burgess, F.	20 "	52	52	"	vice Douly.
Messenger at Head Office	Verniesch, J.	25 Aug,	10s. per wk.	52	"	vice Clark.
Operator at Bathurst	Bennett, J.	22 Oct.,	52	104	Postmaster General	vice Chapplo.
Messengers' Overseer at Head Office	Murray, J. D.	5 Nov.,	104	120	Executive Council	vice Steadman.
Station-master at Tentersfield	Hipsley, R. H.	13 "	200	300	"	vice Quodling.
Station-master at Deniliquin	Buckley, R.	13 "	200	250	"	vice Wills.
Operator at Deniliquin	Parke, J.	13 "	26	52	"	vice Hewlett.
Operator at Newcastle	Finney, R.	26 "	26	52	"	vice Holohan.
Operator at Orange	McKoy, L.	26 "	52	104	"	On account of increased work.
Operator at Balmain	Crouch, S. C.	26 "	52	52	"	vice Viles.
Operator at Wagga Wagga	Cooper, J. K.	26 "	52	104	"	On account of increased work.
Operator at Mudgee	Lynch, M.	26 "	52	104	"	
Operator at Raymond Terrace	Shaw, W. E.	26 "	52	104	"	Voted on Estimates.
Station-master at Molong	Gallagher, J. E.	3 Mar., 1876.	104	150	"	New station.
Station-master at Bathurst	Mackenzie, K.	9 "	225	300	"	vice Quodling.
Station-master at Euston	Johnson, R.	9 "	150	180	"	vice Manners.
Station-master at Balmoral	Day, W. H.	9 "	104	180	"	vice McInnes.
Book-keeper at Head Office	Usher, H. C.	9 "	200	275	"	vice Cutteli, resigned.
Operator at Tamworth	Woodall, G.	9 "	52	104	"	vice Parsons.
Station-master at Deepwater	Barnes, W. B.	9 "	52	104	"	New station.
Operator at Bathurst	Reid, R. M.	9 "	52	104	"	On account of increased work.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

CIVIL SERVICE.

(APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SINCE 8TH FEBRUARY, 1876.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 31 July, 1877.

RETURN (*in part*) to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, dated
6th February, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ (1.) A Return of all appointments made by the present Government
“ since 8th February, 1876, with the names of all persons so appointed,
“ and the salaries in each case and the nature of such appointments.

“ (2.) The names of all persons promoted, and the increases to their
“ salaries, and the position they held in the Civil Service on above date—
“ February 8th, 1876.

“ (3.) The total amount of salaries of all persons so appointed in the
“ Government Service.

“ (4.) The total increase to salaries of all persons promoted in the Govern-
“ ment Service.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

CIVIL SERVICE.

APPOINTMENTS and Promotions in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction since 8th February, 1876.

Name.	Office held.	Salary.	To what Office promoted.	Salary.	Total increase to Salary.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Airey, C. B.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Walcha ...	175 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Aldcorn, J.	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Araluen.	375 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Abbott, J. K.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gunnedah	175 0 0	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gunnedah.	175 0 0	.....
Badham, C. L. C.*	Clerk, Lands Department	150 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Urana	100 0 0	.....
Brougham, P.	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bingera.	350 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Crook, F. E.	Junior Clerk, Department of Justice, &c.	100 0 0	8th Clerk, Department of Justice, &c.	100 0 0	.....
Cook, G. E.	Junior Clerk, Supreme Court.....	75 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Cameron, A. M.	Oriental Interpreter.....	150 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Chisholm, W.	Clerk to City Coroner.....	175 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Canning, A. E. F.	Assistant Clerk in the Office of Clerk of the Peace.	100 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Clarke, W.	Clerk, Mines Department	100 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court, Moruya.	205 0 0	105 0 0
Evans, L. H.	Clerk, Lands Department	150 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Hay.	215 0 0	.....
Forster, H.	6th Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office...	125 0 0	Chief Clerk, Office of Clerk of the Peace.	250 0 0	125 0 0
Flood, J. W.	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hill End.	450 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Fitzsimons, R. H.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warialda...	175 0 0	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coonamble.	175 0 0	.....
Gannon, J. F.	Extra Clerk, Central Police Office	104 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Gunn, W. S.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Crookwell	50 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Hewitt, T. E.	Mechanic and Instrument-maker, Government Observatory.	200 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Hays, R. B.	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Eden.	205 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Isaacs, F. S. †	Chief Clerk in Office of Clerk of the Peace.	250 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Mudgee.	235 0 0	.....
Kanyon, J. F.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gunning...	100 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Lumsdaine, A.	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Moruya.	205 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Newcastle...	175 0 0	.....
M'Arthur, F. C.	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Hill End.	165 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warialda...	175 0 0	10 0 0
M'Kensey, J.	Clerk, General Post Office	132 0 0	Junior Clerk, Department of Justice, &c.	100 0 0	.....
M'Kell, T. C. K. †	Registrar, District Court, Bathurst...	75 0 0	.....	.....	.....
M'Dougall, A. L.	Police Magistrate, Grafton.....	450 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Meares, F. P.	Extra Clerk, Central Police Office...	104 0 0	7th Clerk, Central Police Office.....	105 0 0	1 0 0
Robinson, S. §	Coroner, Young	Paid by fees.	.....	.....	.....
Redgrave, C. A. H.	7th Clerk, Central Police Office	105 0 0	6th Clerk, Central Police Office.....	125 0 0	20 0 0
Ramsay, E. P.	Curator of Australian Museum	500 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Smith, C. G.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dungog	175 0 0	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dungog.	175 0 0	.....
Shoehan, J. P.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Tumberumba	175 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Smith, J. H.	8th Clerk, Department of Justice, &c.	100 0 0	6th Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office...	125 0 0	25 0 0
Turner, A. A.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wollongong	175 0 0	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wollongong.	175 0 0	.....
Williams, J. H.	Extra Clerk, Attorney General's Office.	156 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Wilson, W. G.	5th Clerk, Crown Solicitor's Office...	200 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Yates, Leopold.....	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Yass.....	175 0 0	Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Yass.	175 0 0	.....
Weston, W. C.	Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coonamble.	175 0 0	Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar, District Court, Hill End.	165 0 0	.....

* Also Land Agent at Urana.

† Also Land Agent, &c.

‡ Also Assistant C.P.S., Bathurst.

§ Also P.M., Young.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

CIVIL SERVICE.

(APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER FOR MINES SINCE 8TH FEBRUARY, 1876.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 18 September, 1877.

FURTHER RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 6th February, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—

- “ (1.) A Return of all appointments made by the present Government since 8th February, 1876, with the names of all persons so appointed and the salaries in each case, and the nature of such appointments.
- “ (2.) The names of all persons promoted, and the increases to their salaries, and the position they held in the Civil Service on above date, February 8th, 1876.
- “ (3.) The total amount of salaries of all persons so appointed in the Government Service.
- “ (4.) The total increase to salaries of all persons promoted in the Government Service.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

CIVIL SERVICE.

RETURN of Appointments and Promotions made by the late Government in Departments under the Ministerial control of the Colonial Secretary, after 8th February, 1876.

Name.	Appointments.		Promotions.		Remarks.
	Nature of Appointment.	Salary.	Office to which Promoted.	Position held on 8 February, 1876.	
James Macalister	Clerk in Legislative Assembly	£ 150	Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly	Clerk Assistant of Legislative Assembly	In absence of clerk on leave. Rank unaltered.
Frederick William Webb				Sub-Inspector of Police	
Richard Fitzroy Creaghe				"	"
George Waters				Acting Sub-Inspector of Police	"
Robert Anderson				"	"
Samuel Dillon Johnstone				"	"
James Rush				"	"
Thomas Ferris				"	"
Thomas Kerrigan				"	"
Thomas Garvin				"	"
William Thomas Baker				Senior-Sergeant of Police	And allowances.
Charles Fyfe Roberts	Colonel of N.S.W. Artillery	500	Acting Sub-Inspector of Police		"
Michael Murphy	Lieutenant in N.S.W. Artillery	238			"
Arthur Le Patourel	"	238			"
Frederick Thomas Budge Baynes.	"	238			"
Warner Wright Spalding.	Lieutenant in N.S.W. Artillery	238	Major of 2 Battalion N.S.W. Artillery	Captain, N.S.W. Artillery	"
Fenbroke Lathrop Murray			Captain, N.S.W. Artillery		"
George Henry Bachus			"		"
Michael Murphy	Clerk in Prisons' Department	175	"		"
Robert Albert Goff	"	125			"
Arthur Herbert Collis	"	110			"
Samuel McCauley	"	125			"
Charles Hardwick Keele	Clerk in Registrar General's Department.	150			"
William Rowe Hogan	"	75			"
George Hulton Smyth King	Junior Assistant Draftsman in Registrar General's Department.	50			"
Henry John Noble	Clerk in Registrar General's Department.	150			"
John Connerly	"	50			"
Edward Arthur Parnell	"				"
Charles Hardwick Keele	"				"
Rev. Timothy O'Neil	Roman Catholic Chaplain, Maidland Gaol.	30			Allowance— From 1 to 100 men 10s. } a year for From 100 to 300 men 3s. } each man.
Rev. William Riordan	" Berrima Gaol.	100			
Rev. John Hayes	" N.S.W. Artillery				
Rev. Augustus H. Petro	" Darlinghurst Gaol	120			

RETURN, &c.—continued.

Name.	Appointments.		Salary.	Promotions.		Remarks.
	Nature of Appointment.	Office to which Promoted.		Position held on 8 February, 1876.	Increase to Salary.	
Frederic King			£	Secretary to Government Asylums Board	£	
Rev. Julian Henry Rowsell	C.E. Chaplain, Gladesville Hospital	Manager of Government Asylums for Indirm and Desistute.	50			Allowance— From 1 to 100 men, 10s. } a year for From 100 to 300 men, 3s. } each man.
Rev. William May, M.A.	Goulburn Gaol		30			
Rev. Zachary Barry, J.L.D.	Victoria Barracks					
Rev. James Milne, M.A.	Presbyterian Chaplain, Victoria Barracks	Matron of Darlinghurst Gaol		Principal Female Warden in Darlinghurst Gaol.	31	
Jane Woods						
Richard Vere Mason	Clerk and Schoolmaster, Goulburn Gaol		140			
John Percival Lackey	" " Berrima Gaol		150			
James Brisbane Graham	Visiting Justice of Gaol, Tenterfield					
Frederick Marsh	Acting Visiting Justice of Gaol, Wellington					
Andrew Louis McDougall	Visiting Justice of Gaol, Grafton					
William Love	" " Gundagai					
Magnus J. Peden	" " Bega					
Thomas Rankin	Gaoler of Wagga Wagga Gaol		160			
Maria Rankin	Matron of Wagga Wagga Gaol		20			
Alfred Roberts						
Haynes Gibbs Alleyne, M.D.	Member of Board of Visitors to Lunatic Asylums.	President of Board of Visitors to Lunatic Asylums.				£100 per annum allowance.
Thomas Morgan Joseph						
John M'George						
Thomas E. Ranshaw	Dispenser, Gladesville Hospital.	Deputy Medical Superintendent of Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville.	130		100	
W. C. V. Gibbs	Clerk in Auditor General's Department	Superintendent of Temporary Lunatic Asylum at Cooma.	150		120	
W. J. Jordan	" "		200			
Edgar Greenup	" "		150			
A. G. M'Shane	" "		50			
Charles M'Kern	" "		50			
Walker Fintdale	Clerk in Department of Govt. Asylums		50			
John Thiering	Blacksmith of N.S.S. "Vernon"		120			
Eugh Robison	Inspector of Public Charities		500			
Siegfried Franck	Immigration Agent (Germany)		300			
Roderick William Cameron	Government Medical Officer (United States)		300			
William Roper Elliot, M.D.	Visiting Surgeon and Dispenser of Berrima Gaol.		300			
William Lamb, M.B.	" "		200			
George Proud Lambert	Visiting Surgeon of Mudgee Gaol		40			
Charles Edward Rowling						
			Total amount of Salaries.....£	Total Increase to Salaries.....£	777	

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 1877.

RETURN of Appointments and Promotions made from the 8th of February, 1876, to the 6th of February, 1877, in Departments under the Ministerial control of the Minister for Mines.

Date of first Appointment in Public Service.	Date of Promotion or additional Promotion.	Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Description of Office.	Appointment or Promotion by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
1 Aug., 1876.		Wisdom H. P.	Supernumery Draftsman, Department of Mines	Minister for Mines	£ annuum.	
21 Sept., "	1 Jan., 1877.	Lee Sydney	"	"	25 Nil.	
7 Aug., "	7 Nov., 1876.	Slee W. H. J.	Inspector of Mines	Governor and Executive Council.	250	
5 June, "		Cruikwell A. C.	Field Assistant to Geological Surveyor	Minister for Mines	250	Resigned, 20 Nov., 1876.
22 Jan., 1877.		Jennings W. E.	"	"	6/ per diem	
21 April, 1875.		Williams E. G.	Temporary Clerk, Department of Mines	"	£ annuum.	
	1 Jan., 1877.	Broughtan P.	"	"	65	
	10 Oct., 1876.	Langworthy F.	Warden, Bingers.	Governor and Executive Council.	96	Employed in Department of Justice.
	24 Aug., "	Rogers T.	Mining Registrar, Barrington	"	Nil	
1 Sept., 1876.	15 May, 1876.	Falconer Jas.	"	"	"	
1 Jan., 1869.	24 Aug., "	Edwards F. W.	Uralla	"	"	Employed in Telegraph Department.
28 Oct., 1863.	17 July, "	Smith C. G.	To issue Miners' Rights, &c., Coonabarabran	"	"	Department of Justice.
1 May, 1861.		Laurie T.	"	"	"	"
18 April, 1876.		Badham C. L. C.	"	"	"	
9 Aug., 1870.		Laman T.	"	"	"	Employed in Lands Department.
13 April, 1859.		Dudding W.	"	"	"	Employed in Department of Justice.
4 April, 1847.		Kenyon J. F.	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Gunning	"	10	
1 Nov., 1876.	1 Oct., "	Smythe Senior Constable	"	"	20	
16 Mar., 1874.	1 Oct., "	Clarke W.	"	"	20	
1 Jan., 1868.	1 "	Isances F. S.	"	"	20	
1 June, 1876.		Fisher Jas.	"	"	20	
1 Jan., 1872.	14 Feb., 1876.	Edwards H. D.	"	"	20	
1 Oct., 1876.		Jones Thos.	"	"	10	Employed in Post Office.
	1 Oct., 1876.	Airey C. B.	"	"	20	
23 June, 1864.	1 Jan., 1877.	Weston W. C.	"	"	40	
1 Nov., 1875.	1 Aug., 1876.	Rodgerson W. C.	Glen Innes	"	15	
14 Nov., 1864.	1 Nov., "	Williams O.	Queanbeyan	"	10	
9 Mar., 1875.	1 Aug., "	Laugford Mrs.	Tumbarumba	"	10	
1 Feb., 1877.		Bady Chas.	Warden's Clerk and Mining Registrar, Adelong	"	20	
12 July, 1875.		Chambers C.	Temporary Clerk, Department of Mines	Minister for Mines	25	
1 Nov., 1875.	1 Mar., 1876.	Galway P. J.	Warden's Clerk, Little River, Braidwood	Governor and Executive Council.	50	Resigned.
	1 May, 1876.	Griffin J. G.	"	"	15	
	28 Nov., "	Betts A.	Mining Surveyor	"	20 Nil.	
1 Mar., 1868.	21 Feb., "	Barton E. H.	"	"	"	
	"	Burdett F. L.	"	"	"	
	"	Burgess E. J.	"	"	"	
	"	Campbell J. A. D.	"	"	"	
	"	Christie W. H.	"	"	"	

RETURN, &c.—continued.

Date of first Appointment in Public Service.	Date of Promotion or additional Promotion.	Name of Person appointed or promoted.	Description of Office.	Appointment or Promotion by what authority made.	Salary.	Remarks.
19 Jan., 1872	21 Feb., 1876	Capper J. F.	Mining Surveyor.	Governor and Executive Council.	£ Nil	
	"	Clements J. S.	"	"	"	
	"	Chamberlain T. J.	"	"	"	
	"	Cowley W.	"	"	"	
5 June, 1867	"	Cowley F.	"	"	"	
	"	Dalglish J. C.	"	"	"	
29 Jan., 1874	"	Davidson W. R.	"	"	"	
	"	Finley F. G.	"	"	"	
	"	Goodwin T. H. H.	"	"	"	
	"	Gleeson J. J.	"	"	"	
	"	Higgins J. J.	"	"	"	
	"	Hunter F. V.	"	"	"	
	"	Hosie H. C.	"	"	"	
	"	Harris E. A.	"	"	"	
	"	Lee G. J.	"	"	"	
	"	Lisle Alfred	"	"	"	
	"	Loder George	"	"	"	
	"	Lipscombe W. A.	"	"	"	
	"	Luces John H.	"	"	"	
	"	Loxton J. F.	"	"	"	
	"	Mathews B. H.	"	"	"	
	"	Maeharg J.	"	"	"	
	"	McGlashan A.	"	"	"	
22 July, 1870	"	McDonald Robt.	"	"	"	
	"	Macfarlane E.	"	"	"	
	"	McCormack H. O.	"	"	"	
	"	Meldrum R. W.	"	"	"	
	"	Murphy J.	"	"	"	
	"	O'Connor H. A. D.	"	"	"	
	"	Readett W. H.	"	"	"	
	"	Riley V. B.	"	"	"	
	"	Worth Chas.	"	"	"	
	"	Wyndham E. S.	"	"	"	
	"	Williams V. A.	"	"	"	
	"	Gonnin E. J. F.	"	"	"	
	19 April, 1876	Davis H. M.	"	"	"	
1 Oct., 1875	"	Larkin P. B.	"	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	
	1 Aug., 1876	"	"	"	"	
		Supernumery Draftsman, Department of Mines		Minister for Mines	25 p annum	
		"	"	"	50	

Total amount of Salaries of persons appointed £580 10 0
 Total increase to Salaries of persons promoted £86 0 0

Department of Mines, 5 March, 1877.

The Commissioner of Railways to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 20 March, 1877.

Referring to your letter of the 7th ultimo, I am directed to enclose a Return so far as it relates to this Department in satisfaction of a motion of Mr. M'Elhone, M.P., dated the 6th ultimo, being a further Return respecting appointments in the Civil Service.

I have, &c.,
JOHN RAE.

No. 1.—APPOINTMENTS.

Names.	Nature of Appointment.	Salary.	Remarks.
D. L. Waugh	Cadet, Engineer-in-Chief's Branch	£ s. d. 52 0 0	
G. W. Boulton	" "	52 0 0	
H. K. Carpenter	Clerk, "	75 0 0	
B. C. Gowan	Surveyor, "	250 0 0	
J. B. Hobson	" "	300 0 0	
J. W. Hoyle	" "	300 0 0	Re-appointment.
J. A. Macarthy	" "	300 0 0	
R. F. Stack	" "	300 0 0	"
W. Lavingo	Telegraph Operator, Redfern	52 0 0	
W. L. Rae	" "	26 0 0	
A. Booth	Assistant Station-master, Burwood	78 0 0	
W. Gibbs	" " Ashfield	78 0 0	
G. M'Alister	Junior Clerk, Penrith	26 0 0	
J. B. Agnew	Weigh Clerk, Sydney	78 5 0	
D. Kirkcaldie	Clerk, Traffic Manager's Office, Redfern	187 16 0	
J. Smith	Telegraph Operator, Bathurst	52 0 0	
R. Barton	" Kelso	52 0 0	
N. M'Intosh	" Moss Vale	52 0 0	
F. Smith	Clerk, Sydney	125 4 0	
J. Fletcher	Telegraph Operator, Gunning	52 0 0	
J. P. Jones	" Blayney	52 0 0	
E. Milne	" Bowning	52 0 0	
W. Broadrick	Clerk, Great Northern Railway	0 7 0	per day.
Thos. Miller	" "	0 7 0	"
C. M. Luke	Assistant to Station-master, Great Northern Railway	1 10 0	per week.
S. R. Miller	Clerk, Audit Office	52 0 0	per annum.
J. W. Pawley	Junior Clerk, Stores	1 10 0	per week.
A. Springthorpe	Clerk, Accountant's Office	150 0 0	
J. S. Spurway	Cadet, Head Office	50 0 0	

PROMOTIONS AND INCREASES—continued.

February, 1876.		February, 1877.	
Names.	Designation.	Station, &c.	Salary.
Thos. Foley	Clerk	Bathurst	£ 156 10 0
Thos. Cullen	"	Gunning	166 10 0
W. Chandrill	"	Sydney	109 11 0
S. Johnstone	"	"	78 0 0
J. H. Cox	Assistant Station-master	Petersham	78 0 0
Geo. Fire	Parcels Clerk	Sydney	166 10 0
Geo. Bethidge	"	"	109 4 0
Geo. Pritchard	Truck Clerk	"	104 0 0
F. Kensett	Goods Clerk	"	140 17 0
W. Gould	Telegraph and Parcels Clerk	"	109 11 0
M. Fitzgerald	Telegraph Operator	Bathurst	52 0 0
Jas. Moodie	Telegraph Clerk	Tarana	52 0 0
G. R. Henson	Station-master	Marulan	130 0 0
H. Richardson	Clerk	Mulgrave	225 0 0
C. Irvine	"	Traffic Manager's Office	0 8 0
W. Broadrick	"	Great Northern Line	0 7 0
Thos. Miller	"	"	0 7 0
Jno. Donohoe	Telegraph Clerk	"	0 15 0
W. H. Went	Inspector	"	0 10 0
W. Robins	Clerk	"	0 8 0
T. Dulling	Assistant Weigh Clerk	"	2 0 0
S. Zoung	Telegraph Clerk	"	0 15 0
W. B. Wade	District Engineer	Engineer-in-Chief's Branch	600 0 0
W. Mason	Engineer in charge of Way and Works, S. & W.	"	700 0 0
E. Lewis	Assistant Ticket Clerk	Head Office	100 0 0
J. S. Spurway	Cadet	"	50 0 0
T. H. McClelland	Clerk	Audit Office, North	150 0 0
Jas. Williams	"	South	90 0 0
W. Bateman	"	"	75 0 0
H. M'Lachlan	"	"	52 0 0
	Clerk	Bathurst	£ 172 3 0
	"	Binalong	172 3 0
	"	Sydney	125 4 0
	"	"	93 12 0
	Assistant Station-master	Petersham	93 12 0
	Parcels Clerk	Sydney	172 3 0
	"	"	117 0 0
	Truck Clerk	"	124 16 0
	Goods Clerk	"	156 4 0
	Telegraph and Parcels Clerk	"	125 4 0
	Telegraph Operator	Bathurst	104 0 0
	Telegraph Clerk	Sydney	78 0 0
	Station-master	Marulan	150 0 0
	Traffic Inspector	Petersham	250 0 0
	Clerk	Sydney	0 10 0
	"	Great Northern Line	0 8 0
	"	"	0 8 0
	Telegraph Clerk	"	1 0 0
	Inspector	"	0 11 0
	Clerk	"	0 8 6
	Assistant Weigh-Clerk	"	0 7 6
	Telegraph Clerk	"	1 0 0
	District Engineer	Engineer-in-Chief's Branch	700 0 0
	Engineer for Existing Lines	"	1,000 0 0
	Ticket Clerk	Head Office	150 0 0
	Junior Clerk	"	100 0 0
	Clerk	Audit Office, South	166 0 0
	"	North	120 0 0
	"	"	90 0 0
	"	"	75 0 0

No. 3.—The total amount of salaries of persons appointed for the year is £3,218 13 0

No. 4.—The total increase to salaries for the year is £2,057 2 6

RETURN of Appointments authorized in the Roads Department since 8th February, 1876, showing the names, salaries, and nature of appointment in each case.

Name.	Office.	Amount of Salary.			Remarks.
		£	s.	d.	
J. Coleman	Clerk	50	0	0	
J. Collman	Draftsman	200	0	0	
J. Q. Swayne*	Temporary draftsman	13s.	per diem		Resigned. Including horse and travelling expenses.
— Rodd	Overseer	15s.	„		
C. E. Bell	„	10s.	„		
C. B. Airey*	Cadet	50	0	0	For a month—resigned.
R. Cordeaux	„	52	0	0	
C. A. Boulton*	„	52	0	0	Resigned.
H. Cambridge	„	52	0	0	
J. G. Johnson	Road superintendent	200	0	0	
	Travelling allowance	125	0	0	
L. T. Hanson	Assistant engineer and draftsman, on probation.	350	0	0	
C. S. Ethelstone	„	300	0	0	
John Gordon	Road superintendent	375	0	0	Reappointment—had been in England to recover an injury received in the service.
	Travelling allowance	150	0	0	

Total amount of salaries £2,200 per annum.
 „ „ travelling allowances £ 350 „
 * Resigned.

RETURN of Promotions authorized in the Roads Department since 8th February, 1876, showing the increase to salaries in each case, and position held by each officer prior to that date.

Name.	Office.		Increase of Salary.		Remarks.
	From	To	From	To	
C. E. Bell	Temporary draftsman	Field cadet	10s. Ψ diem ...	15s. Ψ diem ...	Including expenses
J. J. Burns	Cadet in office	Field	£75 Ψ annum	15s. „ ..	
C. A. Boulton	„ ..	Overseer in field	£52 „ ..	15s. „ ..	„ „
H. Cambridge	Field cadet	Road superintendent	£52 „ ..	£200 Ψ annum	
		Travelling allowance		£125 „	
A. W. Stilwell	Overseer	Road superintendent	15s. Ψ diem ...	£250 „	
		Travelling allowance		£125 „	
E. D. Dyson	Road overseer	„ ..	15s. „ ..	18s. Ψ diem.	
Owen Carroll	Clerk	„ ..	£225 Ψ annum	£250 Ψ annum	
T. R. Steele	„ ..	„ ..	£100 „ ..	£225 „	
W. Payten	„ ..	„ ..	£150 „ ..	£225 „	
R. Ramsden	„ ..	„ ..	£120 „ ..	£170 „	
Jonah Evans	Road overseer	„ ..	15s. Ψ diem ...	18/4 Ψ diem.	
J. G. Oram	Clerk	„ ..	£50 Ψ annum	£100 Ψ annum	
J. Withey	Road overseer	„ ..	12s. Ψ diem ...	15s. Ψ diem.	

Total amount of increases to salaries £654 per annum.
 „ „ travelling allowances £650 „

APPOINTMENTS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Appointments made by the present Government since 8th February, 1876, with the names of all persons so appointed, and the salaries in each case, and the nature of such Appointments.
- (2.) The names of all persons promoted, and the increases to their salaries, and the position they held in the Civil Service on above date, February 8th, 1876.
- (3.) The total amount of salaries of all persons so appointed in the Government Service.
- (4.) The total increase to salaries of all persons promoted in the Government Service.

Question put and passed.

(1.)

Name.	Salary.	Position.	Remarks.
C. S. Brownrigg	15s. per diem ...	Superintendent, Wollongong Harbour Works.	
George Latham	15s. „ ..	Draftsman	From 24th July, 1877, to 30th September, 1877. Services dispensed with after latter date.
John Fyfe	£275 per annum	Engineer, Clarence River Dredge	

(2.)

Nil.

(3.)

£741 10s. per annum.

(4.)

Nil.

RETURN of Appointments made by the present Government since 8th February, 1876.

COLONIAL ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 1.			No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Salary per annum.	Name of all persons promoted, &c.	Total amount of Salaries, &c.	Total increase of Salaries, &c.
		£		£	
Lionel Jacob Marks.....	Clerk	100	Nil.	100	Nil.

Colonial Architect's Office,
Sydney, 13th February, 1877.

JAMES BARNET,
Colonial Architect.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CIVIL OFFICERS, &c.
(RETURNS, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 9 January, 1877.

RETURN of all salaried officers in the Colonial Secretary's Office who have received leave of absence during the present Administration.

Nil.

N.B.—No officer in the department has received leave of absence for any period beyond the customary annual three weeks or a month.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 9 January, 1877.

RETURN showing the names of Ministers of Religion who have received leave of absence during the present Administration, when and for what length of time, and on what salaries.

Name.	Denomination.	When granted.	For what length of time.	Salary.
Rev. Jerome Keating	Roman Catholic	31 Oct., 1873 (extended for 12 months, from 31 Oct., 1874.)	2 years	£ 200
„ John Norbert Quirk	„	1 April, 1874 (extended for 6 months, from 1 April, 1875.)	18 months.....	100
„ Patrick Newman	„	1 Mar., 1875	12 months.....	150
„ Septimus Hungerford ...	Church of England	1 June, 1875	„	100
Very Rev. Wm. Macquarie Cowper (Dean).	„	1 Feb., 1876	„	460
Rev. John M'Gibbon, LL.D.	Presbyterian	11 Feb., 1876	„	150
„ Joseph Oram	Wesleyan	9 Mar., 1876	„	150
„ Thomas Donkin	Church of England	10 April, 1876	4 months.....	200
„ George King.....	„	— Feb., 1875	15 months.....	200

On condition that due provision was made for the performance of the duties of each clergyman during his absence.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 9 January, 1877.

RETURN of leave of absence granted during the present Administration to Civil Servants employed in the Departments under the control of the Colonial Secretary.

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
G. W. Vidal	Clerk in Police Department	22 Feb., 1875	3 weeks	Full salary—£135 per ann.
		9 Aug., 1875	3 months.	
		12 Nov., 1875	(Extension) 3 months	Half salary of "
C. E. Harrison	Sub-Inspector of Police	16 April, 1875	3 months	Full salary—£250 per ann.
C. J. P. Lydiard	Superintendent of Police	21 April, 1875	1 month	" £500 "
E. V. Morisset	"	24 April, 1875	14 days	" £500 "
		16 Dec., 1875	2 months	" £500 "
J. R. Medley	Sub-Inspector of Police	29 April, 1875	6 months extension.	
	N.B.—Mr. Medley returned from England without availing himself of this extension.			
Finlay McMartin	Accountant in Police Department	29 June, 1875	1 month	Full salary—£350 per ann.
		8 May, 1876	14 days	" £350 "
J. D. Brown	Superintendent of Police	25 Oct., 1875	10 days	" £300 "
		24 April, 1876	4 days	" £300 "
H. Garvin	Sub-Inspector of Police	25 Mar., 1876	1 month	" £250 "
T. Roberts	"	3 July, 1876	3 weeks	" £225 "
		15 July, 1876	(extension) 3 weeks	" £225 "
	N.B.—Mr. Roberts died before his leave expired.			
D. S. Kennedy	Clerk in Prisons Department	18 Mar., 1875	6 months	$\frac{2}{3}$ of salary (£150 per ann.)
W. H. Williamson	Visiting Surgeon of Berrima Gaol	30 Nov., 1875	1 month	} Full pay—£200 per ann.; a substitute being found.
		17 Jan., 1876	2 months additional	
Lucy Hanlon	Female Warder in Sydney Gaol	16 Dec., 1875	12 months	Half pay (£23 per ann.)
R. J. Monteith	Gaoler at Wagga Wagga	24 Jan., 1876	1 month	} Full salaries (£160 and £20 per ann.)—provision being made for duties.
Mrs. Monteith	Matron of Wagga Wagga Gaol			
J. C. Read	Principal Gaoler of Sydney Gaol	28 April, 1876	1 month	Full salary—duties being provided for.
Edmund Burton	Examiner of Titles	18 Sept., 1875	to 2 Oct., 1875	£800—full salary.
Alexander Oliver	"	24 April, 1876	to 15 May, 1876	£800 "
Robert Mead Pearson	Principal Draftsman in Registrar General's Office.	23 Aug., 1875	to 29 Aug., 1875	£500 "
Wilfred de Courey Lewis	Draftsman in Registrar General's Office.	17 Feb., 1876	to 31 Mar., 1876 (sick leave)	£300 "
Albert Newcombe	"	10 Mar., 1875	to 17 March, 1875	£125 "
		10 May, 1875	to 18 May, 1875	£125 "
		10 July, 1876	to 17 July, 1876	£125 "
Charles Thomas Board	"	28 Oct., 1875	to 4 Nov., 1875	£125 "
James Charles Beaumont Waller	"	30 Dec., 1875	to 6 Jan., 1876	£75 "
Frederick Charles William Elyard	Clerk in Registrar General's Office	3 May, 1875	to 3 June, 1875 (sick leave)	£225 "
Edmund Conroy Hopkins	"	14 Mar., 1876	to 1 April, 1876	£125 "
		1 April, 1876	to 1 May, 1876	£125 "
Edwin Arthur Parnell	"	7 July, 1876	to 8 Aug., 1876	£50 "
C. Rolleston	Auditor General	11 Mar., 1876	12 months	£900 (out of which allowance payable to Deputy.)
R. T. Hall	Examiner of Expenditure Accounts in the Audit Office.	10 Sept., 1875	6 weeks	£450—full salary.
Thomas Morgan Joseph	Assistant Medical Officer of Gladesville Hospital.	3 Feb., 1876	3 weeks	£300 "
Charles Taylor, M.D.	Medical Superintendent of Parramatta Lunatic Asylum.	1 Feb., 1876	9 months	£200 (full salary—£600.)
Eliza Ann Fowler	Matron of the Lunatic Reception House.	11 Mar., 1876	6 weeks	Full salary—£60 per ann.
W. Plummer	Schoolmaster of the N.S.S. "Ver-non."	1 July, 1876	to 31 July, 1876—31 days	£150—full salary.
W. Shaw	Carpenter, " "	25 Mar., 1875	5 days	£120 "
		10 Sept., 1875	11 days	£120 "
T. Gorman	Sailmaker, &c., " "	21 April, 1876	4 days	£120 "
Mrs. Rowland	House Matron of Biloela Industrial School.	12 Feb., 1876	3 weeks	£75 "
Mrs. Kelly	Teacher, " "	23 Dec., 1875	2 weeks	£75 "
		1 Mar., 1876	1 week	£75 "
Mrs. Connell	Gatekeeper " "	9 Mar., 1876	1 week	£50 "
George Fullerton	Inspector of Public Charities	1 Aug., 1875	1 month	£500 "
E. C. Cracknell	Lieutenant in the Naval Brigade	11 May, 1876	6 months	4s. per diem "

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 9 January, 1877.

RETURN

RETURN showing the names of Civil Servants under the control of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, to whom leave of absence has been granted during the present Administration, commencing 19th February, 1875, with the date, period, and salary.

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
Armstrong, A. B.	C.P.S., Parkes	1 April, 1875 31 July, 1875 10 June, 1876	3 weeks 5 days 14 days	Full salary. " "
Alexander, C. S.	" Goulburn	8 April, 1875	12 days	"
Addison, G. W. F.	P.M., Maitland	16 June, 1875 31 July, 1875 25 Feb., 1876 4 May, 1876	14 days 4 days 3 days "	" " " "
Adamson, Miss	Matron, R. C. Orphan School	4 Feb., 1876	1 month	"
Abbott, J. K.	C.P.S., Gunnedah	4 May, 1876	2 months	"
Brownrigg, M. F.	P.M., Albury	5 Mar., 1875	1 month	"
Byrnes, W., jun.	Clerk, Department of Justice	25 May, 1875	2 days	"
Brodie, G. G.	C.P.S., Murrurundi	19 May, 1875	4 days	"
Bray, James	" Tweed River	19 June, 1875	1 month	"
Blake, J. F.	C.P.S., Hay	2 April, 1875 29 Oct., 1875 1 June, 1876	" " "	" " "
Browne, T. A.	P.M., Gulgong	15 Dec., 1875 1 Feb., 1876	14 days 7 days	" "
Brodie, W. A.	Assistant C.P.S., Parramatta	28 Dec., 1875	2 days	"
Bray, Joshua	C.P.S., Tweed River	5 July, 1876	6 weeks	"
Buchanan, James	P.M., Armidale	15 April, 1876	3 months	"
Bayliss, Henry	P.M., Wagga Wagga	11 Nov., 1875	2 months and 10 days	"
Brooks, J.	P.M., Singleton	1 May, 1876	2 days	"
Cleeve, J. K.	C.P.S., Penrith	19 Mar., 1875 5 May, 1875 24 Aug., 1875 19 Jan., 1876 25 Mar., 1876 21 July, 1876	" " " 4 days 1 day 2 days	" " " " " "
Casey, J. B.	" Kempsey	12 Mar., 1875	2 weeks	"
Caswell, W. S.	P.M., Moruya	24 Mar., 1875 19 April, 1876	1 week 3 weeks	" "
Connell, Henry	" Kiama	1 Sept., 1875 12 Jan., 1876	1 week 3 weeks	" "
Delohery, C.	C.P.S., Maitland	9 Mar., 1875 9 Feb., 1876	1 week 2 days	" "
Dudding, W.	" Singleton	22 Sept., 1875 3 Mar., 1876	3 days 1 day	" "
Donaldson, L. S.	" Gulgong	1 Feb., 1876	7 days	"
Davidson, F. B.	Clerk, Water Police Office	17 Feb., 1876	3 weeks	"
Dalton, F.	P.M., Lachlan	8 April, 1876	14 days	"
Edwards, F. W.	" Coonabarabran	22 Mar., 1875	3 weeks	"
Evans, W. T.	C.P.S., Orange	21 April, 1875	1 week	"
Elliott, H. S.	P.M., Richmond River	8 Dec., 1875	1 month	"
Edwards, J. K.	C.P.S., Young	18 April, 1876	"	"
Fielder, F. S.	Registrar, District Court, Bathurst	8 April, 1875	1 week	"
Do.	Clerk, Water Police Office	6 June, 1876 12 July, 1876	" 1 month	" "
Fraser, A. C.	Clerk of the Peace	27 Dec., 1875	2 days	"
Do.	"	21 Jan., 1876	"	"
Fraser, W. W.	Clerk, Central Police Office	8 Mar., 1876	2 months	"
Graham, J. B.	P.M., Tenterfield	8 July, 1875 19 June, 1876	10 days 1 week	" "
Gordon, Henry	" Wollombi	28 Sept., 1875	14 days	"
Garrett, John	" Seone	14 April, 1875 15 Oct., 1875 22 Feb., 1876	14 days 14 days 2 days	" " "
Giles, James	C.P.S., Bombala	12 June, 1876	4 days	"
Hales, F. B.	" Bathurst	21 July, 1875	4 days	"
Holroyd, A. T.	Master in Equity	4 Jan., 1876	3 weeks	"
Keon, G. P.	P.M., Eden	12 April, 1875	1 month	"
Keightley, H. M.	" Wallington	17 Mar., 1875 18 Jan., 1876 1 April, 1876	5 weeks 1-month 12 months	" " "
Kelleher, Mary Paula	Infant Teacher, R. C. Orphan School	4 Feb., 1876	1 month	"
Leary, George	C.P.S., Mudgee	7 May, 1875	1 month	"
Lovegrove, W.	" Shoalhaven	10 May, 1875 1 Mar., 1876	3 weeks 14 days	" "
Lee, Benjamin	P.M., Bathurst	23 Aug., 1875	1 week	"
Love, William	" Gundagai	1 Sept., 1875	1 week	"
Lumsdaine, Alexander	C.P.S., Moruya	24 April, 1876	1 week	"
Lucas, J. A.	Chief Clerk, District Court, Sydney	3 Mar., 1876	1 month	"
Macarthur, F. C.	C.P.S., Hill End	5 April, 1875 20 Oct., 1875	1 week 24 days	" "
Martin, George	P.M. and C.P.S., Glen Innes	1 April, 1875 8 Sept., 1875 6 June, 1876	6 weeks 14 days 6 weeks	" " "
Mactaggart, M.	P.M., Walgett	21 April, 1875	1 month	"
Meares, W. D.	C.P.S., Central Police Office P.M., Mudgee	10 June, 1875 2 Sept., 1875 15 Oct., 1875	2 weeks 9 days 14 days	" " "
M'Cauley, T. G.	Clerk, Department of Justice	14 Sept., 1875	1 week	"

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE—continued.

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
M'Diarmid, R. N.	Clerk, Department of Justice.	13 Sept., 1875	14 days	Full salary.
		4 Oct., 1875	14 days	"
		11 Nov., 1875	1 month	"
		8 May, 1876	2 months	"
Mair, James	P.M., Deniliquin	1 Nov., 1875	7 weeks	"
Maybury, C. E. B.	C.P.S., Bathurst	28 Dec., 1875	1 week	"
M'Donald, J.	" Tamworth	28 Dec., 1875	30 days	"
Marsh, J. M.	Water Police Magistrate	10 Jan., 1876	16 days	"
Makin, H. T.	Asst. C.P.S., Berrima	8 Mar., 1876	3 days	"
M'Guinn, L.	C.P.S., Dubbo	10 April, 1876	3 months	"
M'Kell, T. C. K.	Registrar, District Court, Bathurst	29 April, 1876	1 week	"
Macarthur, L.	Clerk, Department of Justice	4 Oct., 1875	30 days	"
		15 Nov., 1875	7 days	"
		4 May, 1876	14 days	"
Maunsell, G.	P.M., Moama	5 Mar., 1875	1 week	"
Norton, J. O.	" Dubbo	9 July, 1875	14 days	"
Neale, T. H.	" Hartley	10 Jan., 1876	"	"
North, E. J. C.	C.P.S., Carcoar	7 Jan., 1876	1 week	"
Parker, W. F.	" Grenfell	8 Mar., 1875	7 days	"
		10 Aug., 1875	3 days	"
Perrott, R. I.	" Port Macquarie	21 May, 1875	7 weeks	"
		12 July, 1876	1 month	"
Pearce, J. E.	P.M., Hay	10 Sept., 1875	"	"
Payten, C. N.	Clerk, Water Police Office	18 April, 1876	14 days	"
Robertson, W. F.	Asst. C.P.S., Goulburn	25 May, 1875	3 weeks	"
		14 Aug., 1875	2 days	"
Russell, Lieut.-Col.	P.M., Queanbeyan	" 1875	1 week	"
		21 Jan., 1876	"	"
Reeve, Edward	" Gosford	6 Oct., 1875	3 days	"
Russell, H. C.	Government Astronomer	21 Feb., 1875	9 months	"
Raynor, E. B.	C.P.S., Gunning	25 April, 1876	1 week	"
Rossi, F. R. L.	Registrar, District Court, Goulburn	10 Mar., 1876	2 months	"
Smith, James	P.M., Maitland	1 Mar., 1875	3 months	"
Scott, Helenus	" Newcastle	6 Dec., 1875	6 months	"
Snape, Philip	" Bulladelah	13 April, 1875	1 month	"
		19 June, 1875	1 week	"
		4 May, 1876	24 days	"
Smith, H. A.	C.P.S., Campbelltown	27 July, 1875	1 day	"
Scott, Captain D. C. F.	P.M., Central Police Office	1 June, 1876	6 months	"
Smith, T. A.	" Trunkey	6 Nov., 1875	1 month	"
Smith, J. H.	Clerk, Department of Justice	16 Dec., 1875	10 days	"
Thomas, W. H.	C.P.S., Grafton	1 May, 1875	1 month	"
Turner, A. A.	" Wollongong	" 1876	4 days	"
Weston, W. C.	" Coonamble	10 May, 1875	8 days	"
Wilshire, J. T.	" Scone	6 April, 1875	14 days	"
		23 July, 1875	3 days	"
		21 Dec., 1875	14 days	"
		17 Jan., 1876	12 months	"
Wilshire, F. R.	P.M., Berrima	22 Feb., 1875	3 days	"
		6 April, 1875	"	"
		23 Aug., 1875	"	"
		18 Nov., 1875	5 days	"
		23 Feb., 1876	1 week	"
Whitting, A.	Schoolmaster, Protstnt. O. School.	5 Dec., 1875	14 days	"

The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 29 November, 1876.

With reference to your letter of the 8th August last, on the subject of a Return of leaves of absence which the Colonial Secretary proposed to lay on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, I have now the honor, by desire of the Colonial Treasurer, to enclose a Return embracing the necessary information with regard to the Departments under the control of the Treasurer.

I have, &c.,

G. EAGAR.

RETURN showing the names and offices of Civil Servants in the Departments under the control of the Colonial Treasurer who have received leave of absence since 9th February, 1875, the date and period of such leave, and the salary on which granted.

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.				
C. L. Boyce	Clerk, Account Branch	22 Feb., 1876	3 weeks	Full pay.
W. H. Barracough	Clerk, Revenue Branch	30 Aug., 1875	3 "	"
H. J. S. Bowdler	" "	8 Feb., 1875	2 months	Half pay.
"	" "	7 Mar., 1876	1 week	Full pay.
"	" "	13 June, 1876	1 "	"
"	" "	3 Aug., 1876	2 weeks	"
R. A. Canter	" "	12 Feb., 1875	1 month	"
"	" "	8 July, 1876	6 weeks	"
Victor Cohen	" "	28 Oct., 1875	1 week	"
S. R. Corkhill	Clerk, Pay Branch	23 Mar., 1875	3 weeks	"
Hubert Dillon	Clerk, Revenue Branch	7 Oct., 1875	3 "	"

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—continued.

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT—				
<i>continued.</i>				
A. E. Evans	Clerk, Record Branch	20 Dec., 1875	1 week	Full pay.
G. Hanson	Clerk, Revenue Branch	19 April, 1875	1 month	"
P. J. Holdsworth	"	15 May, 1875	3 weeks	"
N. Lockyer	"	10 April, 1876	3 weeks	"
B. McGibbon	"	27 Mar., 1876	1 month	"
J. W. Meikle	Clerk, Account Branch	3 Nov., 1875	2 weeks	"
W. Newcombe	Receiver	29 Mar., 1876	3 "	"
N. Neale	Clerk, Account Branch	31 July, 1875	3 "	"
"	"	7 April, 1876	2 "	"
James A. Oatley	"	10 Dec., 1875	3 "	"
Edwin Oatley	"	24 June, 1875	4 "	"
W. Pownall	Clerk, Correspondence Branch	1 April, 1876	2 "	"
F. C. Rooke	Clerk, Pay Branch	22 Jan., 1876	2 months	"
G. H. Reid	Chief Clerk of Correspondence	1 Dec., 1875	2 weeks	"
J. S. Walford	Clerk, Record Branch	3 Sept., 1875	2 "	"
CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.				
R. L. Eames	Tide Surveyor, Sydney	2 Mar., 1875	1 month and 14 days	£325.
M. D'Arcy	Clerk, Sydney	3 Mar., 1875	10 days	£205.
T. Brooks	Locker, Sydney	6 April, 1875	5 weeks	£200.
A. H. Pegus	Landing-waiter, Clarence Heads	8 April, 1875	6 "	£200.
J. N. Stubbin	" Sydney	14 April, 1875	2 "	£225.
W. Beck	"	4 May, 1875	3 "	£225.
J. Jones	Warrant Officer, Sydney	17 June, 1875	1 month	£130.
W. Robertson	Locker, Sydney	17 June, 1875	2 weeks	£225.
J. Baxter	"	17 June, 1875	2 "	£200.
W. J. Browne	Tide Surveyor, Newcastle	20 Aug., 1875	2 "	£300.
F. Huntley	Locker, Sydney	13 Aug., 1875	7 days	£275.
D. Howell	Landing-waiter, Sydney	17 Aug., 1875	16 "	£315.
S. Harper	Locker, Sydney	9 Sept., 1875	7 "	£250.
A. Fraser	Landing-waiter, Sydney	30 Sept., 1875	12 weeks	£315.
T. Fancourt	Warehousekeeper, Sydney	23 Oct., 1875	8 days	£450.
J. D. Lankester	Landing-waiter, Sydney	4 Nov., 1875	4 weeks	£365.
T. T. Faris	Officer of Customs, Corowa	18 Nov., 1875	1 month	£150.
J. B. Spencer	Locker, Sydney	3 Jan., 1876	1 week	£250.
G. Lewis	Landing-waiter, Sydney	1 Feb., 1876	4 weeks	£315.
P. Nihill	Sub-Collector, Corowa	1 Feb., 1876	10 days	£250.
J. Johnstone	Officer of Customs, Tindeldra	2 Feb., 1876	2 months and 28 days	£200.
H. Ikin	Locker, Sydney	28 Feb., 1876	3 months	£250.
C. St. Julian	Landing-waiter, Sydney	24 Feb., 1876	1 month	£315.
R. M. Russell	Tide Surveyor, Sydney	28 Feb., 1876	3 months	£375.
R. Small	Clerk, Sydney	8 Feb., 1876	2 months and 5 days	£375.
T. C. Grant	Sub-Collector, Grafton	1 April, 1876	1 month	£275.
C. C. Pope	Clerk, Sydney	18 April, 1876	1 week	£250.
E. Chapman	Locker, Sydney	2 May, 1876	1 month	£250.
J. Jones	Messenger (Warrant Officer), Sydney	8 May, 1876	2 weeks	£130.
G. Lewis	Landing-waiter, Sydney	15 May, 1876	12 months	£157 10s.—half pay.
T. Thompson	"	15 May, 1876	3 "	£365.
J. Swyny	Sub-Collector, Albury	7 June, 1876	14 days	£300.
A. T. Lloyd	Locker, Sydney	20 June, 1876	4 weeks	£250.
P. Joyce	Officer of Customs, Albury	22 June, 1876	3 "	£200.
O. C. O. Paschen	Landing-waiter, Sydney	24 June, 1876	1 week	£315.
N. Neale	"	14 July, 1876	1 month	£315.
F. W. Twine	"	14 Aug., 1876	6 weeks	£315.
STAMP DUTIES.				
William Hemming	Commissioner	31 May, 1875	8 days	£500.
David Hill	Accountant	17 Jan., 1876	19 weeks and 3 days	£250.
COLONIAL DISTILLERIES AND REFINERIES.				
Clunes G. Reid	Inspector of Distilleries	26 Nov., 1875	13 weeks and 2 days	Full pay.
"	"	4 July, 1876	1 week	"
Robert Blake	Senior Inspector of Distilleries	12 Aug., 1875	4 weeks and 3 days	"
"	"	14 Aug., 1876	4 "	"
John W. Weekes	Inspector of Distilleries	8 May, 1876	4 "	"
G. H. Barney	"	3 May, 1876	4 days	"
G. Waring	"	3 Aug., 1876	2 weeks	"
Dalway Bell	"	14 July, 1876	3 "	"
IMPERIAL PENSION OFFICE.				
Geo. E. Labertouche	Paymaster	1 Sept., 1875	1 month	Full pay.
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.				
Thomas Richards	Government Printer	4 Nov., 1875	3 weeks	£600.
John S. Lynch	Publisher	30 June, 1876	Members of Philadelphia Rifle Team	£240.
Daniel Gee	Pressman	30 June, 1876		£200.
COLONIAL STORE DEPARTMENT.				
L. J. Brennan	Superintendent of Stores	26 Aug., 1875	4 weeks	£400.

SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	When granted.	For what period.	On what Salary.
ORDNANCE AND BARRACK DEPARTMENT.				
E. C. Haviland	Chief Clerk	8 April, 1876	5 days	Full pay.
W. D. May	Clerk	8 June, 1876	16 "	"
E. Hore	"	8 Oct., 1875	1 month	"
T. J. Brady	"	31 July, 1876	12 days	"
E. Newman	Foreman of Magazine, Spectacle Island.	13 Dec., 1875	7 weeks	"
D. Reilly	Foreman, Ordnance-yard	16 June, 1876	11 weeks	"
	Labourer, "	22 Sept., 1875	8 days	"
		10 May, 1875	7 weeks and 2 days	"
SHIPPING MASTER.				
John Parker	First Clerk	27 Mar., 1876	1 month	Full pay.
Henry Maxted	Clerk	5 June, 1876	1 "	"
"	"	7 July, 1876	1 "	Half pay.
GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS.				
Joseph Jager	Assistant Inspector	2 May, 1876	1 month	Full pay.
MARINE BOARD OF NEW SOUTH WALES.				
J. Siddins	Light-keeper, Macquarie Light	2 Mar., 1875	3 weeks	£180.
J. Priest	Assistant Light-keeper, Port Stephens Light.	31 Mar., 1875	2 "	£96.
C. Harrold	Assistant Harbour-master	17 Jan., 1876	1 month	£250.
J. R. Myhill	Harbor-master	15 Feb., 1876	1 "	£350.
A. Coutis	Pilot, Sydney	15 Feb., 1876	14 days	£350.
J. H. Craig	" Shoalhaven	2 Feb., 1876	14 "	£175.
R. M. Tranent	" Moruya	12 July, 1876	14 "	£175.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
27 November, 1876.

The Under Secretary for Mines to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

Department of Mines, Sydney, 11 December, 1876.

I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary for Mines, to furnish the annexed particulars with a view to the completion of the Return named in your letter of the 8th of August last, so far as it relates to the officers of this Department.

2. I am instructed to add that the Return does not include ordinary leave of absence for short periods.

I have, &c.,

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary for Mines.

SCHEDULE of particulars respecting Officers under the control of the Hon. the Secretary for Mines who have received leave of absence.

Name of Officer.	Office.	Period.	With or without Salary.
James Buchanan	Warden at Armidale	1st April to 30th June, 1876	With salary—£500 per annum.
H. W. Powell	Clerk, Department of Mines	1st March, 1875, to 31st August, 1876.	Without salary.

N.B.—This Return does not include leave of absence for short periods, *e.g.*, for three weeks or under.

Department of Mines,
Sydney, 11 December, 1876.

HARRIE WOOD,

Under Secretary for Mines.

The Under Secretary for Public Works to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 20 October, 1876.

In reply to your letter of the 8th August last, I am directed by the Secretary for Public Works to enclose a Return of the officers of this department who have received leave of absence during the period between the 9th February, 1875, and the 27th July, 1876, in reference to Mr. Piddington's question of the latter date.

I have, &c.,

GERALD HALLIGAN,

(For U.S.)

RETURN of the Officers in the Public Works Department who have received leave of absence between 9th February, 1875, and 27th July, 1876.

Name.	When granted.	Length of time.	Position.	Salary.
Melton S. Love	1 April, 1876	1 month	Record Clerk	£225 per annum.

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 21 October, 1876.

GERALD HALLIGAN,

(For U.S.)

RETURN

RETURN of the Officers in the Railway Branch who have received leave of absence between 9th February, 1875, and 27th July, 1876.

Names.	When granted.	For what period.	Position.	On what Salary.
A. Richardson	13 Mar., 1875	2 weeks	Storekeeper	£350.
Jno. Higgs	8 April, 1875	8 days	Traffic Manager, North	£500.
Jno. Scale	16 April, 1875	10 "	Assistant Audit Clerk	} £250.
	23 Dec., 1875	4 "	"	
J. T. Manson	16 April, 1875	7 "	Station-master, Camberwell	£130 and house.
Jno. Walker	14 May, 1875	7 "	" Wallsend	£125
Jas. Purchase	25 May, 1875	7 "	Clerk, Store, North	7/ per day.
James Higgs	2 June, 1875	11 "	Station-master, Parramatta Junction	} £225 and house.
	4 Jan., 1876	8 "	"	
L. J. Marks	12 June, 1875	1 month	Clerk, Head Office	£175.
J. H. McTalland	15 June, 1875	4 days	" Audit Branch	} £150.
	20 May, 1876	14 "	"	
E. Herald	17 June, 1875	14 "	Station-master, Newcastle	} £225 and house.
	10 July, 1876	17 "	"	
Jas. R. Thomson	10 May, 1875	8 "	" Rydal	} £150 and house.
	23 June, 1876	8 weeks	"	
C. A. Neale	15 May, 1876	10 days	Clerk, Audit Branch	£150.
M. Kenny	14 June, 1875	4 "	" Murrurundi	8/ per day.
F. W. Cox	12 June, 1875	19 "	Station-master, Murrurundi	£250 and house.
J. J. Keelie	28 July, 1875	10 "	Clerk, Account Branch	£150.
S. D. Hancock	2 Aug., 1875	7 "	" Audit Office	} £170.
	21 April, 1876	14 "	"	
F. Robinson	5 Aug., 1875	14 "	" Murrurundi	9/ per day.
W. T. A. Smith	6 Aug., 1875	5 "	" Newcastle	£200.
E. Gjedsted	20 Aug., 1875	7 "	Draftsman	£250.
J. M'Nab	15 Sept., 1875	7 "	Station-master, Tarana	} £150 and house.
	22 April, 1876	7 "	"	
W. Simpson	12 Oct., 1875	14 "	" Homebush	£150
G. Bonamy	7 Oct., 1875	14 "	" Ashfield	} £150
	9 June, 1876	9 "	"	
F. B. Nield	4 Oct., 1875	26 "	Cashier, North	£200.
Geo. Farquhar	6 Nov., 1875	10 "	Station-master, Sutton Forest	£150 and house.
W. Oakes	23 Dec., 1875	7 "	Clerk, Audit Branch	£170.
A. Moodie	10 Dec., 1875	7 "	Station-master, Marulan	£175 and house.
W. J. Titterton	21 Dec., 1875	14 "	" Burwood	£150
J. Drewitt	1 Feb., 1876	9 months	Chief Draftsman	£600.
W. Scott	14 Mar., 1876	1 month	Locomotive Superintendent	£500.
J. T. Bryant	21 Jan., 1876	1 "	Cashier	£350.
W. Morse	7 Feb., 1876	14 days	Station-master, Hoxham	£150 and house.
S. E. Hewett	11 Feb., 1876	7 "	Telegraph Clerk, Redfern	£52.
G. J. Roberts	24 Feb., 1876	1 month	Station-master, Gunning	£250 and house.
Chas. Morris	18 April, 1876	14 days	" Picton	£175
Jas. Wallace	24 April, 1876	14 "	" East Maitland	£175
S. Pass	10 May, 1876	10 "	" Kelso	£150
M. Russell	24 July, 1876	1 month	Draftsman	£350.
W. Crook	24 June, 1876	10 days	Station-master, Mount Victoria	£175 and house.
Thos. Crothers	5 July, 1876	10 "	" Wollombi Road	£130
A. Levien	9 July, 1876	14 "	Clerk, West Maitland	48/ per week.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,
Secretary.

20/10/76.

RETURN of Officers in the Harbours and Rivers Branch, who have received leave of absence between the 9th February, 1875, and 27th July, 1876.

Name.	Office.	When.	Length of time.	Salary.
Samuel Steel	Book-keeper and Cashier	September, 1875	1 month	Full pay.
Charles Berthon	District Engineer, Murrumbidgee River.	November, 1875	1 month	Do.
Samuel M. Burrows	Clerk	November and December, 1875.	1 month	Do.
John G. Laing	Draftsman	April and May, 1876.	1 month	Do.
John Bibb	Clerk	May and June, 1876.	1 month	Do.

pro E.O.M., J.W.

RETURN

RETURN of leave granted to Public Officers, &c., during the present Administration—(asked for by Mr. Piddington, M.P., on 27th July, 1876),—Colonial Architect's Department.

Date.	Name of Officer.	Office.	Length of leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
27 February, 1875	H. Chapman	Chief Clerk	3 weeks	£ 500	
16 March, 1875	A. G. Edwards	Draftsman	3 "	200	
30 April, 1875	J. T. Neale	Clerk	3 "	300	
24 October, 1875	J. M'Shane	Do.	1 week	350	Sick leave on medical certificate.
2 November, 1875	G. B. Stack	Do.	3 weeks	200	As member of Intercolonial Rifle Team.
December to February, 1876.	A. Cook	Chief Draftsman and Instructor of Cadets.	9 "	400	Sick leave on medical certificate.
November, 1875	T. M'Crackan	Clerk of Works	4 "	450	
12 February, 1876	E. Colley	Do.	2 "	350	Sick leave on medical certificate.
February and March, 1876.	J. Peattie	Draftsman	1 month	150	Do. do.
14 March, 1876	H. Chapman	Chief Clerk	3 weeks	500	Do. do.
10 April, 1876	A. G. Edwards	Draftsman	3 "	200	Do. do.
20 June, 1876	A. Springthorpe	Clerk on probation	2 "	100	
July, 1876	A. M. Blake	Temporary Draftsman	2 "	150	Sick leave on medical certificate.
July, 1876	R. Faulkner	Cadet	1 week	Nil.	Do. do.

Colonial Architect's Office,
Sydney, 29 September, 1876.

JAMES BARNET,
Colonial Architect.

RETURN of Officers of the Roads Branch of the Public Works Department, who have received leave of absence during the present Administration, together with the offices held by them, the length of time absent, and the rates of salaries received while absent.

- 1.—P. H. Flynn, Accountant; one month leave of absence; salary, £325 per annum (sick leave).
- 2.—W. F. Bundoock, Road Superintendent; 3 weeks leave of absence; salary, £300 per annum, with £125 travelling allowance.

WILLIAM C. BENNETT.

Roads Department,
15 August, 1876.

The Secretary, General Post Office, to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

Sydney, 21 August, 1876.

With reference to your letter, dated the 8th instant, requesting certain information for a Return which the Colonial Secretary purposes to lay on the Table of the Legislative Assembly in answer to the questions of Mr. Piddington on the 27th ultimo, relating to leave of absence granted to Civil Servants and Ministers of Religion during the present Administration, I am directed to annex the particulars of the only instances in connection with the Departments under the control of the Postmaster General in which officers have been permitted to leave the Colony.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

OFFICERS to whom leave of absence from the Colony has been granted under the present Administration.

Department.	Civil Servants.	When.	For what period.	On what Salary.	
General Post Office	Chas. Nightingale	Accountant, General Post Office	1 July, 1875	12 months	Half salary of £450, i.e. £225 per annum.
" "	" "	" "	" 1876	3 months	" "
Electric Telegraphs	Edward Chas. Cracknell	Superintendent, Electric Telegraphs.	15 May, 1876	6 months	£800 per annum.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO CIVIL OFFICERS.
(FURTHER AND FINAL RETURN.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 15 January, 1877.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,
Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant, and previous ones, requesting to be supplied with certain information necessary to the preparation of a return which the Honorable the Colonial Secretary proposes to lay on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, in answer to questions put to him by Mr. Piddington, M.P., on the 27th of July last, respecting Leave of Absence to Civil Servants and Ministers of Religion during the present Administration, I am directed to forward herewith the enclosed return showing the particulars asked for, so far as regards this Department.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 12 January, 1877.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

1.—DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

RETURN showing the names, offices, dates, length of time, and salaries of the Officers connected with this Department who have been granted Leave of Absence during the present Administration.

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
W. W. Stephen	Under Secretary	— June, 1876...	6 weeks	£ 800	Partly official business.
A. O. Moriarty	Chief Clerk	— April, 1876...	1 month	600	Sick leave.
		— Sept., 1876...	1 "	...	Partly on duty.
W. Blackman	Clerk	— Aug., 1875...	5 weeks	450	
C. E. Neate	"	25 May, 1875...	1 month	350	
J. H. Johnson	"	— July, 1876...	2 months	350	
W. C. Edwards	"	1 Mar., 1876...	13 weeks 6 days	300	
C. E. Phillips*	"	— Sept., 1875...	10 months	300	Sick leave; six months' half-pay.
F. Croft	"	1 June, 1876...	1 month	250	Sick leave.
E. Patterson	"	20 Sept., 1876...	3 weeks	250	
Frank Williams	"	15 Nov., 1876...	1 month	250	
T. Banks	"	3 April, 1876...	2 weeks	250	Sick leave.
E. Bell	"	— Jan., 1876...	10 months	200	Sick leave; six months' half-pay.
J. G. Blaxland	"	5 July, 1876...	3 weeks	200	
T. Horton	"	1 Dec., 1875...	3 "	200	
H. Curry	"	— Mar., 1876...	3 "	200	
W. H. Tunks	"	10 June, 1876...	3 "	200	
W. McDonald	"	1 Nov., 1876...	3 "	200	
N. Wallis	"	— Nov., 1875...	2 "	200	
Fredk. Williams	"	29 May, 1876...	1 "	250	
Do.	"	28 Sept., 1876...	1 "	250	
Hubert Rich	"	17 Jan., 1876...	13 weeks 6 days	200	Sick leave.
J. R. McDonald	"	5 Oct., 1875...	3 weeks	150	
A. Salway	"	17 Oct., 1876...	10 days	150	
J. Bailie	"	1 Mar., 1876...	2 weeks	100	
T. F. F. Milford	"	12 Dec., 1875...	1 week	100	
Thos. Ward	"	27 Dec., 1876...	1 "	100	
H. R. Hore	"	— Nov., 1876...	2 weeks	150	
F. Haynes	Temporary Clerk	27 Nov., 1876...	2 "	5/ p'r day	
W. Sturrock	"	21 Dec., 1876...	2 "	50	
G. O'M. Clarke	Com. Con. Purch.	8 June, 1876...	7 days	500	
Do.	"	3 Oct., 1876...	7 "	500	
John Delaney	"	22 Dec., 1875...	3 weeks	500	
R. C. Franks	Inspe. Con. Pur.	6 Oct., 1875...	1 month	350	
Do.	"	16 Oct., 1876...	1 "	350	
Thos. Argent	"	1 May, 1875...	1 "	350	
Do.	"	1 July, 1876...	2 weeks	350	
Thos. J. Hawkins	"	— June, 1876...	10 days	350	

* Still absent on sick leave.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
John Higgins	Inspec. Con. Pur.	17 Dec., 1875	4 months	£ 350	Sick leave.
Do.	"	26 June, 1876	7 days	350	
Joseph C. Page	"	27 April, 1876	14 "	350	
Do.	"	21 Aug., 1876	3 "	350	
Do.	"	2 Nov., 1876	3 "	350	
Chas. Cropper	"	19 Sept., 1876	14 "	350	
R. B. Hays	Asst. Land Agent	6 Oct., 1876	6 "	20	
Ed. Haurshah	"	— Dec., 1875	7 "	225	
John King	"	1 July, 1875	8 weeks	225	
Do.	"	11 April, 1876	4 "	225	
J. H. Tompson	"	18 Dec., 1875	14 days	225	
F. Korff	"	10 Aug., 1875	14 "	225	
A. W. Armour	"	29 Dec., 1875, to 12 Jan., 1876.	14 "	100	
C. H. B. Primrose	"	1875	3 weeks	150	
Do.	"	1876	1 month	225	
Do.	"	— Jan., 1877	7 days	225	

2.—SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

RETURN showing the names, offices, dates, length of time, and salaries of the Officers connected with this Department who have been granted leave of absence during the time the present Ministry has been in office.

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
P. F. Adams	Surveyor General	August, 1875	1 week	£ 1,000	3 weeks sick leave in 1876.
R. D. Fitzgerald	Deputy do.	Nil	Nil	800	
T. H. Lewis	Draftsman	May, 1875	3 weeks	500	
J. W. Ellis	"	February, 1875	5 "	450	
J. A. C. Willis	"	April, 1876	3 "		
J. Sangster	"	January, 1875	3 "	450	
C. E. Finch	"	April, 1876	3 "		
J. Sangster	"	August, 1875	3 "	400	
C. E. Finch	"	October, 1875	1 "		
A. Johnson	"	February, 1876	3 "	400	
J. Stack	"	April, 1875	3 "		
F. W. Rutter	"	1876	4 "	350	
A. J. Stopps	"	December, 1875	3 "		
T. Stevens	"	June, 1876	3 days	300	
J. F. Goggin	"	February, 1875	3 weeks	300	
G. Lewis	"	March, 1876	3 "	300	
W. D. Armstrong	"	May, 1875	3 "	300	
W. Freeman	"	Nil	Nil	300	
E. Gerard	"	1875-6	5 days	300	
G. Long	"	September, 1875	3 weeks	300	
F. W. Watt	"	March, 1875	3 "	300	
D. H. Chisholm	"	" 1876	3 "		
T. Elwin	"	" 1875	3 "		
T. Callachor	"	" 1876	3 "	300	
H. A. Allan	"	" 1876	3 "		
H. Wickham	"	August, 1875	3 "	300	
W. Houston	"	May, 1875	3 "		
N. Trengrouse	"	December, 1875	1 "	300	
T. Healey	"	May, 1876	3 "		
W. Baker	"	February, 1875	3 "	300	
G. R. Packer	"	January, 1876	3 "		
S. L. Peyton	"	1875	4 "	300	
J. J. Walters	"	May, 1875	3 "		
M. O'C. Blake	"	March, 1875	3 "	250	
M. Canty	"	June, 1876	1 week		
H. Hare	"	June, 1876	4 days	250	
P. J. Hogan	"	Nil	Nil	250	
A. J. Burnall	"	October, 1875	3 weeks	250	
L. G. J. Bennett	"	November, 1875	3 "	250	
W. Hall	"	July, 1876	3½ days	200	
H. P. Rich	"	Nil	Nil	200	
G. J. Day	"	February, 1875	1 week	200	
		1876	2 weeks		
		September, 1875	3 "	200	
		June, 1876	3 "		
		April, 1875	3 "	200	
		" 1876	3 "		

About 3 months, owing to severe illness in family.

SURVEY DEPARTMENT—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
A. Gall	Draftsman	January, 1876	3 weeks	£ 200	
C. E. Rennie	"	June and July, 1876	3½ "	200	
G. Cansdell	"	January, 1876	3 "	200	
A. J. Harc	"	February, 1876	3 "	200	
R. W. Langstaff	"	March, 1875	3 "	200	
R. G. S. Bransby	"	April, 1876	3 "	200	
J. D. Reecc	"	October, 1875	3 "	200	November 1875, 4 weeks sick leave.
W. Muller	"	June, 1875	3 "	200	
G. C. Robinson	"	1875-6	3 days	200	
C. Saunders	"	Nil	Nil	200	
J. T. Keating	"	January, 1876	3 weeks	200	
J. Burt	"	November, 1875	3 "	200	
J. J. Callachor	"	December, 1875	3 "	200	
J. T. Small	"	May, 1876	4 "	150	
W. Collis	Field assistant	December, 1875	3 "	150	
R. Shelton	Super. draftsman	October, 1875	4 "	75	
E. H. Johnson	"	March, 1876	3 weeks	75	
W. F. Day	"	December, 1875	3 "	75	
T. Campbell	"	" 1875	3 "	75	3 weeks sick leave. Aug., 1876.
C. T. Arnheim	"	September, 1875	3 "	75	
A. W. Stephen	"	February, 1876	3 "	75	6 weeks sick leave.
J. Tayler	Draftsman	May, 1875	3 weeks	350	
G. W. Sharp	Engraver	June, 1876	3 days	300	
N. Macdonald	Assistant engraver	September, 1875	3 weeks	150	
R. G. Underwood	Description writer	1875 and 1876	4 "	220	
W. H. Aylmer	"	April, 1875	4 days	200	
S. Robinson	"	December, 1875	15 "	100	
J. Eccles	"	May, 1876	3 weeks	285	
J. J. Slade	Lithographic printer	October, 1875	3 "	235	The 8 months leave was granted for the purpose of Mr. Slade's firing in the International Rifle Match, Philadelphia.
P. Ford	"	September, 1875	3 "	175	
J. Bernauer	"	June, 1876	3 months	100	
M. A. McLean	Assistant pressman	July, 1875	3 weeks	150	3 months sick leave, 1875.
W. H. Walker	Auction Branch draftsman.	Nil	Nil	200	
C. T. Rodd	Plan mounter	November, 1875	3 weeks	200	
R. Smith	Custodian of plans	" 1875	3 "	200	2 weeks sick leave. 1876.
E. Stack	Exhibitor and salesman of public maps.	March, 1875	3 "	200	
T. C. L. Symonds	"	" 1876	3 "	200	
J. B. Cobham	Clerk in Charting Branch	November, 1875	3 "	150	2 months sick leave. 1875.
C. S. Christie	Draftsman for preparing county references.	Nil	Nil	100	9 days sick leave. 1876.
J. F. Landers	Assistant lithographer	"	"	450	
J. Davidson	Chief Clerk and Accountant.	"	"	300	
T. Evans	Clerk	October, 1875	3 weeks	300	
F. E. Barnes	"	May, 1875	3 "	200	3 weeks sick leave. 1875.
H. P. Baly	"	February, 1876	3 "	200	
F. G. Hack	"	September, 1875	3 "	150	
T. Alphen	"	October, 1875	3 "	150	
D. Miller	"	Nil	Nil	100	
G. T. A. Teece	"	"	6/-per diem	100	35½ days. 1875, 1876.

Surveyor General's Office,
Sydney, 2 October, 1876.

3.—OCCUPATION OF LANDS.

RETURN of leave of absence granted to Officers of the Department of Occupation of Lands, during the present Administration.

Name.	Office.	Salary.	Period.
A. O. Pretious	Officer in Charge	£500 per annum	3 weeks from 1 November, 1875.
John C. Woore	Commissioner of Crown Lands...	450 "	3 months and 10 days .. 14 December, 1875.
Thomas Lake Crommelin	" ..	450 "	2 months..... " 6 January, 1876.
T. W. Harriott	" ..	450 "	6 weeks
D. A. Byrne	" ..	450 "	6 weeks
John S. Futter	" ..	450 "	1 month
R. B. Dawson	" ..	450 "	1 month and 3 weeks .. 10 April, 1876.
W. V. M. Cooke	" ..	450 "	1 month
" ..	" ..	450 "	1 week..... " 29 March, 1875.
S. W. Daniel	Clerical Assistant to Commissioner of Crown Lands.	100 "	2 weeks
E. Du Faur	Chief Draftsman	500 "	1 week..... " 4 July, 1875.
" ..	" ..	500 "	10 days
" ..	" ..	500 "	2 months..... " 23 September, 1875.
Francis Gerard	Draftsman	250 "	2 months..... " 5 July, 1876.
George A. Mudie	" ..	225 "	3 months..... " 24 August, 1875.
H. S. W. Crummer	" ..	225 "	1 month
" ..	" ..	150 "	1 month
G. Mansfield	Clerk	150 "	1 week..... " 12 July, 1875.
Thos. Jewel Oliver.....	" ..	250 "	3 weeks
" ..	" ..	250 "	3 "
E. O'Dwyer	" ..	250 "	3 "
Thos. Godbee	" ..	200 "	3 "
Geo. Morgan	" ..	200 "	4 months and 3 weeks .. 26 October, 1875.
" ..	" ..	200 "	1 week..... " 11 December, 1875.
Edwin C. Landers	" ..	200 "	3 weeks
Geo. R. Raymond	" ..	200 "	3 "
" ..	" ..	150 "	3 "
A. A. Daniel	" ..	125 "	1 "
" ..	" ..	125 "	1 month and 9 days .. 18 March, 1875.
W. Carron	Forest Ranger	100 "	8 days
James Thynne	Crown Lands Bailiff	100 "	3 weeks
" ..	" ..	225 "	10 days
" ..	" ..	180 "	7 days

Occupation of Lands,
Sydney, 30th August, 1876.

4.—STOCK BRANCH.

RETURN showing the names, offices, dates, length of time, and salaries of the Officers connected with this Branch who have been granted leave of absence during the present Administration.

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
Geo. S. Yeo	Inspector of Sheep	6 May, 1876	Six months.....	£ 250	Full salary, subject to making provision for his work being done whilst on leave.

5.—BOTANIC GARDENS.

RETURN showing the names, offices, dates, length of time, and salaries of the Officers connected with this Branch of the Lands Department, who have been granted leave of absence during the present Administration.

Name.	Office.	Date of Leave.	Length of Leave.	Salary.	Remarks.
M. Wilkinson.....	Late Clerk and Librarian.....	November, 1875...	One month.....	£ 175	Sick leave.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(CASE OF MESSRS. CHISHOLM AND M'CAULEY.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 6 March, 1877.

Correspondence and other papers in reference to the appointments and promotions in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, since 9th January, 1874.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

No. 1.

The Principal Under Secretary to The Minister for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 9 January, 1874.

I am directed to state that the Colonial Secretary approves of the transfer of the undermentioned gentlemen from this department to that of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, namely:—

Mr. Henry John Chisholm, present salary £250 per annum;
Mr. William Byrnes, junr., present salary £150 per annum; and
Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley, present salary £75 per annum.

I have, &c.,

WM. GOODMAN.

No. 2.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 31 January, 1874.

I desire to state for your information that I was transferred as a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, to a similar capacity in this one, on the same arrangement and equality with Mr. Byrnes, at a salary of £150 per annum.

I may state that as my salary was only £75 per annum in the Colonial Secretary's Office, it was arranged between the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and the Hon. the Minister for Justice that provision would be made for the difference of the salary on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year.

I have, &c.,

THOS. G. M'CAULEY.

Additional Estimates.—G.W.A., 2/2/74. Prepare letter to Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, to request the difference may be placed on the Additional Estimates.—W.E.P., 2/2/74.

No. 3.

Treasury Minute.

THE Salary Abstracts with amounts at the rates of 1873 have already been passed on and paid.

In returning the accounts, it must be pointed out that the under-mentioned salaries cannot be paid until the authority of the Executive Council is obtained for their transference from the Colonial Secretary's Department to that of Administration of Justice, viz. :—

H. J. Chisholm	£300
W. Byrnes, junr.	150
T. G. M'Cauley... ..	75

Former payments of this account have been made temporarily from the Advance Vote.
The Under Secretary, Justice and Education.

G.E.

This has been attended to. Fresh abstracts have been substituted for these. The accompanying abstracts have been cancelled. These papers may be put away with Executive authority respecting the transfer of appointment in question.—W.E.P., 24/4/74.

No. 4.

Minute of Executive Council.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 13 April, 1874.

REFERRING to Administrative arrangements of 9th December, 1873, respecting the creation of a new Department, and the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 9th January last, as to transfer of Messrs. Chisholm, Byrnes, and M'Cauley from the Colonial Secretary's Department to that of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, I recommend that the necessary Executive authority be given for such transfer, and the payment of salaries to the gentlemen in question from this department at the rates provided for them by Parliament in respect of the current year, as mentioned in connection with their names respectively, viz. :—

Mr. Henry John Chisholm (Clerk in Charge of Records), £300 per annum;
Mr. William Byrnes, junior (clerk), £150 per annum;
Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley (clerk), £150 per annum.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN.

The Executive Council advise that authority be granted for the transfer of Messrs. H. J. Chisholm (Record Clerk), William Byrnes, junr., T. G. M'Cauley (clerks), from the Department of the Colonial Secretary to the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, receiving the salaries provided by Parliament, to take effect from dates of commencing duty.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,
Clerk of the Council.

Min. 74-17. Approved,—H.R., 15/4/74.

Confirmed, 20/4/74.

14/4/74.

No. 5.

No. 5.

Minute of Executive Council.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 19 June, 1874.

THE necessary provision in the shape of salary having been made by Parliament for a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Bushman's, now called Parkes, I recommend that Mr. Alexander Boswell Armstrong, of this Department, be appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Parkes, with salary at the rate of £175 per annum, from the 1st July.

I also recommend, as the term for which Mr. Frederick Cameron Macarthur accepted the position of Clerk Associate to Mr. Justice Hargrave, will expire on the 30th of June instant, that Mr. Macarthur be appointed seventh clerk in this department, with the salary at the rate of £150 per annum, from the 1st July. And I further recommend that Mr. William Byrnes and Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley be promoted one step each in this department, upon the respective salaries of £162 10s., from the 1st July next ensuing.

Difference between salaries of £160 and £175 to be divided between these gentlemen.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN.

Approved.—H.R., 24/6/74.

The Executive Council approve of the appointment and promotions in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction herein recommended, and advise accordingly.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 74-29, 22/6/74.—Confirmed, 29/6/74.

No. 6.

Minute of Executive Council.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 5 August, 1875.

REFERRING to provision by Parliament in the shape of salary for a secretary to the Attorney General, and to nomination by the Attorney General of the chief clerk of this department, Mr. Alexander Greville, as his secretary,—

I recommend the following promotions and appointment in this department, with salaries specified in connexion with the names of the undermentioned gentlemen respectively:—

Mr. Thomas Edwin M'Nevin, second clerk, to be chief clerk at £375 per annum;

Mr. Henry John Chisholm, third clerk, to be second clerk (in charge of Records), at £350 per annum;

Mr. James Joseph Reilly, fourth clerk, to be third clerk at £250 per annum;

Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley, sixth clerk, to be fourth clerk at £175 per annum;

Mr. William Byrnes, jun., to remain, as at present, fifth clerk, at £165 per annum; to take effect from 1st January last;

Mr. Leslie Macarthur, seventh clerk, to be sixth clerk at £165 per annum;

Mr. John Rainsford, eighth clerk, to be seventh clerk, at £150 per annum; to take effect from 1st April last; and

Mr. Robert Neil M'Diarmid, supernumerary, to be eighth clerk at £100 per annum, from 31st April last.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

Approved.—H.R., 10/8/75.

The Executive Council advise that the several promotions and appointments in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction herein recommended be approved.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,
Clerk of the Council.

Min. 75-39, 10 August, 1875.—Confirmed, 16 August, 1875.

Memo:—It is presumed that the £50, difference between £300 and £350, salary sanctioned for Mr. Chisholm, second clerk in the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, may be charged as a temporary arrangement against the Public Advance Account, and that the £50 saved in the Department on the salary of Mr. Reilly, third clerk, £250, in place of £300, will be retained in the Treasury until otherwise ordered, and that the necessary adjustment may be made in due course.

Notice to *Gazette*. Treasury informed, 18/8/75.—W.E.P.

No. 7.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 18 August, 1875.

I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to state, for the information of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in this department:—

Mr. Thomas Edwin MacNevin, second clerk, to be chief clerk, at £375 per annum;

Mr. Henry John Chisholm, third clerk, to be second clerk, at £350 per annum;

Mr. James Joseph Reilly, fourth clerk, to be third clerk, at £250 per annum;

Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley, sixth clerk, to be fourth clerk, at £175 per annum;

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Mr. Robert Neil M'Diarmid, supernumerary, to be eighth clerk, at £100 per annum, from 21st April last.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,
Under Secretary.

No. 8.

Vide Government Gazette
No. 220,
17 August, 1875.

No. 8.

Mr. Thos. E. MacNevin to The Minister for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 25 October, 1875.

As the Estimates for the ensuing year will shortly be under consideration, I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to recommend to the Minister of Justice that my salary, £375 per annum, be increased to £500 per annum, which is the usual (and lowest) salary paid to Chief Clerks in the other Ministerial Departments, as will be seen from the attached statement. I may perhaps remind you, that in the creation of the new Department of Mines, the salary of the Chief Clerk was fixed at £500 per annum, and voted by Parliament on the Minister's representation that it was the usual amount received by officers of that rank.

I respectfully submit that the nature, importance, and extent of the duties of the Chief Clerk of this department require equal intelligence, and in some respects higher general capabilities than those devolving upon some Chief Clerks in other Ministerial Offices.

As to the manner in which I have discharged the onerous duties of my position, I venture to express the notice that you will have no hesitation to bear testimony to my zeal, industry, and attention to business. For myself, I can conscientiously affirm, and feel bound in simple justice to my interests to state, that I have devoted my best energies—the greater part of my leisure time—remaining at the office long after the regular office hours, and for some time past working at home till late at night to prevent official inconvenience arising by the business being in arrear, in consequence of the reduced strength of the staff being unable to keep pace with the work, which is unusually heavy at this period of the year.

I earnestly trust, for the foregoing reasons, that the Minister will be graciously pleased to grant me the measure of justice I now ask, in recognition of my past exertions to overcome the many official difficulties (of which you are aware) consequent on the formation of a new department that I have had to contend against during the last twelve months, and as an encouragement to unrelaxed zeal in the future discharge of the arduous duties of my responsible position.

I have, &c.,
THOS. E. MACNEVIN.

I can bear testimony to the correctness of the statements contained in this application, being satisfied Mr. MacNevin is one of the most zealous and efficient officers in the Public Service.—W. E. PLUNKETT, 26 Oct., /75.

Place on Estimates.—J.D., 27/10/75.

STATEMENT showing Salaries of Chief Clerks in several Ministerial Departments.

	Per annum.
Chief Clerk Colonial Secretary's Department	£ 600 0 0
Do. Lands Department	600 0 0
Do. Mines Department	500 0 0
Do. Works Department	500 0 0
Treasury—	
Do. Revenue Branch	500 0 0
Do. Pay Branch	500 0 0
Do. Account Branch	500 0 0
Do. Department of Justice	375 0 0

No. 9.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir, Department of Justice, Sydney, 30 September, 1875.

Understanding that there is a probability of a vacancy occurring in the office of third clerk in this Department, I have the honor most respectfully to apply, as next in seniority, for that position, should the vacancy occur.

In support of my application I beg to forward copies of minutes written by the present Premier, the Hon. J. Robertson, the Principal Under Secretary, and the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, tending to show that I gave in that office general satisfaction in the performance of my duties, and I desire to call special reference to the Premier's minute, wherein I am promised that my high character from Mr. Halloran will be of use to me so long as he (the Colonial Secretary) remains in office, and since entering the Department you have on two occasions expressed yourself as being perfectly satisfied with me.

Since entering the Service I have endeavoured to gain promotion by strict attention to duty, and the minutes previously alluded to show that my efforts have been noticed. I trust therefore that you will add the weight of your recommendation to my application for the vacancy in question.

I have, &c.,
THOMAS GEORGE M'CAULEY.

Seen.—J.D., 14/10/75.

Copy of the Minutes referred to.

Mr. M'Cauley is an excellent penman, and I believe a good accountant.—H.H., Principal Under Secretary, 5 Dec., 1871.

There is a gentleman in this department whom I have every reason to believe is highly capable of performing the work required. His name is Mr. Thomas M'Cauley.—JOHN R., Col. Sec., 7 Dec., 1871.

All that I can say is that the Under Secretary speaks in high terms of him, and it is for him to take the office or refuse it; and that his high character from Mr. Halloran will, so long as I remain in office, be of use to him.—JOHN R., Col. Sec.

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In consequence of the absence from duty of Messrs. Byrnes and M'Lerie, Mr. M'Cauley's services were called into requisition for the performance of some of the duties set forth in his application, and I feel much pleasure in stating that he has performed them with diligence and cheerfulness, notwithstanding the small amount of remuneration paid to him; I would therefore respectfully submit and beg to recommend that Mr. M'Cauley be allowed an increase of salary, for which provision might be made on the Estimates for 1873; and would further take the liberty of suggesting that a gratuity might perhaps be granted to him from the vote of £150 for extra clerical assistance.—W.G., Chief Clerk.

No. 10.

Minute of the Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 6 November, 1875.

THERE are two vacancies in this Department, the first occasioned by the removal of the 3rd clerk, Mr. J. J. Reilly, from the Public Service.

I submit that Mr. T. G. M'Cauley, the next in rank, who is a good clerk, is fairly entitled to that position, at £250 per annum, from date of Mr. Reilly's removal, 18th October, 1875. With reference to vacancy which will arise in case of Mr. M'Cauley's promotion, as it is essential that the services of a gentleman possessing a certain technical knowledge and experience should be obtained, looking to the names of applicants, and considering their qualifications, I am constrained to suggest that Mr. Charles D. Rainsford, who is unquestionably the most eligible, but who is not at present in the Public Service, be appointed 4th clerk, at £175 per annum, in the place of Mr. M'Cauley, to take effect from the 1st instant.

With regard to the second vacancy occasioned by resignation of the 5th clerk, Mr. Byrnes, I would further suggest that the clerks below that position be promoted one step each, viz. :—

- L. W. A. Macarthur, 6th, to be 5th clerk, at £165 per annum;
- John Rainsford, 7th, to be 6th clerk, at £165 per annum;
- R. N. M'Diarmid, 8th, to be 7th clerk, at £150 per annum;
- J. H. Smith, supernumerary, to be 8th clerk, at £100 per annum;
- Frederick Crook, to be employed as supernumerary clerk, and paid from contingencies, from date of Mr. Byrnes' resignation, 23rd October, 1875.

W. E. PLUNKETT.

No. 11.

Minute of Executive Council.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 8 November, 1875.

REFERRING to Minutes of the Executive Council, Nos. 75-49 and 75-52, dated respectively 11th and 25th October, 1875, under which Mr. James Reilly, late third clerk in this department, was removed from the Public Service, and the resignation of office as fifth clerk in the same department tendered by Mr. William Byrnes, junr., was accepted,—

I now recommend the following promotions and appointments in this department, with salaries specified in connection with the names of the undermentioned gentlemen, respectively :—

- Mr. Thomas George M'Cauley, fourth clerk, to be third clerk at £250 per annum, from the 19th October ultimo;
- Mr. Charles Davis Rainsford, to be fourth clerk at £175 per annum, from the 1st November instant;
- Mr. Leslie Macarthur, sixth clerk, to be fifth clerk at £165 per annum;
- Mr. John Rainsford, seventh clerk, to be sixth clerk at £165 per annum;
- Mr. Robert Neil M'Diarmid, eighth clerk, to be seventh clerk at £150 per annum;
- Mr. James Herbert Smith, supernumerary clerk, to be eighth clerk at £100 per annum; and that
- Mr. Frederick E. Crook be appointed supernumerary clerk at £100 per annum; to take effect from 24th October ultimo.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

The Executive Council advise that the promotions and appointments in the Department of Justice herein set forth be approved.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 75-56, 8/11/75.—Confirmed, 15/11/75.

Approved.—H.R., 15/11/75.

No. 12.

Mr. Thos. E. MacNevin to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 31 March, 1876.

With reference to the withdrawal of all-increases of salaries from the Estimates of present year, and in view of the probability of such cases as the Government may deem worthy of special consideration being submitted to Parliament on Additional Estimates,—I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to invite the attention of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to the special features of my case, and the exceptional circumstances which probably induced the Cabinet to approve of raising my salary to an equality with the Chief Clerks in other Ministerial Departments, viz., £500 per annum.

I would beg respectfully to point out that my case can hardly be regarded as an ordinary increase of salary, but rather as an act of simple justice that I should receive the same rate of salary as paid to the other officers of corresponding rank and almost precisely similar duties and responsibilities. (See statement herewith of salaries paid in other Ministerial Departments.)

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Without the least desire to under-rate the business of other departments, or to institute invidious comparisons, I may be pardoned for inviting attention to the very large and continuing increase in the business of this department since its creation in 1873 to present time, as shown by the annexed extracts from the records, and I confidently assert it will be found to favourably compare with any of the other Ministerial Departments, and in some instances may perhaps exceed, while from a comparison of the strength and total cost of the respective clerical staffs it will be seen that this department stands considerably the *lowest*, thereby necessarily increasing the arduous nature of the work, and entailing upon the Chief Clerk much longer office hours than are usual in the Service, in order to keep pace with the business and prevent arrears.

I would also beg again to remind you that when the new Department of Mines was created the salary of the Chief Clerk was submitted to Parliament at £500 per annum; and although an attempt was made to reduce the amount by £50, it was defeated on division by nineteen to six, on the ground it was the usual amount paid to officers of that rank in other Ministerial Offices.

I respectfully urge that the same reasoning would apply with greater force to the raising of my salary, considering the relative importance and business transacted in the two departments.

Although I am aware that Parliament has declined to take into consideration the personal claims of the incumbent, preferring to regulate the salary according to the office and duties attached thereto, I venture to take the liberty of inviting the Ministers' attention to the complimentary terms in which the Law Officers of the Crown, as far back as 1869, were pleased to express their satisfaction with regard to the zeal, industry, and attention I have uniformly bestowed upon the duties performed by me; and, that I have in no way slackened in my efforts to give entire satisfaction to my superiors, I need only to refer for confirmation to the recent Minute written by you on my previous application on this subject, in which you were pleased to state that you considered me "one of the most efficient and zealous officers in the Public Service."

With these remarks I leave the further consideration of my case with the most perfect confidence in the hands of the Minister, feeling assured that he will recognize the force and fairness of my claim to equal salary with officers of corresponding rank and duties, and will be graciously pleased to regard the case as one worthy of being submitted for the special consideration of Parliament on the Additional Estimates for the present Session.

I have, &c.,
THOS. E. MACNEVIN.

Submitted for approval as a special case, with a view to salary at rate of £500 for current year being placed on the Additional Estimates for Mr. MacNevin, that is to say, £125 difference between £375—present salary—and £500 applied for. I feel that I cannot too strongly recommend this application for favourable consideration.—W. E. PLUNKETT, 27/4/76.

May be brought forward when Additional Estimates are under consideration.—J.D.,—27/4/76.

STATEMENTS showing Salaries of Chief Clerks in other Departments.

	Per annum.
Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Department	£600
Ditto Lands	600
Ditto Works	500
Ditto Mines	500
Ditto Department of Justice	375
TREASURY—	
Chief Clerk, Revenue Branch	£500
Ditto Pay Branch	500
Ditto Account Branch	500
Non-Ministerial Departments.	
SYDNEY POLICE OFFICERS—	
Chief Clerk, Central Police Office	500
Ditto Water Police Court	500

[Enclosure.]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

EXTRACT from Records, showing number of Letters received during years 1873, 1874, and 1875.

Year.	No. of Letters Registered.	Number of Letters written.
1873	4,420	3,481
1874	8,975	5,427
1875	10,212	8,768
Total	23,707	18,676

MINING ESTIMATE 1874.

EXTRACT from No. 21 Weekly Report of Divisions in Committee of the Whole.
Division on proposal to reduce salary of the Chief Clerk. No. 3. Motion moved (by Mr. Booth), and question put,—
That item £500 salary of Chief Clerk, be reduced by £50.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Noes, 19.

MINUTES

MINUTES of the Honorable the Crown Law Officers on applications for increase of salary in 1869 and 1870.

Sir W. M. Manning's Minute.

I consider Mr. MacNevin an officer of more than ordinary value, and think that he does not, and will not with the small increase proposed, receive a salary commensurate with his usefulness, as compared with officers of corresponding rank and sometimes inferior duties in other departments.

Whenever opportunity may offer I shall be glad to obtain for him a greater measure of justice.

2nd November, 1869.

W. M. MANNING,
Attorney General.

Mr. Solicitor General Josephson's Minute.

Inform Mr. MacNevin that while recognizing his ability and services in the Crown Law Department, and my great desire to forward his views, I regret that I cannot advise any higher increase of salary this year ('69). I regret this the more because I am of opinion his ability, care, and attention to his duties fairly entitle him to a higher rate of salary than he at present receives, but that next year I shall be glad to recommend the desired increase.

24 August, 1869.

J. F. JOSEPHSON,
Solicitor General.

Further Minute of Sir W. M. Manning.

I regard it as certain that the duties required of, and which are well performed by, Mr. MacNevin, require more intelligence and higher general capabilities than those performed by the majority of clerks at £275, or even £300 a year.

I shall be glad to confer with the Solicitor General on the subject.

27 June, 1870.

W. M. MANNING,
Attorney General.

Mr. Under Secretary Plunkell's Minute of 26 October, 1875.

I consider Mr. MacNevin one of the most efficient and zealous officers in the Public Service.

W. E. P.

EXTRACT from *Sydney Morning Herald*, Friday, 31st March, 1876.

Report of Debate—Estimates—Department of Justice.

SUPPLY—THE ESTIMATES.

The House resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Estimates.

The following Estimate was submitted:—

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, £5,285.
Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, £1,500.
Under Secretary, £300.
Chief Clerk, £500.
Second ditto in charge of Records, £350.

Mr. Robertson moved the reduction of the Estimates by £175, the amounts of increase.

Mr. Hill drew attention to the fact that the Chief Clerk in this department was only receiving £375, whilst the Chief Clerk in the other departments were paid from £500 to £600 a year. He hoped the Government would consider this matter.

Mr. Robertson was understood to say he could not, without consulting with the head of the department, say what the Government would do with regard to this particular salary; but in cases where it was shown that great injustice had been done by knocking off the proposed increases, the Government would come down with additional Estimates.

The Estimate as reduced was agreed to.

[For particulars respecting administrative arrangements, see Supplement to Government Gazette, No. 291, Tuesday, 9 December, 1873.]

No. 13.

Mr. H. J. Chisholm to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 31 March, 1876.

Understanding that additional Estimates for 1876 are about being prepared for presentation to Parliament, I have the honor respectfully to request that the salary, £350, I am at present in receipt of, may be duly submitted thereon for confirmation by Parliament.

In support of this application I have the honor to refer you to the Minute of the Executive Council, dated 10th August, 1875.

I have, &c.,
H. J. CHISHOLM.

Bring forward when additional Estimates are under consideration.—J.D., 20/2/77.

No. 14.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 28 August, 1876.

When I received, in September last, my present appointment of third clerk in this department, you were kind enough to say that I would have to accept it at £250, as the amount voted had been reduced from £300 to that sum, owing to the misconduct of my predecessor; you were also good enough to say that the reduced amount would be subject to any alteration by Parliament for the present year.

As the sum of £300 has been voted for the office of third clerk in this department for 1876, which office I hold, I do myself the honor of applying that the difference of salary between that sum and the amount I have received, viz., £250, may be paid to me.

I presume, if this amount was not intended to have been paid to me, the sum of £250 only would have appeared on the Estimates for the third clerk's salary.

I have, &c.,
THOS. G. M'CAULEY.

No. 15.

No. 15.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 19 January, 1877.

When I applied, in August last, for the difference between the amount voted for the office I hold in this department, viz., £300 per annum, and the amount received by me, viz., £250 per annum, I understood that the difference, viz., £50, would be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1876.

I find from the Supplementary Estimates that this amount does not appear. I now beg respectfully to apply that this amount may be paid to me from the item for incidental expenses, in which, I understand, there is an unexpended balance of more than that sum, independent of any claim which any officer in this department may have. I conceive that it cannot be denied that the amount of £300 was voted on the Estimates for 1876 for the office of third clerk, which position I occupy, and that sum I have not received.

I am not aware of any reason why the punishment inflicted on my predecessor should be visited upon me, the more so as Parliament has voted £300 for this particular service.

I also respectfully submit that the Executive Minute of * October, 1875, authorizing £50 to be taken from the vote of the third clerk's salary to supplement the salary of the second clerk, could not be applicable to the vote for 1876, which was not then in existence; and I believe I am correct in saying that a precedent cannot be found for a similar case in the Government Service. It will be in your recollection that on the Estimates for 1876 the increase to the second clerk's salary was submitted to Parliament and withdrawn by the Colonial Secretary in common with all others, and on the Estimates for the present year the Cabinet refused to submit the increase to Parliament, yet the increase *has been continued to be paid* from the amount Parliament has voted for the third clerk.

In the Civil Service Bill, now before Parliament, classifications are to be made according to the salaries fixed by the Appropriation Act of 1876. † *This Act fixes my salary, as it does others, at £300 per annum, yet I only have received £250.* This must surely be an anomaly. I presume if it was intended that I should only have received £250, that sum only would have appeared on the Estimates, whereas *Parliament was asked to vote £300, and having done so, I venture to hope that no valid reason can be assigned for depriving me of that amount.*

I have, &c.,
THOS. G. M'CAULEY.

* Mr. M'Cauley is entirely in error—there is no Minute Paper of this date or to effect stated. The minute of August (No. 5), to which reference is intended, authorizes no such deduction from any salary, but re-arranges the salaries, on the advice of the Minister in the interests of the department, according to the merits of the officers therein named.—T.M.N.

† This statement is not correct. The Appropriation Act fixes no salaries, but provides a sum *not exceeding* £5,110 for the services of the department.—T.M.N.

No. 16.

Memorandum of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

WILL the Under Secretary inform me whether there is any precedent on the departmental records of a similar augmentation of salary beyond the amount voted by Parliament?—J.D.

Yes; the late Sheriff, Mr. Maclean, suggested to the then Minister of Justice (the Hon. G. W. Allen) a somewhat similar augmentation of salary in the case of Messrs. Turner and Edson, of the Sheriff's Office. The Papers are submitted herewith.—W.E.P., 22/1/77.

No. 17.

The Sheriff to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Sheriff's Office, 29 April, 1874.

By direction of the Honorable the Minister for Justice, I have now the honor to submit the arrangement approved of by himself respecting the existing vacancy of second clerk in the Sheriff's Office, and in connection with the separation of that Department from the control of the Prisons.

Mr. George Frederick Turner, hitherto employed in the civil branch of the combined office, to be appointed second clerk at a salary of £210 a year, the £40 reserved from the voted salary of £250 to be added to the salary of the third clerk, now rated at £110, making such salary £150.

Mr. Frederick Morten Edson, hitherto employed in the Prison Branch, to be appointed third clerk. The above appointments to take effect from the 1st January last.

I have, &c.,
HAROLD MACLEAN,
Sheriff.

Prepare Minute Paper for Executive Council.—W.E.P., 30/4/74.

No. 18.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 30 April, 1874.

REFERRING to proposed separation of the Prison from the Civil branch of the Sheriff's Office, and to vacancy of second clerkship in the latter branch,—

I recommend that Mr. George Frederick Turner, hitherto employed in the civil branch of the Sheriff's Office be appointed second clerk in that branch, with salary at the rate of £210 per annum. I also recommend that Mr. Frederick Morten Edson, hitherto employed in the Prison branch, be appointed third clerk in the civil branch of the Sheriff's Office, with salary at the rate of £150 per annum,—to take effect from 1st January last.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN.

Approved.—H.R., 5/5/74.

The Executive Council advise that the several appointments in the Sheriff's Office, herein recommended, be approved.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. Min. 74/20, 4/5/74. Confirmed, 11/5/74.

No. 19.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 20 May, 1874.

I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to state, for the information of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Sheriff's Office:—Mr. George Frederick Turner to be second clerk, with salary at the rate of £210 per annum, and Mr. Frederick Morten Edson to be third clerk, with salary at the rate of £150 per annum,—to take effect from the 1st January last.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT.

No. 20.

Memo. of Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

By Minute of Executive Council, 75/39, 10th August, 1875, shortly after the appointment of Mr. Greville, late Chief Clerk in this department, as Secretary to the Attorney-General, Mr. M'Cauley, the sixth clerk, was promoted from £165 to the position of fourth clerk, with salary at £175 per annum, over the head of Mr. Byrnes, who remained fifth clerk; at the same time the second clerk, Mr. Chisholm, was authorised by the Executive Council to receive salary at £350 per annum, being £50 added on account of length of service and superior ability; and the third clerk, Mr. Reilly, was paid £250 per annum.

Reilly was subsequently removed for misconduct, and Mr. M'Cauley was appointed by Executive Council in his place, with salary £250 per annum.

£350 was submitted upon Estimates as salary for the second clerk, Mr. Chisholm.

The salary of the third clerk, £300, remained, and was voted by Parliament.

Mr. M'Cauley thinks he should be paid £300 instead of £250 per annum.

Under all the circumstances, and as there has been a saving in the amount provided by Parliament for this department, Mr. M'Cauley may perhaps be authorized to receive the difference (£50) from the balance remaining to credit of Department of Justice in respect of last year's vote.—W.E.P., 30/1/77.

No. 21.

Minute of the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction.

ALL increases were withdrawn from the Estimates on the introduction of the Civil Service Bill. No application for increase of salary can therefore be considered until that measure is disposed of. I find that Mr. M'Cauley has had rapid promotion since he joined this department, having since the year 1874 risen from £150 per annum to £250. *This last amount was fixed by the Executive as the salary of the office he holds, and he obtained and accepted the promotion on the express understanding that this amount should be his annual salary.* I cannot therefore accede to this request, which would make Mr. M'Cauley's an exceptional case, and would be a positive act of injustice to Mr. MacNevin.—J.D., 31/1/77.

No. 22.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Would you pardon my troubling you respecting my application of 19th ultimo?

I have just signed the Abstract for the present month, at the rate of £250, while the Temporary Supply Bill, under which January salaries are paid, provides for £300 for my office.

Presuming that my application for arrears for 1876 will be paid, I desire to point out that a similar application would be necessary at the end of the present year, if I am only to receive £250 for this. I respectfully beg for a settlement of the matter.

T. G. M'CAULEY.

2/2/77.

No. 23.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

This would have been the case if all increases proposed had been retained upon the Estimates, but not as an exceptional case.

Refer Mr. M'Cauley to the Executive Minute sanctioning his appointment, and his letter to the Under Secretary of the 28th August, 1876.

In compliance with the vote of the previous year, but this does not alter the condition upon which Mr. M'Cauley received the appointment.

J. D.

For Mr. M'Cauley's perusal.—W.E.P., 13/2/77.

MEMO.—I have read the minute of the Honorable the Minister of Justice, and beg most respectfully to state that I have always understood that the reduction of £50 from Mr. Reilly's salary for the year 1875 was owing to that officer's misconduct, and believe that if it was intended to increase the 2nd clerk's salary by £50 for that year, that Parliament would have been asked to vote that additional sum.

As to my "rapid promotion," there are a number of instances during the past twelve months of officers under the control of this department whose promotions have been more rapid than mine, and who receive the sums voted by Parliament for the office they hold, which is denied to me.

With reference to my accepting the position of 3rd clerk, on the express understanding that I was to be fixed at an annual salary of £250, is a thing which I was certainly not aware of; and the subsequent action of the Under Secretary in submitting upon the Estimates for 1876 £300 for my salary, which the Minister approved, the Cabinet sanctioned, and the Parliament voted, would go far to show that this must be a misconception.

If the proposed increase to the two clerks had been voted, I do not think I would have had to make application for this sum, and I cannot understand how the withdrawal of that item affected the vote of £300.

Imagining that there would be no difficulty in obtaining this sum, I have made engagements which I cannot now meet, and under these and above circumstances, I humbly pray for a reconsideration of my application.

THOS. G. M'CAULEY.

6/2/77.

P.S.—There are several increases upon the Estimates for the present year.

No. 24.

Minute of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 20 February, 1877.

MEMORANDUM.—The Under Secretary will be pleased to explain in what manner the £50 additional salary allowed to Mr. Chisholm, the second clerk in the Department of Justice, &c., by the Executive Minute of the 10th August, 1875, was provided for.—J.D.

No. 25.

Memorandum.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 20 February, 1877.

In reply to the question of the Hon. the Minister of Justice, &c., I beg to state as follows:—

By Minute of the Executive Council 75-39, 10 August, 1875, Mr. Chisholm was appointed second clerk in charge of Records, at a salary of £350 per annum. The increase of £50 was given to him in consideration of his having thus for the first time sole charge of the Records of the Department and of his length of service and superior ability. Mr. Reilly was appointed third clerk, at a salary of £250, instead of £300, in consequence of his having absented himself repeatedly from his office without leave.

Mr. Reilly was subsequently removed from the Public Service, and by Minute of the Executive Council, 75-56, 8 November, 1875, Mr. M'Cauley was appointed in his place, at a salary of £250 per annum.

It was understood that the arrangement as to the salaries was only temporary, pending the approval of Parliament, and when the Estimates for 1876 were prepared the salary of the second clerk was put down at £350 and that of the third clerk at £300.

All the increases proposed on the Estimates were afterwards withdrawn, and the £300 placed on the Estimates as applicable for the salary of the third clerk was not withdrawn as an increase, because it had been voted the previous year, although not received by either of the occupants of the office.

W. E. PLUNKETT.

No. 26.

Mr. T. G. M'Cauley to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, 23 February, 1877.

Having in view the remark of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Legislative Assembly, as appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 22nd inst., that I ought to have received salary for the year 1876 at the rate of £300 per annum, as voted by Parliament for the office I hold, and as salary for the month of January last was voted at the rate for 1876 for my office, I have the honor most respectfully to apply that the arrears due may now be paid to me, viz.: £54 3s. 4d. to 31st January last.

I have, &c.,

THOS. G. M'CAULEY.

Read.—J.D., 24/2/77. Mr. M'Cauley will peruse and return.—W.E.P., 26/2/77. Read and returned herewith.—T. M'C., 26/2/77.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(SUSPENSION OF MR. J. F. BLAKE, LAND AGENT AT HAY.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 4 May, 1877.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 18 July, 1876, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“Copies of all Papers and Reports in connection with the suspension of
“J. F. Blake, Land Agent at Hay.”

(Mr. Hurley, Hartley.)

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

No. 1.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. Land Commissioner Rose.

25 May, 1876.

You are authorized by the Minister to hold any such further or general investigation as may appear necessary in the public interests. If you think it desirable, place Mr. Charles Oliver temporarily in charge of the land office.

Previous inquiry refers to the case of Assistant Land Agent at Hay, and is not necessary.

No. 2.

Mr. Land Commissioner Rose to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Melbourne, 3 June, 1876.

In pursuance of the instructions contained in your telegram of 25th ultimo I have made a general inquiry as to the conduct of public business at the land office at Hay, and I now do myself the honor to transmit the evidence taken by me, and to offer thereupon a few remarks for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Lands.

I would premise that the complaints made affect only Mr. Blake, the Crown Land Agent at Hay, and do not touch Mr. Oliver, his assistant. This may arise from the fact of Mr. Oliver having been employed for a short time only in his present position, from his subordination to Mr. Blake (which appears from the evidence to have been most exceptional), and probably it is also due to the very fair manner in which Mr. Oliver discharged his part of the business of the land office. The registers show that he has worked with care and neatness, and, as far as I could ascertain, with precision.

The complaints against Mr. Blake may be classed as follows:—1. That he has received money when offered for services performed by him in the regular course of duty as Crown Lands Agent. 2. That he has solicited, or demanded, money from persons transacting business with him as Crown Lands Agent. 3. That he has exercised favouritism in the discharge of his duties as Crown Lands Agent.

I proceed to remark upon the evidence given in support of the complaints under these heads:—

1. That Mr. Blake has received gratuities for services performed in the regular discharge of his duties as a Crown Lands Agent is alleged by Mr. W. Tully, Mr. J. Sheridan, Mr. R. Murchison, and Mr. F. W. Reed. Mr. Blake, in his written defence, admits that he has occasionally taken money from persons having business with him at the land office; but Mr. Reed and Mr. Murchison positively assert that it has been Mr. Blake's constant practice to receive these gratuities.
2. It is asserted by John Sheridan and Charles William York that Mr. Blake, on occasions mentioned by them, did demand from them money for services performed by him in the discharge of his duty as a Crown Lands Agent. It is necessary to receive Sheridan's evidence with extreme suspicion as his character is disreputable; but York's character is unimpeachable, and therefore I see no reason for doubting his evidence that Mr. Blake did solicit him for money, as he alleges.
3. That Mr. Blake has displayed partiality and favouritism in his position as Crown Lands Agent is alleged by Mr. Pearce, the Police Magistrate at Hay; by Mr. F. W. Reed, of Hay, solicitor; by Mr. R. Murchison, of Hay, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Hay; by Mr. H. Oliver, Assistant Crown Lands Agent at Hay; by John Sheridan, of Hay, farmer; and by Frank Johns, of Hay, farmer. These witnesses all concur that Mr. Blake has habitually favoured certain squatters in the district of Hay.

Sheridan and Johns both assert that Mr. Blake in two instances refused to let them take up lands, from a desire to serve these squatters. Sheridan's evidence I disregard, for the reason already given; and it appears to me that the evidence of Johns is distorted by suspicion. Mr. Blake's reply is a simple denial.

Mr. H. Oliver alleges that on two occasions Mr. Blake received on a Thursday applications for land, which should not have been received on that day of the week, namely,—an application under the 31st section of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," and another under the Volunteer Act. He also alleges that Mr. Blake directed him to make false entries in the registers and cash book as to the dates of these purchases, in order to conceal the irregularity of the transactions. Mr. Blake admits the substantial truth of Mr. Oliver's account of the first of these matters, but throws the blame upon Mr. Oliver for any irregularity in the other.

On reference to the proceedings it will be seen that the name of a Mr. James Macgregor very frequently appears in connection with the Crown Lands Office at Hay. Mr. Macgregor is a Bank Manager there and acts as private Land Agent for many of the squatters in the district. He has also acted as Mr. Blake's deputy for weeks together, when the latter has been absent on leave. He has had unrestrained access to the land office and the records therein, and has enjoyed an official intimacy with Mr. Blake, which, reasonably or unreasonably, has been a source of dissatisfaction, suspicion, and jealousy to the local public. I am confident that Mr. Macgregor's influence over Mr. Blake has very much conduced to the feeling of suspicion with which in so many quarters the local land office is regarded.

I feel it unnecessary to extend my remarks, as I have touched upon the principal features of the evidence. I have purposely left untouched several matters which appear to me of inferior moment.

I have, &c.,

A. C. S. ROSE,
Commissioner.

[Enclosures

[Enclosures to No. 2.]

PROCEEDINGS at an inquiry held at Hay on the 26th and 27th days of May, 1876, as to the conduct of public business at the local land office.

Joseph Ede Pearce saith:—I have been Police Magistrate at Hay for six years; during nearly the whole of that time Mr. John Francis Blake has been Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands at Hay; in the capacity of land agent Mr. Blake is not under my control, and I am not connected with the local land office in any way; I come into daily contact with Mr. Blake, and I have almost daily opportunity of observing the manner in which Mr. Blake conducts the business of the land office—I mean more especially how he behaves to the people who have business to transact at the office; I often think that his manner is too abrupt—that he is not sufficiently accommodating; when persons have brought applications for land in which emendations were necessary Mr. Blake has sent such persons away, instead of rectifying himself any error or defect; I believe that individuals employ agents to take up land because Mr. Blake, in their opinion, will not assist them; I have noticed that Mr. Blake has paid greater deference as a general rule to the rich than to the poor who come to his office; I have seen him turn aside the poor man and attend to the rich man; I have no personal knowledge of any person having paid Mr. Blake for services which, as a public officer, he was bound to render gratuitously.

By Mr. Blake: I cannot recall any particular instance in which you have put aside the poor man for the rich man; you attend to your official duties regularly, and I believe that you discharge them to the best of your ability; people have gone away from the office disappointed, owing to your irritableness; I never knew you to be absent on a land day, or on any other day when you ought to have been present.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 26th day of May, 1876,—

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE.

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Walter Tully states:—I reside at Illjawa; I am superintendent for John Rutherford & Co.; I, as agent for the firm, have purchased land at the land office at Hay, both at auction sale and conditionally; I have transacted this business with Mr. Blake, the Crown Lands Agent; in my transactions with Mr. Blake the land business has always been conducted in a regular manner and to my satisfaction; I have after a large sale—say of 8,000 or 10,000 acres,—and after the sale had been thoroughly completed, presented Mr. Blake with some money,—three, or four, or five pounds,—in consideration of the business being properly conducted, and as a friend of Mr. Blake's, also as I considered he was not very well remunerated by the Government.

By Mr. Blake: You never asked me directly or indirectly for any money or remuneration whatever; I have no cause of complaint against you as to the discharge of your official duties.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 26th day of May, 1876,—

WALTER TULLY.

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

John Sheridan states:—I am a conditional purchaser, residing about 17 miles from Hay; I have had business at the land office at Hay; my first business was transacted in 1873; I came to the land office to get two selections by M'Fadzen transferred to me; the documents relating to the alienation were drawn up by Mr. Twynam, a solicitor, in Hay; I went to the land office with M'Fadzen to effect the transfer; M'Fadzen signed some book or paper in my presence and Mr. Blake's; I believe that to be the alienation of the land; M'Fadzen only signed one at that time and then left the office; I remained in the office for a few minutes, and Mr. Blake said he was entitled to a pound, which I gave; I was alone with Mr. Blake then; Mr. Blake informed me that there were two selections to be transferred, and that M'Fadzen's signature was required for the second one; I then went to "Esplin's Hotel," saw M'Fadzen, and got him to come back to the land office and sign the transfer of the second selection; as soon as M'Fadzen signed his name he walked out of the office; I remained a few minutes; Mr. Blake said he was entitled to another pound; I said I had not got it; he said "I suppose you will not forget it when you come in"; I did not forget, and gave it to him about a week afterwards; there was no witness present; I gave him a pound note; I believed at the time Mr. Blake was entitled to it; I have since ascertained that he was not entitled to it; that is not alone the reason I came to-day; he has since tried to baulk me in a selection I wished to select in October, 1874; I came to Mr. Blake, Mr. Reed told me to do so, and to give Mr. Blake some money and he would attend to me; I came to Mr. Blake and he asked what he could do for me; I said I wanted to see some maps, which he showed me; I then gave him a pound on leaving for his trouble; Mr. Blake said, "Thank you, Mr. Sheridan; it's very gratifying; you are very kind"; I then told him I would give him a good buggy horse if he would get me a good selection; I went away and on the 15th October came back; I told Mr. Blake I wanted to take the ground up that day; he asked me where, and I told him, showed it to him on the map, and told him that I wanted to take it up by the reserve; he said there was no reserve, but I said "There is"; he then said that the land was taken up by a Mr. Telford, and therefore that I could not get it; Mr. Blake told me to go out to Mr. Surveyor M'Glashen; I said I would not, as I knew that Mr. Telford had not taken up the land; I was afraid to go, fearing the land would be taken up in the meantime; I then asked Mr. Blake to have a form, and requested him to fill in the application; this he refused to do, and as I was too excited to write the application myself, I asked Constable Kelly to do it for me; Constable Kelly drew up the application, I signed it, and handed it to Mr. Blake, with £80, the area being 320 acres; Mr. Blake received the money and gave me a receipt; there was no payment of any kind to Mr. Blake on this occasion.

By Mr. Blake: There was no private deed witnessed by you; M'Fadzen signed the alienation to me; he was not three years on either selection at the time; I bought the land from M'Fadzen in 1872; you insisted upon being paid £1 in each case; you caught me by the arm and said "You won't forget the £1" (that is the second); you refused to allow me to select in October, 1874, on the ground that Mr. Telford had taken up the area I was applying for; was afraid to go to Mr. M'Glashen's for fear M'Pherson, who was living on the ground, would be allowed to take it up in the meantime.

Taken before me at Hay, this 26th day of May, 1876,—

JOHN SHERIDAN.

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Harry Thomas James Oliver, states: I am assistant Land Agent at Hay; have been in that position for six months; I am in daily attendance at the land office; Mr. Blake is also in attendance; I am under Mr. Blake's instructions; Mr. Blake has shown favouritism in some instances; I know in one instance that an application under the 31st clause of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875" was received on a Thursday, and dated by Mr. Blake as if received the previous day; the application in question was made by *Hew* Blackwood-Patterson, James Blackwood, and James Clarke, and is dated, according to register, the 20th April, 1876; the area applied for is 640 acres, and the land is situated on the Moonbria Run, county of Townsend; I believe one of the applicants was here in person; the application was drawn up by the person who presented it; Mr. Blake received it; Mr. Blake brought the application to me immediately; the receipt at the top of the application was filled up and dated the 19th; the office receipt was filled up by me, and I copied the receipt from the application also dated the 19th; I am quite sure that the application was handed in to Mr. Blake on Thursday, the 20th April last, shortly before the office was opened; the application was then recorded by me in the register kept for the purpose, as having been made on the 20th day of April; I don't record the dates fully in entering them when the applications are of the same date, and follow one another in the register; I dotted down the application in question in the usual way; afterwards, when I considered it fully, before closing the register, I altered the date to the 20th; the application now stands as having been made on the 20th April; I cannot say which of the applicants presented the application; I said to Mr. Blake this was Thursday, and not a proper day to receive the application; Mr. Blake said the gentleman wants to get home—we will date it back; I do not know the bank the cheque for deposit was on; I entered the receipt of the £640 (deposit) in the cash book—the entry is dated the 19th, although the amount was received on the 20th; I entered it by instruction from Mr. Blake, he indicating the place in the cash book; if I had entered it without instruction I should have dated the entry the 20th; I am perfectly clear that the application was received on the morning of the 20th; I made an entry of the fact in my pocket-book—my reason for doing so was to protect myself in the event of an inquiry, as Mr. Blake had stated in town that he would have me dismissed, and I thought that this transaction would give me something to produce against Mr. Blake in case he carried his point; I recollect Mr. Blake, on the 5th January last,

* So spelt in register.—A.C.S.R.

† 19 April, 1876, by Land Agent's Certificate.—A.O.M.

last, receiving eight Volunteer Land Order certificates at the hour of 8 o'clock at night; Mr. Blake said he received them from the Australian Joint Stock Bank; Mr. Blake met me that night at the time I have mentioned, and asked me to go into the land office; I went there; Mr. Blake accompanied me; he held in his hand several Volunteer Land Order certificates; he also had the applications; they were pinned together; he asked me to register them, as the next day was a land office day; I demurred, and did not register them; I refused because I did not see that I was called upon to work at night; I was aware that it was unlawful to receive applications for land after the usual office hours; I know also that it is not lawful to accept applications for land under Volunteer Land Orders on a Thursday, the usual land office day; I recorded the applications the next day; I recorded them on the 6th January as having been made on the previous day; I mentioned the irregularity to Mr. Blake, and he replied that he ought to have got them all day, that is, during Wednesday, within the usual office hours, but he did not; when Mr. Blake laid the applications down he said you observe that I sign these applications to-day, that is, on the 5th January; I know nothing more; I occupy the same room at the office as Mr. Blake, and on every occasion, or nearly so, that any person called to see Mr. Blake I was told to retire.

By Mr. Blake: I know that the business has not always been of a private nature when I have been told to leave the room; I know that the business was not of a private nature, because it was evidently of a public character from the applications received during the interview; it was only the larger holders (squatters) that were admitted to the room, and as a rule they came on land business, and notwithstanding this I was called upon to retire from the room.

By Mr. Blake: I am Assistant Land Agent; I do not keep a diary, but I carry a pocket-book; I made my first entry on the 5th January last; I have lost one pocket-book; I noted anything that I thought of importance; I did not note that during that month you found fault with my conduct; I don't remember you doing so; I assist you in your police office duties; you have remunerated me once; Mr. Blake reported me to the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction for refusing I believe to assist Mr. Blake in Clerk of Petty Sessions work; Mr. Blake having been informed that I was only Assistant Land Agent offered me remuneration to assist him with the business connected with his office as Clerk of Petty Sessions; he did remunerate me, and was courteous in the matter; I never kept a diary—only a pocket-book—have so stated; I don't recollect having been taxed in the month of December by you with coming to the office half drunk; I have asked for leave once in the morning on the ground of being unwell; I do not remember you telling me that you would be under the painful necessity of reporting me if I did not change my habits; I never told you anything about taking the pledge from Mr. Pearce until after it was done; I never asked you to forgive the past; I did take the pledge; I don't remember how long I kept it; I don't remember being reprimanded for irregularities in office work after the Easter holidays; I do remember working all the holidays and on Sundays too; the Volunteer Land Orders were presented as stated; I was perfectly sober on that day and at night; I would swear it; I don't remember you saying that you observed with much pain my irregular conduct on that night; I recollect the 19th of April last—it was a Wednesday; don't recollect Mr. Murchison coming into the office on that day; remember Mr. Murchison being in the office on the occasion of your endeavouring to get me to give you a letter acknowledging that I had not behaved properly—had misconducted myself owing to intemperance; I refused to do so, because I was told that Mr. Blake was trying to get me under his thumb, and that he would send the letter to Sydney at once, said in Mr. Murchison's presence that Mr. Blake would not have in future to complain, and I offered to take his hand on the subject, Mr. Blake presenting his hand for that purpose; he has had no ground of complaint since; I believe Mr. Blake desired to obtain this letter for the purpose of having me under his thumb, am led to believe so because he stated, in reply to a question put by me, that he desired it because the post went that afternoon; the second letter was written by Mr. Blake for my signature, and not with the avowed intention of supporting a repeal against me.

By the Commission: Mr. Blake more than once asked me to sign a letter expressing my regret for the past and promising amendment for the future; on the first occasion the letter was demanded in the presence of Mr. Murchison; I declined to write it; shortly after this Mr. Blake asked me to furnish him with a letter, the draft of which he had framed himself; I declined.

By Mr. Blake: The letter was I believe to be sent to Sydney; deny that I acknowledged to have given cause of complaint, but said you should not have cause to complain again; I was charged with many things in the presence of Mr. Murchison; the fault found with the books were if justified caused by your too close supervision and interruption while entering them up; do not recollect acknowledging that you had stated several times, in the month of January last, that you would be under the painful necessity of reporting me; you did not complain of irregular conduct in that month; I have already stated all the irregularities I am personally aware of; your conduct to me has been irregular, but I suppose you are unable to control your temper; your corrections were not for my irregularities; I was debarred by you from doing the duties devolving on me by my position, particularly signing receipts or doing business in your absence; on occasions my doing so was the subject of complaint from you; you are not continually in the office, very often out, generally at the Union Bank; at times at some of the other Banks.

Taken before me at Hay, this 26th day of May, 1876,—

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

H. T. J. OLIVER.

(A.)

Supplementary statement of Mr. Harry Oliver:—*

The draft for £500 alluded to was sealed up in a letter with voucher addressed to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, and by some means it was knocked off the table on to the floor; I entered all the other letters I posted that day, and did not perceive that this particular one was on the floor; Mr. Blake came in next day, I think, and found the letter on the table, where it had I believe been placed by the office-keeper, and therefore he thought it was my fault; Mr. Blake may have knocked it off the table, and was quite as well able to see it on the floor as I was.

† *By Mr. Blake:* I did not tell you I entered the letter referred to; I told you I entered all the letters I took to the post. Did I (Mr. Blake) ever make you a present of a box of cigars to induce you to change your habits? Yes, a box of cigars that you were unable to smoke, because they were too strong for you.

H. T. J. OLIVER.

Mr. H. Oliver stated: You have lent me money, and I have lent you money.—H.T.J.O.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Roderick Murchison states:—I have been Manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Hay for two years; I remember being in the lands office at Hay on Wednesday, in Easter week, when an altercation took place between Mr. Blake and the Assistant Land Agent, Mr. Oliver; think, however, it must have been on the previous day; it was either on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday; I met Mr. Blake in the street, and he asked me to come into the office, saying he wanted to say something very particular to me; he then made in Mr. Oliver's presence a lot of charges against him—charged him with being drunk, incompetent as an Assistant Land Agent, and with being careless in the office, also with having left a letter with a draft for £500 in it on the floor of the office all night; he asked Mr. Oliver to give him a letter in which he was to admit that he (Oliver) had been drunk—that his books in the office were anything but what they ought to be; he appealed to me as to whether Mr. Oliver should give him the letter or not; Mr. Oliver was perfectly sober at this time; I suggested that if there was anything to complain of it would be sufficient for Mr. Oliver to give Mr. Blake his word that he would amend for the future; the words I think were that there should be no ground of complaint; no observations were made as to Mr. Blake's allegations; Mr. Blake then tendered his hand, which Mr. Oliver took, and the matter terminated in a perfectly friendly manner; my knowledge of the land office is limited; I have set my face against having anything to do with it; I have heard Mr. Reed's statements, and there is no doubt there is a great deal of foundation for them—they are general; complaints have however been brought against other land offices in Riverina, especially Deniliquin; there is a general feeling amongst the conditional purchasers that there is favouritism.

By Mr. Blake: I do not think you have been uncontrolled in your action in the office; I think you have been influenced by Mr. Macgregor, the present Manager of the Union Bank; when Mr. Oliver, the Assistant Land Agent, has been at the Bank officially, his conduct has been all that could be desired; I know nothing of his conduct in the land office; I have nothing to do with the office except as a banker.

By

* This refers to a Bank draft spoken of in the evidence of R. Murchison, which follows.—A.C.S.R.

† Memo.—This deposition is inserted in the proceedings by special request of Mr. Blake.—A.C.S.R., L.C.

‡ See supplementary statement of Mr. H. Oliver, marked A.

§ See letter which follows this deposition.—A.C.S.R.

By Commissioner : I believe Mr. Macgregor, of the Union Bank, then of the Joint Stock Bank, acted as Land Agent for a fortnight during the absence of Mr. Blake ; I always understood that Mr. Blake recommended the appointment ; he was fully in possession of the office, so I believe it was the general impression ; know Mr. Macgregor to be the agent of many large squatters ; he is, I am certain, in the habit of taking up land for the squatters, and not only for squatters but in a general way in business connected with the land office.

R. MURCHISON.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—
A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Mr. R. Murchison to Mr. Land Commissioner Rose.

Sir,

Hay, 29 May, 1876.

Lest there should be any misapprehension regarding a portion of my evidence in the Land Inquiry at the Court House, on Saturday, I must beg you to append the following :—When I stated that I heard complaints against several Crown Lands Offices in Riverina, accusing Deniliquin especially, I did not mean complaints of anything in the shape of bribery or corrupt practices, but of general defects in the administration of the land law. I have heard no complaints against Land Agents of improper practices, except those preferred at Hay. My reason for referring particularly to Deniliquin is that we naturally hear more of the land business in that district than in any other in Riverina.

I have, &c.,
R. MURCHISON.

Charles William York states as follows :—I live at the Sand Hills, near Hay, where I have a farm ; I have twice taken up land conditionally at the land office, at Hay ; I have never had any other business at the land office, at Hay ; this was about four years ago ; Mr. Blake, the present Crown Lands Agent, received my applications and the deposits which accompanied ; one was taken up perhaps twelve months before the other ; the first was an area of 50 acres, the second of 90 acres ; I paid deposits at the rate of 5s. an acre ; Mr. Blake drew up the application in both cases ; he asked me for some money for the work ; I demurred to giving him any ; I thought that it was enough to pay for the land ; then Mr. Blake said he would leave it to myself ; I declined to give him any ; I gave him 2s. for the two forms, or 2s. each—I forget which ; at the expiration of three years from date of purchase I paid the balance of purchase money of the 50 acres, together with deed fee £1 ; I have applied to Mr. Blake several times for my deeds, but can never get them ; Mr. Blake has always said, "As soon as ever I get them you shall have them" ; I have never sent a written application.

By Mr. Blake : You asked me something for your trouble ; I believe that I paid you 2s. for the form ; you said, "I'll leave it to you what you shall give me for my trouble."

CHAS. W. YORK.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—
A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Frank Johns states as follows :—I live about 6 miles from Hay, on the south side of the Murrumbidgee, where I have a grazing farm ; I have often transacted business at the land office at Hay ; about two years and a half ago I applied to Mr. Blake for three areas of 40 acres, for mineral purposes ; I brought my descriptions with me ; Mr. Blake refused my applications, and told me to see Mr. Macgregor of the Joint Stock Bank ; I refused to do so ; Mr. Pearce, the Police Magistrate, came in at the time, and he told Mr. Blake that he ought to give me the ground ; Mr. Blake then consented, and I paid him £60 as deposit money on the three purchases ; he drew up the description at the foot of the first application, but instead of describing the area as to the north of my conditional purchase of 101 acres, he insisted on putting it to the south ; I pointed out that this was wrong, but he insisted that it was right ; I read over the draft description, but he would not copy it correctly ; he read over his copy to me ; I wanted him to alter it, but he declined to do so ; I got three forms from Mr. Blake and took them to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Blake's clerk, and he drew up descriptions in accordance with my wishes ; last November, I think, I came to the land office to take up some ground a little while after noon ; Mr. Blake desired me to come again after 2 o'clock ; I showed Mr. Blake on a lithograph the portions I wanted, but he could not make himself clear about it ; he told me to call again the next day ; the portions I wanted to purchase were Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, in the parish of Hay South ; these portions had been offered for sale some years previously ; I came back on the 6th of *October last, the day after I first called ; Mr. Blake told me that he could not find any records of any land offered in 1867, 1868, or 1869 ; he took out a map of the ground ; I saw him do so ; I said that that was the map of the ground, but he denied this, and put it back again ; I told him that I had the money in my pocket, and that I would have the ground in some other way if he would not let me have it ; I then left the office ; Mr. Barker, of Cobb & Co., was after the ground, and this was the reason I believe that Mr. Blake would not let me have it ; eight or ten minutes after I left the office a constable came after me, and said that Mr. Blake wanted to see me ; I went back to the land office, and Mr. Blake let me have the land.

By Mr. Blake : You would not alter the description, so I got some one to draw up the whole of them ; you never asked me for any remuneration in this matter.

FRANK JOHNS.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—
A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Frederick Wood Reed states :—I am a solicitor, and reside at Hay ; I do not know whether it was in 1873 that a man (Sheridan) came to me on business ; I could state if permitted to consult my books ; have had a great deal of business with Sheridan in reference to selections. [*Mr. Reed allowed to consult his books.*] Sheridan did not call on the 15th October, 1874 ; he called on the 16th September previous ; I remember that Sheridan told me that he had found an uncommonly good piece of land on Benduck Run ; don't remember telling him the best course to pursue ; don't remember telling him to purchase Mr. Blake's services, but have told many people to make it right with Mr. Blake ; have had occasion to report Mr. Blake with reference to a selection I took up for one Donohoe ; I mean to say that it was currently reported that where certain squatters were concerned that it was excessively difficult for selectors to obtain land ; that particularly on Millawa Eli Elwah and Woolandool Run it was difficult to obtain land ; it was generally reported that Mr. Blake was in the habit of receiving a consideration in connection with these matters ; I never paid Mr. Blake anything for business done with the lands office.

By Mr. Blake : Mr. Donohoe did not allege that you asked him for any money ; you told Donohoe the land he wanted was taken—the land all round it was taken up ; did not say by whom ; refused to give the names of the selectors, or allow me to look at the books ; the only way I can state that you have demanded money from applicants for land is that loads of people have told me you have done so ; can name a good many—Eades of Ivanhoe, I think Geo. Lane of Hillston, and McFadden, now of Willandra, but the statements have been so general that I cannot be certain of the names ; Day, now of Wardray, another, and I think a man named Donohoe, now of Pimpampee Run.

FREDERICK WOOD REED.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—
A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

Joseph Edc Pearce states :—I am Police Magistrate at Hay ; it has always been understood that Mr. Macgregor, of the Union Bank, late of the Joint Stock Bank, when Mr. Blake is away on leave, acts as his deputy ; Mr. Macgregor has acted as his deputy as Land Agent ; he has acted on two occasions to my knowledge ; on the first occasion for five weeks, and on the second for three weeks ; the auction sale book was often taken to the Bank in Mr. Blake's absence ; letters relating to land have been sent to Mr. Macgregor for reply ; Mr. Macgregor did not sit much at the office ; matters were referred to him at the Bank ; there was one transaction in connection with a draft that made me determine that I would have nothing to do with Mr. Macgregor in future in his capacity of Mr. Blake's deputy ; Mr. Macgregor has free access to the office whenever he likes ;

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do not think Mr. Blake would like Mr. Oliver, his assistant, to be present at any interviews with Mr. Macgregor; he liked to see him privately; do not think before the passing of the amended Land Act that Mr. Macgregor put in many conditional purchase applications; have seen perhaps a dozen put in by him; he attends nearly every auction sale at the Crown Lands Office at Hay; generally purchases as an agent; have not known him purchase for himself; I have known him purchase extensively for different people, generally for the squatters of the district, before the passing of the amended Land Act; I know he has taken up conditional purchases for squatters, also taken up land open for selection after auction; I should say he has dealt more in land than any other man in Hay, at the land office, as an agent I mean.

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE.

Taken before me, at Hay, this 27th day of May, 1876,—

A. C. S. ROSE, Lands Commissioner.

No. 3.

Mr. Land Agent Blake to Mr. Land Commissioner Rose.

Sir,

Crown Lands Office, Hay, 29 May, 1876.

Referring to the evidence taken before you in the Court of General Inquiry, holden by you in the lands office at Hay, in respect of the conduct of its officers and to the charges made against me by the respective witnesses, I have the honor most respectfully, solemnly, and sincerely, to declare that,—

- 1st. I have never on any one occasion whatsoever knowingly given an undue preference to the applications of the squatters for lands or other business over those of conditional purchasers, nor have I, with corrupt intent, preferred the rich man to the poor.
- 2nd. In regard to the allegation made by the Assistant Land Officer, Mr. Henry Oliver, that on the 5th day of January last, being a Wednesday, I did receive, after office hours, seven (7) Volunteer Land Orders from Mr. James Macgregor, then Manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, for registration, and which were registered on that date in the office books, I emphatically declare that the applications were lodged with me in the regular course of business and during office hours that day; but not entered during the day in consequence of Mr. Oliver's own neglect of them, as I sincerely believe.
- 3rd. And that in regard to the said allegation made by the said Mr. Oliver, to wit: That I received an application for registration under the 31st clause from a Mr. Patterson, on the 20th April last, that day being a Thursday, but that the application was dated the 19th, or as on Wednesday, and so registered,—I have to say that Mr. Patterson arrived from the country on the Wednesday (19th), and notified me out of doors, but within office hours, of his intention to apply that day for land under the 31st clause; that he offered me the money and showed me the description of the land; but that he failed to arrive at the office before closing, and that his application, dated the 19th (Wednesday), was received by me in error, and the money accepted early on the Thursday.
- 4th. In regard of the allegation made by Mr. Frank Johns, that I refused to receive an application from him for a mineral selection, I declare that I did so because I believed that a similar application had been tendered and entered the week before for another person; but that his application was eventually accepted and registered.
- 5th. In regard of the allegation made by Mr. C. W. York, in reference to a conditional purchase made by him, that I asked him for remuneration over and above the price of the application form supplied from the office, I most emphatically declare that I did not.
- 6th. In regard of the allegation made by John Sheridan (lately a confinee in Her Majesty's gaol at Deniliquin), that I asked and received from him the sum of £1 on two separate occasions when receiving applications from him about conditional purchases, I emphatically declare that his testimony is false, that his character in the district is notoriously bad, and that his uncorroborated evidence will not be believed by the local Bench of Magistrates.
- 7th. That never upon any occasion did Mr. James Macgregor, the now Manager of the Union Bank in Hay, and who transacts by far the largest amount of business at the land office, solicit me or offer me any inducement whatsoever to deviate from the line of my duty when attending to his business, and which has always been conducted with the strictest regard to propriety of practice, facilities for business being considered.
- 8th. That never upon any occasion have I solicited or received from any squatter or conditional purchaser any bribe, or money in the shape of a bribe, to induce me to give preference to the applications of one before another, but received all applications regularly as offered to the best of my knowledge and belief. But that on rare occasions presents have been made to me unasked and unsolicited.
- 9th. That my monetary accounts during fifteen years under Government have been voluminous and heavy in amount to an unprecedented degree for country districts, and that they have invariably been found to be correct, forwarded without delay to Sydney and approved by the Auditor General, from which officer I have never received a memorandum for any neglect of financial affairs.

I have, &c.,

JOHN F. BLAKE, J.P.,

Crown Lands Agent, Hay.

No. 4.

Telegram from Mr. Land Agent Blake to Mr. Land Commissioner Rose.

30 May, 1876.

REFERRING to my written defence of the 29th instant, which I delivered to you, and to the extremely short notice given to me to prepare my answer to the uncorroborated allegations made against me in the Court of unannounced inquiry held, I have the honor to supplement my report, as follows:—That regarding statements made by Reed, the solicitor, you will please observe that they are merely hearsay, and that I emphatically deny his general allegations; that his evidence was offered as I verily believe under the strong

strong influence against me exerted upon him by the present Manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, to which institution, by public report, he is under obligations, better understood than expressed; and the present manager of which institution is unwarrantably hostile to me in an extreme degree, consequent upon my alleged greater attention to the business wants of Mr. James Macgregor, the present manager of the local Union Bank of Australia, whose transactions with the land office are almost daily, and of the most varied character, and of great magnitude in a monetary point; that I am unprovided with a copy of the evidence taken in writing against me; and that I verily believe that the entire evidence of Messrs. Oliver and Reed is not in any way influenced with a view towards the promotion of the public good, but given only through strong hostility towards myself, and to ruin me in the estimation of the Government, whom I have faithfully served to the best of my ability, and am still fully competent to serve in the prompt and accurate discharge of my office.

J. F. BLAKE, C.L.A.

No. 5.

J. Booth, Esq., M.L.A., to The Secretary for Lands.

My dear Sir,

Balmain, 8 June, 1876.

I enclose with this a letter I have received from Mr. Macgregor, Manager of the Union Bank of Australia at Hay.

I have no hesitation in recommending to your most favourable consideration the case of Mr. Blake, as Mr. Macgregor, the writer of the letter, is a gentleman thoroughly to be relied upon as conscientious and upright, and who would not make representations unless strongly supported by the facts of the case and convinced of their truth.

I am, &c.,

JOHN BOOTH,

My dear Docker,—I send these papers on for your private perusal in connection with Blake's case.—T.G., 20 July, /76.

[Enclosure to No. 5.]

J. Macgregor, Esq., to J. Booth, Esq., M.L.A.

John Francis Blake, C.P.S., Crown Lands Agent, Hay.

My dear Sir,

Hay, 1 June, 1876.

A certain case is pending in this district of Hay between as it were the Government and its Land Officers, viz. :—John F. Blake, C.P.S. and Crown Lands Agent, who for sixteen years has faithfully served the Government, and has the entire confidence of the proprietors and right thinking part of the people in this great district, and Mr. Henry Oliver, sometime of Sydney, who was recently sent up to this district as assistant to Mr. Blake.

Blake is a man of years—Oliver is a young man. They did not hit it, and mutual fault-finding has been the result officially. I cannot commend Oliver in his doings; Mr. Blake works hard and correctly in his office. The result has been a Commission of Inquiry, ordered from the Lands' sitting these few days here under a Mr. Rose, to investigate an accusation made by a townsman against Mr. Oliver. Decision—Oliver is, I am informed, suspended and ordered away from the Crown Lands Office. Mr. Blake, C.P.S., and who has by far the most influential and respectable inhabitants of the entire district in his favour, is to take a month's leave of absence and visit Sydney; he has gone and is *en route*. Permit me to assure you that Blake is quite right and is wonderfully well esteemed in this vast district; he is a most efficient officer, and marvellously correct in accounts to my knowledge.

The great majority of this district, including *Mr. Phelps, M.L.A., want Blake to be stationed in this place, and not removed, and if you have any influence with the present Government or with Mr. Garrett, especially the present Minister for Lands, with whom you said to me, on the occasion of my recent pleasurable visit to you, that you were very friendly, I should very conscientiously be deeply indebted to you on behalf of the district to use your influence on this occasion in favour of Mr. Blake; he has fully identified himself with the district, and is set upon only by two or three small enemies, who for their spite would like to see another in his shoes here. I have asked Thomas Macgregor, my brother, to present this to you.

With my best wishes and kindest regards,—

Believe me, &c.,

J. MACGREGOR.

No. 6.

Minute Paper.

The Treasury, New South Wales, Sydney, 12 June, 1876.

Subject :—Land Agent's Collections, Hay.

MR. BLAKE, Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, now in Sydney, on leave of absence, called upon me to day, and in course of conversation with him I have learned that balances on land sales fell due in Hay or Sydney on the 8th instant, to the amount of £20,213 12s. 6d. The person left in charge of the Land Agency during Mr. Blake's absence is a young man from the Lands Department by the name of Oliver, who, so far as I am aware, is not under security. As Mr. Blake left Hay on the 1st of this month the above sum, unless paid wholly or in part in Sydney, would be paid to Mr. Oliver. In these circumstances I would recommend that Mr. Oliver be requested by telegram to state whether the £20,213 12s. 6d., or any part of it, has been received by him, and if received whether the amount collected has been remitted to the Treasury.

JAMES THOMSON,

Chief Inspector.

Telegram approved.—A.S., 12/6/76. The paper to be resubmitted with answer to telegram.—A.S., 12/6/76.

Mr. Newcombe,—Are there not some large land sales this month?—G.E., 13/6/76.

In addition to the £20,000 herein referred to, the balances fall due on two sales on 28th and 29th June, to an extent, I am informed, of (say) £36,000. In addition to which there are sales for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 28th June, and 19th July, at which large sums are likely to be realized.—W.N., 13/6/76.

The Minister for Lands,—Has Mr. Oliver given any security? There are very large sums of money passing through his hands.—A.S., 13/6/76. The Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E., B.C., 13/6/76.

No; he is only temporarily in charge during Mr. Blake's leave of absence.—T.G., 15/6/76.

Deposits transmitted to Treasury. See Telegram.—A.O.M., 19/6/76.

See No. 5.

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* Mr. Phelps though now absent has frequently expressed this to me.

No. 7.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Finance and Trade to Acting Land Agent, Hay.

[Specially urgent.]

Sydney, 12 June, 1876.

BALANCES of land sales of 8th March last, at Hay, fell due on the 8th instant to the amount of £20,213 12s. 6d. Report by telegram at once whether that sum or any portion of it has been paid to you, and whether the amount so collected has been transmitted to the Treasury, and on what date.

JAMES THOMSON,
For Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

No. 8.

Telegram from Acting Land Agent, Hay, to Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

12 June, 1876.

BALANCES of land sales of 8th March last received, and transmitted by to-day's mail.

No. 9.

Mr. Land Agent Blake to The Minister for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 14 June, 1876.

Having had an opportunity of perusing the report of Mr. Rose upon my case, and the evidence forwarded therewith, I have the honor to offer the following remarks in my own defence:—

I find that the report deals with the charges as follows:—

1. That I received money when offered for services as Crown Lands Agent.
2. That I asked for payment or gratuities.
3. That I have shown favouritism, and that the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Rose are—
 - (1.) That I admitted occasionally having received moneys which Messrs. Murchison and Reed asserted I did habitually.
 - (2.) That this charge is supported only by evidence of York and Sheridan, the latter being an unreliable witness.
 - (3.) That there is evidence from several that I habitually favoured certain squatters, and that the suspicions as to such conduct were principally due to the influence over me possessed by Mr. Macgregor.

To reply to this charge last, I most respectfully submit that there is really no evidence whatever that I did anything wrong in this respect. It is but natural that when Mr. Macgregor acts for so many people as he does—when the fact that his payments on behalf of his constituents amount to many thousands each month—that his payments for this month alone amount to upwards of £60,000—it is but natural I repeat that we should be brought very frequently into contact, and that an intimacy must as a consequence spring up; but I could never suppose that I am to be debarred from making or having friends because I am a Land Agent, or that I am not to be allowed to select my own friends.

There is not a tittle of evidence that I ever favoured Mr. Macgregor or any one else, and such conduct alone would in my humble judgment be reprehensible. The evidence relied upon by Mr. Rose is that given by Messrs. Pearce, Reed, Murchison, Oliver, Sheridan, and Johns; and yet a scrutiny of the evidence itself will show that Mr. Pearce says that he can give no particular instance of my putting one man aside for another, and that I was never absent from duty. Mr. Reed's evidence does not, I submit, touch this point, nor does Mr. Murchison's.

Mr. Oliver's evidence I will presently show cannot be regarded, nor can Sheridan's, and that really Mr. John's evidence in no way supports Mr. Rose's conclusion. I feel confident that a careful perusal of the evidence will be found to substantiate my statement, which I again repeat, that I never to my knowledge in any way favoured one man to the detriment of another.

As regards charge number two—this charge is made by Sheridan and York—I, on my part, emphatically deny that I ever asked for any payment whatever. It is admitted that Sheridan cannot be relied on, and that his character is far from good. This, therefore, leaves my word against York's—and am I to be condemned on such evidence?—which is, that I asked for payment and did not get it. I think that my word as a gentleman is quite as worthy of credit as Mr. York's, and that on such evidence alone no one would obtain a verdict in a Civil Court, much less a conviction, which is sought to be obtained against me.

The first and remaining charge is that I received money. I have already admitted that I have on one or two occasions done this, but only after some work had been done.

If it is thought that I have accepted bribes why not prosecute me, so that I can have my redress against any one daring to institute such proceedings? Mr. Reed, the principal evidence against me, speaks of it as a current report, but cannot be certain of any person from whom he heard it. Had he been certain I would have called the persons and examined them, and no doubt have shown the flimsy foundation for such rumours.

Mr. Murchison has an equally high opinion of all the land agents in Riverina, but his animus against me and his jealousy at the position held and business done by the rival Bank Manager is evident throughout his evidence. Mr. Oliver, the gentleman whose habits of intemperance are known and admitted in several particulars of the evidence, who "wanted something to produce against me," who could not keep the books because of my too close supervision—whose conduct Mr. Rose speaks of in strong terms and designates as dishonourable,—is, I submit, utterly unworthy of credence in this matter, and if an old public officer is to be condemned on statements made by persons of such character and reliability no one is safe. I can ask the closest scrutiny of my accounts, and point to the accuracy of my returns as proof of my reliability, and if I have imprudently allowed friends to make me presents am I to be punished in this manner?—for, although I do occupy a subordinate position in the Service, my feelings

feelings of honour are as keen as those in the highest position, and to a gentleman the charges made cause such annoyance as even an acquittal cannot relieve. I am prepared to make a declaration of the truth of my statements, and respectfully submit that the only fault that I have been guilty of is imprudence in accepting one or two small presents, but that nothing else has been established against me.

I have, &c.,

JOHN F. BLAKE.

No. 10.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Acting Land Agent, Hay.

15 June, 1876.

HAVE the deposits for the sales at Hay on 5th, 6th, and 7th instant, been remitted to Treasury, and on what date?

No. 11.

Telegram from Acting Land Agent, Hay, to Under Secretary for Lands.

15 June, 1876.

YES—fifth sale on Monday; sixth and seventh sales yesterday.

No. 12.

Minute for Executive Council.

Suspension of Land Agent, Hay.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 19 June, 1876.

FOR the reasons stated in the accompanying report of an inquiry, held at Hay on the 26th and 27th ultimo by Mr. Rose, respecting complaints against Mr. J. F. Blake, as Land Agent at that place, to the effect:—

- 1st. That he has received money when offered for services performed by him in the regular course of duty as Crown Land Agent—
- 2nd. That he has solicited or demanded money from persons transacting business with him as Crown Land Agent—
- 3rd. That he has exercised favouritism in the discharge of his duties as Crown Land Agent—

I recommend to His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council that Mr. J. F. Blake be suspended from his office of Land Agent, and called upon to show cause why he should not be dismissed.

His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.

THOS. GARRETT.

Approved.—H.R., 19/6/76.

The Executive Council advise, under the report of Mr. Commissioner Rose, that Mr. J. F. Blake, Land Agent at Hay, be suspended from office, and called upon to show cause why he should not be dismissed from the Public Service, in consequence of the charges which have been preferred against him as herein specified.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Min. 76-29, 19/6/76. Confirmed, 26/6/76.

No. 13.

The Clerk of the Executive Council to Mr. Land Agent Blake.

Sir,

Executive Council Office, Sydney, 19 June, 1876.

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, under the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of your suspension from official duty in consequence of charges preferred against you, and which formed the subject of inquiry by Mr. Commissioner Rose on the 26th and 27th ultimo.

The said charges may be enumerated as follows, viz.:—

- (1.) That you have received money when offered for services performed in the regular course of your duty as Crown Lands Agent;
- (2.) That you have solicited or demanded money from persons transacting business with you as Crown Lands Agent; and
- (3.) That you have exercised favouritism in the discharge of your duties as Crown Lands Agent.

As you acknowledge to have perused the report of Mr. Rose, and the evidence taken at the inquiry, I presume that you are sufficiently acquainted therewith to render a copy unnecessary, but should you require to refer to the documents at any time I shall be glad to assist you.

2. I have now to request, by direction of His Excellency and the Council, that you will furnish me, for their information, within seven days from this date, with such explanation of your conduct as you may desire to offer, and to show cause why you should not be dismissed from the Public Service.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. C. BUDGE,

Clerk of the Council.

No. 14.

Mr. Land Agent Blake to The Clerk of the Executive Council.

Sir,

Sydney, 20 June, 1876.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.

In reply, I would beg to refer to my previous letters on the subject, and in addition would point out that there is really no evidence whatever to sustain the third charge; and that as regards the second, if there is any evidence at all, there is certainly not enough to warrant such an extreme step as my dismissal from the Service.

The first charge, however, I must acknowledge is to some extent proved by my own admissions, but I most respectfully urge that even though I have acted with great imprudence, I have not been guilty of conduct deserving such punishment. If I had accepted money or presents to influence me in the discharge of my duties, or to act wrongly, then no doubt I should deserve to be dismissed, but if I have gone out of my way to assist people, or if they have thought that I have been more courteous or obliging than a Government official need be, and have made me some small presents, surely this is very different to accepting money as an inducement to do that which I ought not to have done.

I see now that I should have declined to accept anything, but am I for an act of imprudence or carelessness, or want of thought, to be treated as if I had behaved dishonestly, and have my hitherto good reputation blasted for ever? I again repeat that I have done nothing wrong, and that no dishonorable conduct has been established against me, nor can it be shown that I acted unfairly, or did for any one that which I declined to do for another.

I would call attention to the fact that I have been many years in the Service, during the whole of which time my accounts have been most scrupulously kept, and all returns made with the greatest regularity; also that I had in the office an acknowledged enemy looking out for something against me, so that he might do me an injury, and notwithstanding all this *my own statement alone is the only proved evidence of my errors.*

That I have acted honestly and faithfully for the interests of the Government, and to the best of my ability, I assert most fearlessly; but I cannot but feel that my having acted imprudently, an error to which all men are liable in common with myself, does not demand such absolute ruin as would be consequent upon my dismissal.

I most earnestly ask that my case may be favourably considered, and, that if my conduct is still thought to be such as must be condemned, that I may be allowed to exchange into some other department of the Service and thereby be enabled to earn my living, as if I am dismissed my character will be gone, and I am afraid that I shall be unable to get any further employment.

I have, &c.,

JOHN F. BLAKE.

Referred to Secretary of Lands.—H.R., 20/6/76. The Under Secretary for Lands.—B.C., 20/6/76.

It is with deep regret that I feel compelled to come to the conclusion, after a careful consideration of all the papers in this case, that it is my duty to recommend the removal of Mr. Blake from the office of Land Agent at Hay. Forward papers to Minister for Justice.—T.G., 20/7/76.

I have considered very carefully the papers transmitted from the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, viz.,—the charges against Mr. Blake, the evidence before the Commissioner appointed to investigate these charges, and the defence and letters of Mr. Blake,—and I regret that I am compelled to concur in the conclusion which has been arrived at by my honorable colleague. As Mr. Blake held the office of Crown Land Agent by virtue of his being Clerk of Petty Sessions any irregularities which would lead to his dismissal from the office of Land Agent would necessitate his removal from the clerkship of Petty Sessions. I feel it therefore my duty to recommend that Mr. Blake be removed from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay. Prepare minute.—J.D., 25/7/76.

Minute to Mr. Budge accordingly. 26/7/76.

No. 15.

Mr. Land Agent Blake to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Sydney, 28 July, 1876.

Adverting to letter from Clerk of Executive Council, calling upon me to show cause why I should not be dismissed from the office of Land Agent at Hay, and to my reply thereto, I have now the honor most respectfully to request that I may be allowed to resign that office.

I may add that I am now 69 years of age, and have been for fourteen years in the Public Service without any complaint being preferred against me. I have addressed a letter in similar terms to this to the Under Secretary for Justice, respecting the offices of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court.

I have, &c.,

JOHN F. BLAKE.

With every desire to show leniency to Mr. Blake on account of his age, I regret on further consideration of this case, and after consultation with my colleagues, that I cannot allow Mr. Blake's resignation to be accepted, and must adhere to prior decision.—T.G., 2/8/76. The Clerk of the Executive Council.—W.W.S., B.C., 4 Aug., 1876.

No. 16.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 1 August, 1876.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to cause the papers in reference to Mr. J. F. Blake, Land Agent at Hay, which were forwarded to you from the Colonial Secretary's Office, to be returned to this Department at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

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No. 17.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Sydney, 2 August, 1876.
Referring to your letter of 1st instant, requesting the return of the papers in reference to Mr. J. F. Blake, Land Agent at Hay, which were forwarded to me from the Colonial Secretary's Department, I am directed to inform you that the papers in question were placed under cover to Honorable Thomas Garrett, on or about 29th ultimo. See No. 16.

I have, &c.,
W. E. PLUNKETT,
Under Secretary.

The Minister handed in the papers on Friday. They are now with the Clerk of the Executive Council.—W.W.S., 7 August.

No. 18.

Minute for Secretary for Lands.

Vide Minute by Secretary for Lands on enclosed papers.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council. His See No. 14.
Excellency the Governor and Executive Council, 7/8/76.

Approved.—H.R., 7/8/76.

After careful consideration of the explanation offered by Mr. J. F. Blake, of the charges preferred against him, the Executive Council are of opinion that the grave nature of the said charges which Mr. Blake's explanation does not attempt to refute, call for the most severe condemnation, and they therefore advise, in the public interests, that he be removed from the Public Service.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Minute 76/38, 7 August, 1876. Confirmed, 14 August, 1876.

Mr. Blake having been duly apprised by the Clerk of the Executive Council of his removal from the Service, it only remains to apprise the Treasury, with a view to his receiving any moneys properly due to him up to the date of the decision of the Executive Council.—W.W.S., 23 August. See No. 19.

No. 19.

The Clerk of the Executive Council to Mr. J. F. Blake.

Sir, Executive Council Office, Sydney, 8 August, 1876.
Referring to my letter of the 19th June last, calling upon you, by direction of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, to show cause why you should not be dismissed the Public Service in consequence of the charges made against you and set forth in the said letter, I am now directed to inform you that, after mature deliberation and full consideration of the defence offered by you, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, is of opinion that the charges preferred against you, which you failed to disprove, are of such a grave character as to render your further employment under the Government inexpedient, and therefore advise that you be removed from the Public Service. See No. 18.

I shall be glad to be favoured with an acknowledgment of the receipt of this communication.

I have, &c.,
ALEX. C. BUDGE,
Clerk of the Council.

No. 20.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir, Sydney, 9 August, 1876.
I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to state, for the information of the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, that John Francis Blake, Esquire, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, has been removed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, from the Public Service, from 8th instant, to which date Mr. Blake will be entitled to receive salary, in respect of above offices.

I have, &c.,
W. E. PLUNKETT,
Under Secretary.

Will the Under Secretary for Lands be good enough to advise me of the payments to be made in respect of the salary and commission for the office of Land Agent?—G.E. The Treasury, B.C., 11 August, 1876.

No. 21.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 17 August, 1876.

Sir, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that Mr. John Francis Blake, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, has been removed from those offices and from the Public Service.

I have, &c.,
W. E. PLUNKETT,
Under Secretary.

No 22.

No. 22.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 8 September, 1876.

In consequence of certain charges having been preferred against Mr. J. E. Blake as Land Agent at Hay, which have not been refuted by him, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council have approved of his removal from such position in the Public Service, to take effect from the 7th instant.

2. I am also to state that any moneys properly due to him as Land Agent may be paid to him up to that date.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MR. EVANS, LATE LAND AGENT AT HAY.

(RESIGNATION OF—CORRESPONDENCE, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 18 September, 1877.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 26th June, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ All Letters, Correspondence, Papers, &c., in reference to the resignation
“ of Mr. Evans, late Land Agent at Hay.”

(Mr. McElhone.)

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MR. EVANS, LATE LAND AGENT AT HAY.

No. 1.

Telegram from Police Magistrate, Hay, to Minister for Justice, &c.

Hay, 6 January, 1877.

HAS Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, received leave of absence? He left yesterday for Melbourne and I fear his accounts are not right.

Leave of absence does not appear to have been granted to Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions: Communicate any information within your knowledge respecting his absence and accounts.—J.D., 8 January, 1877.

Suspend him from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions for leaving Hay without leave.—J.D.
Telegraph to Police Magistrate.—8/1/77. Done.—8/1/77.

No. 2.

Telegram from Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to Officer-in-charge of Detectives, Melbourne.

7 January, 1877.

DETAIN EVANS should he be on the point of leaving the Colony; if not, keep under close surveillance, and Very urgent warn Bank of Australasia to hold money should it be there. I will telegraph further as early as possible.

No. 3.

Telegram from Police Magistrate, Hay, to Under Secretary of Justice, &c.

8 January, 1877.

LEAVE of absence appears to have been granted to Mr. Evans from Department of Lands. He left Hay 3rd inst., and took with him an order for £1,608 17s. 6d., which he received for land selected after auction on the 29th December last. He made no entry of this in cash-book, and we have learnt it has been paid to his credit at Bank of Australasia, Melbourne. I have taken evidence and issued a warrant for embezzlement, which is taken to-night by a policeman to Melbourne for his arrest.

No. 4.

Telegram from Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to Police Magistrate, Hay.

8 January, 1877.

THE Minister of Justice and Public Instruction has suspended Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, from official duty, for leaving his district without having obtained leave from this department: Please inform Mr. Evans accordingly.

No. 5.

Telegram from District Court Bailiff, Hay, to Minister for Justice, &c.

8 January, 1877.

WHAT address will find Judge Forbes?

No. 6.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to The Bench of Magistrates, Hay.

Gentlemen, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 9 January, 1877.

I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that Mr. Lewis Herbert Lennox Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, has been suspended from duty.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary,

Similar letters addressed to Curator of Intestate Estates, Clerk of the Peace, Registrar General, *Under Secretary for Lands, Inspector General, Under Secretary, Treasury, Judge Forbes, and sent same * See No. 9. date.

No. 7.

No. 7.

Telegram from Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne, to Inspector General of Police, Sydney.

POLICE at Hay telegraph that warrant will issue on Monday, and only reach Melbourne on Wednesday, for arrest of Evans, Land Agent, Hay, for embezzling £1,600, a deposit for land lodged by Lush, manager for William Lings, Wargum Station, drawn on Dalgetty, Blackwood, & Co., and paid by them to Bank of Australasia, Melbourne. Lush's order endorsed by Evans. Evans here under surveillance of detectives, and expected to leave for England immediately. Shall I have him arrested. Reply to officer in charge of detectives.

No. 8.

Telegram from District Court Bailiff, Hay, to Judge Forbes.

9 January, 1877.

THE Registrar is charged with embezzlement of public moneys and unable to act. Will you appoint Hy. Roxburgh, assistant land agent, acting registrar, as forms are requiring.

The next District Court will be holden at Hay on 2nd April, 1877. There does not appear at present to be any immediate necessity to appoint a deputy registrar under the 33rd or 34th section of the "District Courts Act of 1858."

Inform accordingly.—J.D., 12/1/77. District Court Bailiff so informed by telegram.—13/1/77.

No. 9.

The Under Secretary for Justice, &c., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 9 January, 1877.

I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that Mr. Lewis Herbert Lennox Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, has been suspended from duty.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT.

Must be suspended therefore from office as land agent.—W.W.S., 9/1/77. JOHN R.

No. 10.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Hay, to Under Secretary for Lands.

12 January, 1877.

I BEG leave to respectfully report my return and resumption of my duties. I have explained affairs to the Honorable the Minister for Lands in Melbourne.

No. 11.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Hay, to Minister for Justice, &c.

12 January, 1877.

SHALL I act as Clerk of Petty Sessions? The Police Magistrate is up the country on his rounds, and not one to act, whilst I am suspended by you for being absent without leave, though I am still Land Agent.

No. 12.

Telegram from Crown Lands Agent, Hay, to Minister for Justice, &c.

12 January, 1877.

REQUIRED to visit Melbourne on particular private business for a few days only. Telegraphed Minister for Lands asking for permission, which was granted, and plead ignorance and want of thought of also applying to you. Trust you will take a lenient view of the case and reinstate me.

No. 13.

The Police Magistrate, Hay, to The Under Secretary of Justice, &c.

Sir,

Hay, 15 January, 1877.

I have the honor, for the information of the Honorable the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction, under separate cover, to forward the evidence I took relative to the warrant I issued for L. Herbert L. Evans, charged with embezzlement. I also send the receipt book, with the butt 50,264. I have shown these to Mr. Evans, and we have a certified copy of them, to which he may have access. I am sorry to have to say that Mr. Evans's careless habits entirely unfit him for the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions.

I have, &c.,

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE,

Police Magistrate.

The Clerk of the Executive Council, blank cover, 19 January, 1877.—W.E.P.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure 1 to No. 13.]

Information—General Purposes.

New South Wales, to wit.

BE it remembered, that on this eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, at Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, Henry Roxburgh, of Hay, appears before me the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices duly assigned to keep the Peace of our Lady the Queen in and for the Colony of New South Wales, and informs me, that on the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, Lewis Herbert Lennox Evans, being then Land Agent at Hay, Colony aforesaid, and employed to receive money for land on behalf of the Minister for Lands in Sydney, did receive and take into his possession for and on account of the said Minister for Lands the sum of sixteen hundred and eight pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence in money, and the same feloniously and fraudulently did embezzle, contrary to the Act in such case made and provided, whereupon the said Henry Roxburgh prays that I the said Justice will proceed in the premises according to law.

Sworn at Hay, in the said Colony, on the day }
first above written, before me,—

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE,
Justice of the Peace.

HENRY ROXBURGH.

[Enclosure 2 to No. 13.]

Sworn statements taken relative to a charge of embezzlement made against Lewis Herbert Lennox Evans, at Hay Police Office, 8th January, 1877.

William Russell Lush, being duly sworn, saith:—I am manager of Wargum Station, the property of William Lang, Esq.; on the 29th of December last I came to Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, for the purpose of taking up land open to purchase, having been offered at auction and passed; I saw Mr. Evans, the Land Agent at Hay, and I produced to him a plan of the run which I now produce, and told him that I wished to take up portion 20 and portion 22, parish of Euroley; portion Nos. 10 and 12, parish of Werkenbergal; and portion 15, parish of Wargum—amounting in all to 1,600 acres; he (Mr. Evans) told me that the price of the land was £1,600, and £5 for the deed fees; I told him I would give him a cheque on Hay, for I usually drew on Melbourne; he said your cheque will do; I said what is the discount; he said £3 17s. 6d.; I then gave him an order or cheque for £1,608 17s. 6d.; I asked him who I should draw it in favor of, and he said Mr. Evans, and I then drew an order in his favor for £1,608 17s. 6d., and he gave me then the receipt, which I produce, and see, marked A; I returned home on the following day; I looked at the receipt A, and I discovered that the number of acres was set down as only sixteen; on Monday, the 1st instant, I sent the receipt A to the Land Agent at Hay for correction; it was returned to me unaltered, with the information that Mr. Evans had left for Melbourne; yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Macgregor, Manager of the Union Bank at Hay, brought by the Police, desiring me to attend the Police Court at Hay to-day; the only question Mr. Evans asked me was, did I know when the land was offered for sale; I said no; he said "I'll find that out after"; the order I gave to Mr. Evans was No. 240, dated 29 December, 1876, drawn on Messrs. Dalgetty, Blackwood, & Co., Melbourne, for the sum of £1,608 17s. 6d.; the order was headed Wargum Station; this was the only order, I gave to Mr. Evans, or the Land Agent at Hay, that day.

See sub-enclosure A.

Sworn at Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, }
this 8th day of January, 1877, before me,—

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE, P.M.

W. R. LUSH.

Henry Roxburgh, being duly sworn, saith:—I am Assistant Land Agent at Hay; it is no part of my duties to do the work of the Clerk of Petty Sessions, though I have done so to assist Mr. Evans the Land Agent here as well as the Clerk of Petty Sessions; on the 29th December last there was an altercation between myself and Mr. Evans, and I said to him "Well you can keep the cash-book yourself and I'll take care that you do your share of the work"; I had been keeping the cash-book for him before this; I had made one entry in the cash-book that day before this altercation took place; I remember on Friday, the 29th of December last, directing Mr. Lush (the last witness) to go into a private room to Mr. Evans; what transpired between them I do not know; I saw Mr. Lush leave, but Mr. Evans did not make any entries in the cash-book of having received any money from any one; there are no entries made in his handwriting at all on that day; on January the 2nd, 1877, he made two entries for £1 8s., and I pointed out to him that he ought to have commenced a fresh page for the beginning of the year, and I have since drawn the pen across them and entered them on another page; there is no entry from the 29th of December last to the present date of the sum of £1,608 17s. 6d. in the cash-book, and all moneys received should be entered in this cash-book; there is no entry of that amount in any other book in this office; referring to the instructions to Land Agents and Clerks of Petty Sessions, I see that all moneys received over the sum of £5 should be entered in the cash-book and banked the same day if practicable; I refer to a butt in a receipt book in this office, No. 50,264, written in Mr. Evans's handwriting, and signed by him as Agent for the sale of Crown Lands; it is as follows:—"Received from William Lang, of the sum of pounds shillings and pence, being the price by selection for 16 acres roods perches, situated at Urolly, Werkenbergal and Wargum, in the county of Townsend, which were offered for sale on the 29th day of December, 1876, as lot blank and blank.—L. HERBERT L. EVANS, Agent for the sale of Crown Lands"; on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, I asked Mr. Evans could I have leave of absence that morning; he said certainly; I saw the entries, and I asked him about some moneys; he said he had banked those on the Friday or Saturday previous; he said he had the amounts down on a piece of paper; I asked him to give it to me and he said he could not find it; I asked him to try and find it for me by the afternoon or to remember the amounts; when I came in the afternoon he said, "Oh, you may as well take the afternoon and make the day of it," but I went to work for about one hour or so, he said, "Oh, you need not stop, you had better go, but before you go would you mind making up the cash for me to bank?" after I made it up I said I would take it down, and I took it to the Bank; when I came to the butt of the receipt No. 50,264, I could not understand it; Mr. Evans was not here then; when he came in I asked him what that meant; he looked at it and said he could not think of it just then (I do not think he was drunk); I asked him about it two or three times; he said he could not bring it to his recollection, and another time that he had taken it under protest; he never said what the amount was for; I have seen the receipt marked A, produced by Mr. Lush; there has been no such an amount as this received and entered as such in this office; it was Mr. Evans's duty to have entered the amount he received from Mr. Lush in the cash-book, and to have banked it in the Government Bank, which is the Bank of New South Wales; I produce the Government Gazette, No. 333, of 1876, wherein Mr. Evans's appointment as Land Agent here is gazetted; date of Gazette 22 September, 1876; the total cash received on the 29th December last, as per cash-book, Public Revenue £999 1s. 6d., which were for pre-leases £13, selection of Crown Lands after auction £981, deed fees on the same £4, one plaint £1, subpoena 1s. 6d., total £999 1s. 6d.; on the 30th December the amount received was £3 17s.; on the 2nd January, 1877, the total amount received was £238 19s. 7d., and on the 3rd £9,415 3s. 9d., auction deposits, &c.; none of these payments included a sum of £1,608 17s. 6d.; Mr. Evans left Hay the 3rd instant.

See sub-enclosure B.

Sworn at Hay, Colony of New South Wales, }
this 8th January, 1877, before me,—

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE, P.M.

H. ROXBURGH.

Henry Elliston Best, being duly sworn, saith:—I am Manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Hay; it is the Government Bank; since the 29th of December last to the 3rd of January, 1877, there have been paid into our Bank on account of the Government £10,707 1s. 10d., and among the cheques and orders so deposited there was not an order drawn by W. R. Lush on Messrs. Dalgetty, Blackwood, & Co., for £1,608 17s. 6d.; the accounts I refer to are those which are operated upon by Mr. Evans as Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions.

Sworn at Hay, in the Colony of New South Wales, }
this 8th day of January, 1877, before,—

JOSEPH EDE PEARCE, P.M.

H. E. BEST.

[Sub-enclosure

[Sub-enclosure A to No. 2 Enclosure to No. 13.]

No. 50,264 Deed Fee £

Police District of Oxley, 29 December, 1876.

RECEIVED from William Lang, per William Lush, of Hay, the sum of £1,608, being the price by selection for 16 acres of land situated at Uroly, Werkenbergal and Wargum, in the county of Townsend, which were offered for sale on the 29th day of December, 1876, as lot and
£1,608 17s. 6d.

L. HERBERT L. EVANS,
Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

[Sub-enclosure B to No. 2 Enclosure to No. 13.]

Gazette Notice.

Department of Lands, Sydney, 22nd September, 1876.

It is hereby notified that L. Herbert L. Evans, Esq., C.P.S., has been appointed Agent for the sale of Crown Lands at Hay.
THOMAS GARRETT.

No. 14.

Minute Paper for The Executive Council.

Suspension from office of Mr. L. H. L. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 15 January, 1877.

THE Police Magistrate at Hay having reported that Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, was absent without leave, and had left the Colony for Melbourne, taking with him certain public moneys of which no entry could be found in his cash-book,—I recommend that Mr. Evans should be suspended and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

Minutes on No. 14.

For the reason herein specified, the Executive Council advise that Mr. L. H. L. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, be suspended from official duty, and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.—ALEX. C. BUDGE, Clerk of the Council.

Minute 77/5, 22/1/77.

Approved.—H.R., 24 January, /77.

Confirmed, 29/1/77.

No. 15.

Telegram from Mr. L. Evans to Secretary for Lands.

15 January, 1877.

I beg for leave to proceed to Sydney to clear up all imputations against my character.

Submitted.—W.W.S. This gentleman should remain where he is I think at any rate until the examination of his books by the Accountant of the Treasury.—JOHN R. Telegraph.

No. 16.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 15 January, 1877.

No. 9.

Referring to my letter of 9th instant, intimating that Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c., at Hay, had been suspended from official duty, I am directed to inform you that the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction approves of Mr. C. N. Oliver (clerk in your Department) being appointed Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, with the salary provided by Parliament, until further arrangements shall have been made.

I am to request that you will have the goodness to cause Mr. Oliver to be apprised accordingly.

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

P.S.—I am to add that Mr. Oliver should leave Sydney this evening.—W.E.P.

Minutes on No. 16.

See action taken; keep ready for submission as soon as required.—W.W.S., 16/1/77. Inform Police Magistrate and Mr. Evans by telegram.—W.W.S., 17/1/77. Telegram sent to above parties accordingly.

No. 17.

Memorandum by The Under Secretary for Lands.

MR. Herbert Evans, the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Hay, having been suspended, it is considered necessary that some person well acquainted with the duties of the above offices be at once despatched to take Mr. Evans's place, pending the settlement of the matter.

By direction therefore of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, I have instructed Mr. Charles N. J. Oliver of this Department, who is thoroughly conversant with the business, and who moreover acted in the above capacities at Hay, not very long ago, to proceed there at once, and take over the work, books, &c., from Mr. Evans.

Perhaps the Honorable the Minister for Justice may now be moved to appoint Mr. Oliver temporarily, as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court.

Approved.—JOHN R.

W.W.S., 15 January, 1877.

Minutes on No. 17.

Mr. Stephen should, to ensure speed in this matter, take it himself to the Minister for Justice and receive from that Minister the necessary documents, &c., and return them to Mr. Oliver, so Oliver may go this afternoon.—JOHN R.

Taken by me as directed to the Department of Justice, &c., and necessary letter, &c., has been received from the Under Secretary of that Department.—W.W.S., 15/1/77.

No. 18.

No. 18.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Police Magistrate, Hay.

Sydney, 17 January, 1877.

Mr. Herbert Evans has been suspended from his duties as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Hay, and instructed to hand over all papers and books to Mr. C. N. J. Oliver, of this Department, on his arrival at Hay.

No. 19.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. L. Evans.

Sydney, 17 January, 1877.

HAVING been suspended from your official duties as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, you have also been suspended as Land Agent. Hand over all papers and books to Mr. C. N. J. Oliver on his arrival at Hay, he having been temporarily appointed, pending settlement of the matter.

No. 20.

Telegram from Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. L. Evans.

Sydney, 19 January, 1877.

MINISTER thinks you should remain where you are, at any rate until the examination of your books by the Accountant of the Treasury is finished.

No. 21.

Telegram from Mr. C. Oliver to The Under Secretary for Lands.

19 January, 1877.

ARRIVED this morning, and immediately took charge of Office.

No. 22.

The Clerk of the Executive Council to Mr. L. Evans.

Sir,

Executive Council Office, Sydney, 29 January, 1877.

I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, under the advice of the Executive Council, has directed that you be suspended from official duty, and called upon to show cause why you should not be removed from the Public Service, in consequence of your having left Hay for Melbourne on the 3rd instant, without leave, taking with you certain public moneys for which no entry could be found in your cash-book.

I am to request that you will furnish me in writing, for the information of His Excellency and the Council, within ten (10) days from this date, with such explanation of your conduct as you may desire to offer, and to show cause why you should not be removed from the Public Service.

I have, &c.,

ALEX. C. BUDGE;

Clerk of the Council.

No. 23.

J. J. Eaton, Esq., to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Court House, Hay, New South Wales, 30 January, 1877.

Having completed my inspection of the accounts of Mr. L. H. L. Evans, the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Hay—now under suspension—I do myself the honor to submit the following report thereon for the information of the honorable the Treasurer:

After a careful examination of the books of account, from the date of my previous inspection, I found, with the exception of the two following sums, the various items of revenue entered in the books and accounted for.

The omitted items consist of—£1,608 17s. 6d.; £262 17s. 6d.

With reference to the first omission of £1,608 17s. 6d., I found that Mr. Lush, on behalf of Mr. Lang, made application on the 29th December last, to purchase by selection after auction, five measured portions of land of 320 acres each, in all 1,600 acres, and intimated to Mr. Evans that, as he usually drew on Melbourne, he would give a cheque on the Bank at Hay for the amount of the purchase, when Evans replied, "*Your cheque will do.*" On Mr. Lush asking the amount of exchange, and in whose favour it should be drawn, he was informed by Evans that the exchange would be £3 17s. 6d., and to draw it in favour of Mr. Evans.

Mr. Lush then gave an order in Evans's favour on Dalgetty, Blackwood, & Co., Melbourne, for £1,608 17s. 6d., being for—

Five lots of land of 320 acres each	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,600	0	0
Five deed fees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Exchange	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	17	6

Total £1,608 17 6

Evans drew out a receipt for the pounds, omitting in the body the shillings and pence, and filling in the figures 16 instead of 1,600 acres—the area purchased. The butt of the receipt was also imperfectly filled in, the amount being omitted and the area put down as 16 acres only.

Mr.

See Enclosure
No. 2 to No. 18.

Mr. Evans denies that Mr. Lush offered him a cheque on the Bank at Hay; against this, however, there is the sworn testimony of Mr. Lush that he did do so. [*Vide* depositions, attached hereto.]

No entry of this transaction was made in any of the books of account in the office, nor was the order deposited with the Bank of New South Wales here, where the Government account is kept for collection.

See Enclosure A.

The order was forwarded to the Manager of the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, under cover of letter, dated 29th December (copy herewith), and placed to Mr. Evans's credit, where it lay from the 5th to the 10th January.

Mr. Evans left Hay for Melbourne on the 3rd January, having obtained ten days leave of absence from the Lands Department. Prior to his leaving, however, the Assistant Land Agent desired some information of the imperfect butt of the receipt, No. 50,264, when Evans looked at it and said *he could not think of it just then*. On further asking Evans said, *he could not bring it to his recollection*, and another time said, *he had received it under protest*. It will be seen that although thus repeatedly asked he never told the assistant what the counterpart of the butt of the receipt was given for, nor gave any information relating to the transaction, but adopted throughout evasive replies; and it was only on Mr. Lush's subsequent discovery of the receipt being imperfectly filled in, and wishing to get it rectified, that the matter was brought to light.

At this stage the Assistant Land Agent telegraphed to Mr. Evans, who was then in Melbourne, that inquiry was being made by Manager of Union Bank respecting imperfect receipt given to Mr. Lush for money received on the 29th December, and any doubt that previously existed in the mind of Mr. Evans about it and the protest under which it was taken were speedily removed, for he at once recollected the particulars of the transaction and telegraphed an immediate reply that it was all right. Mr. Evans has since said that he thought the Assistant Land Agent would draw this sum out of the Bank and forward it with other moneys to the Treasury; but how the assistant could operate on money deposited in a foreign Bank, and lying to the private credit of Mr. Evans, without authority and unaware of its existence, I am I confess at a loss to understand.

I failed to trace any written application in the office from Mr. Lush leading up to the transaction, with the exception of a printed form of notice to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, partly filled in by Mr. Evans, and this paper was sent from Melbourne after steps had been taken by the assistant in the matter. The full amount of the order £1,608 17s. 6d. was drawn out of the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, on the 10th instant, by Mr. Evans in company with Mr. Superintendent Brown, and received at the Treasury on the 13th instant.

The amount due for land is	£1,600	0	0
For deeds	5	0	0
In all	£1,605	0	0

The difference, £3 17s. 6d. is in excess of the transaction.

The excuse given by Mr. Evans, that he could not deposit the order—it being on a private firm—until he had first ascertained whether it would be honored, is most frivolous, for on the 6th December, only three weeks prior to the receipt of the order now under investigation, he received an order on M'Culloch, Sellar, & Co., of Melbourne, for £322, with exchange added, and deposited it with the Bank of New South Wales here for collection, and on several occasions has received orders on private firms, and always passed them on to the Bank here for collection. The action taken therefore in this instance was not through ignorance, but bears a much graver aspect. I find therefore that:—

1. Mr. Evans received an order for £1,608 17s. 6d. on Dalgetty, Blackwood, & Co., of Melbourne, from Mr. Lush in payment of land purchases, and forwarded it to the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, for collection.
2. That Mr. Evans's letter to the Bank is of a private nature, and bears no official character.
3. That the amount of the order lay to Mr. Evans's private credit from the 5th to 10th January.
4. That he left no proper record of the transaction in the books of the office.
5. That he failed to make the deposit with the Bank of New South Wales at Hay.
6. That he hesitated and gave untruthful replies to the Assistant Land Agent when questioned about the imperfect butt of the receipt, and I cannot but think that had it not been for the accidental circumstance discovered by Mr. Lush, of the imperfect receipt, which caused that gentleman to make further inquiries, the step taken by Mr. Evans might, and I am not satisfied it would not, have led to graver complications.

What the intention was it is impossible to say, but the action taken in this instance, of an officer diverting the Public Revenue from its proper channel and placing it to a private account in a foreign Bank, is an offence of a very serious nature, and will, no doubt, be considered so by the Government.

The other item omitted (£262 17s. 6d.) is the amount of a cheque on the Bank of Australasia, Sydney, given to Mr. Evans by Mr. John Clark, at the Court House, Hay, on the 27th December last, in payment of 260 acres, under 31st clause of Land Act:—

For pre-lease under Volunteer Order	£260	0	0
Exchange	2	0	0
Exchange	0	17	6
Total	£262	17	6

Mr. Clark left Hay without obtaining receipts for the above payments; a receipt however followed for £260; this receipt taken from end of book was dated the 30th instead of the 27th December, the date of payment. No receipt was received by Mr. Clark for rent of pre-lease.

The corresponding butt from which the receipt for £260 is taken is *blank*. No entry in any form in any of the books of account is made of this transaction.

The Assistant Land Agent had not the slightest knowledge of this transaction. Other moneys were received and deposited with the Bank on the 27th December, and why this amount was omitted I cannot understand.

On the 30th December Mr. Evans discovered he had lost the cheque and wrote to Mr. Clark requesting that gentleman to stop its payment. (See letter to Mr. Clark herewith.)

The private number of the cheque is 25, the Bank number 2,499, and the date 27 December, 1876.

Mr.

See Enclosure B.

Mr. Clark took immediate steps to stop the payment of the cheque as requested, and also to get the error in the date of the receipt rectified, viz., from 30th to 27th; owing however to the absence of Mr. Evans the correction could not be made. Mr. Evans states that he received the cheque from Mr. Clark at the hotel; this is denied by Mr. Clark, who is positive that he gave it with some papers to Mr. Evans at the Court House.

Mr. Clark has explained other matters to me which took place at the Court-house on the 27th December, which leads me to the conclusion that his view is correct.

The actual receipt of the cheque is not denied by Mr. Evans.

No trace of any application from Mr. Clark, under the 31st clause of the Land Act, can be found in the office. A duplicate application however has been obtained and will be found attached hereto. A pre-lease application will also be found annexed. See Enclosure C.
See Enclosure D.

The case therefore stands thus:—Mr. Clark holds a Government receipt for £260, for which there is no entry in the books of the office, nor any money in the Bank to represent the transaction; the cheque is said to be lost and payment has been stopped; Mr. Clark is willing to issue a second cheque on receiving a satisfactory guarantee, and as Mr. Evans received the cheque and gave the receipt he alone must be held responsible, and should be called upon to make good the amount of the cheque by offering such a guarantee as will induce Mr. Clark to issue a second one.

For several weeks past the habits of Mr. Evans have been very unsteady, producing carelessness, indifference to results, and gross negligence, and showing by his conduct his utter unfitness for the position of a collector of Public Revenue.

The revenue collected here for 1876 amounted to £394,000 odd; for the present month the sum of £84,000 has already been collected; and in February next there will be due for balances of auction sales of land in November last, the sum of £97,000. It will thus be seen that the Hay Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent is of considerable importance, requiring the services of an officer of known business habits and strict sobriety.

The report of Mr. Superintendent Brown, forwarded to me for my information, I beg to return herewith. See Enclosure E.

I have, &c.,
J. J. EATON,
Inspector of Public Accounts.

Minutes on No. 23.

The Minister for Lands,—In forwarding this case to my honorable colleague I take the opportunity of stating my opinion that, apart from the question of guilty intentions of misappropriations, which may or may not have existed, the irregularity is so gross and so calculated to lead to the gravest evils that Mr. Evans should be at once removed from this position from the Service, or called on to show cause why he should not be dismissed.—A.S., 5 February, 1877.

The Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E., B.C., 6 February, 1877.

The action taken with regard to Mr. Evans's office as Land Agent will depend upon that which may be determined upon by the Government, in respect of his appointment as Clerk of Petty Sessions, in virtue of and in conjunction with which he holds the former office.—W.W.S., 9 February, 1877.

I am content to take the course suggested; indeed it is the only one proper. Minute should be prepared by Minister for Justice as the Land Office appointment was not made by the Governor and Executive Council.—JOHN R., 9 February, 1877.

The Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction.—W.W.S., B.C., 10 February, 1877.

Mr. Evans has already been suspended and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay by minute of the Executive Council of the 15th January, on the representation of the Minister of Justice, &c. These papers should be transmitted to Mr. Budge to be placed with the others connected with the case.—J.D., 17 February, 1877. See No. 14.

The Clerk of the Executive Council.—W.E.P., B.C., 17 February, 1877.

[Enclosure A to No. 23.]

Mr. L. Evans to The Manager of the Bank of Australasia.

Sir,

Please collect draft, and let me know by wire when the above is to my credit, and charge the same to me. Hay, 29 December, 1876.

I have, &c.,
L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

[Enclosure B to No. 23.]

Mr. L. Evans to Mr. Clark.

Dear Mr. Clark,

You handed me a cheque at Cox's Hotel for a 31st clause application; the cheque I cannot find anywhere; will you telegraph and stop payment at the Bank you drew on. I believe the amount was £263 17s. 6d., but I am not certain. 260 acres was the area applied for.

I am very anxious that you should do so at once, as I should get very highly censured by the Government for carelessness. I have entered your application in the book, so that it will stop the land from being selected.

It is a very serious fix for me, so I shall be much obliged if you will assist me as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,
L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

I forward you your receipt.—L.H.L.E.

[Enclosure C to No. 23.]

(B.)

[Lands Act Amendment Act—1875.]

Application for the purchase of Crown Lands in virtue of intended improvements by the holder thereof, under a lease or promise of lease for pastoral purposes.

Sir,

Kerarbury, Wagga Wagga, 27 December, 1876.
We hereby apply to purchase, without competition, under the provisions of the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, the Crown land described hereunder, on which we intend to erect the improvements detailed below; and we herewith tender the sum of £260, being a deposit of £1 per acre on the area for which we apply.

We have, &c.,

WILLIAM MACLEAY & JOHN KERR CLARK:
(Per JOHN CLARK.)

The Crown Lands Agent, Hay.

DESCRIPTION.

Ugoble Run, county of Boyd, parish of Uri: Commencing at a peg marked c, near old sheep-yards, on a creek running westerly along this creek; then south-east and north to point of commencement, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile north of measured portion No. 21, parish of Uri.

*Describe intended improvements in detail:—*For wire-fencing, and post and rail fencing, yards, dams, and overseer's cottage.

[Enclosure D to No. 23.]

(M.)

[Occupation Act, 1861, and Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875.]

To be used in claiming to Lease adjoining Lands under pre-emptive right.

Sir,

Kerarbury, Hay, 27 December, 1876.

In pursuance of the provisions of the "Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861," and the "Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875," and Regulations thereunder, I, John Clark, do hereby apply to be allowed to lease the sections or portion of Crown lands hereunder described, at the fixed rent of £2 per section, which I hereby tender.

The land in virtue of which I claim to exercise a right of pre-emption, is situated as follows, and is now in my possession, viz.:—County of Boyd, parish of Uri, Murrumbidgee Run, containing 50 acres, being Volunteer selection on the 20th day of December, 1876, by William Macleay and John Kerr Clark, at Hay.

I am, &c.,

JOHN CLARK,

Agent for Wm. Macleay and John Kerr Clark.

To the Land Agent, Oxley.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECTIONS OR PORTION APPLIED FOR.

150 acres, adjoining the above selection, on the north, south, and east.

[Enclosure E to No. 23.]

Superintendent Brown to The Inspector General of Police, Sydney.

Sir,

Melbourne, 10 January, 1877.

I do myself the honor to report that, in accordance with your instructions, immediately upon my arrival in Melbourne I went in search of Mr. Evans, Land Agent at Hay.

With reference to certain irregularities respecting the sum of £1,600, the proceeds of land sold at Hay, Mr. Evans made the following explanation:—Mr. Evans took in lieu of money an order on a firm in Melbourne. Not being a Bank draft, did not negotiate it through a local Bank, but forwarded it to the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, for collection, and to be placed to his credit, at the same time requesting the manager of the Bank to telegraph to Mr. Evans when the order was cashed. In the meantime Mr. Evans leaves Hay on leave of absence from the Lands Department, leaving Mr. Roxburgh (his assistant) to act for him, to receive and pay all public moneys. The telegram from the Bank manager was duly sent to Hay and received by Mr. Roxburgh.

Mr. Evans, not hearing from the Bank with reference to this order, nor from Mr. Roxburgh, he (Evans) thought (certainly most unbusiness-like) that Mr. Roxburgh had drawn the money from the Bank and remitted the amount to the Treasury.

Mr. Evans never attempted to draw any money out of the Bank, and seemed surprised when I told him the money was still there. I am informed by the Manager of the Bank of Australasia that Evans could (and had every opportunity of doing so) have drawn the whole of the amount from the Bank till yesterday, at 2 p.m., when the Chief Commissioner of Police instructed the manager not to pay any cheque of Evans's, and on behalf of the New South Wales Government would relieve the Bank of any responsibility. Mr. Evans in my opinion has been guilty of gross irregularity, but unintentionally and without criminal intention.

Mr. Evans also informed me that he obtained his leave of absence from the Lands Department, and did not think it was necessary to apply for leave also from the Department of Justice.

Mr. Evans has promised to leave Melbourne direct for Hay to-morrow morning. The matter was not finally arranged till noon to-day. Evans was therefore too late to take the through train.

I have, &c.,

J. DOWLING BROWN,

Superintendent.

[Enclosure F to No. 23.]

Land Office, Hay, 30 December, 1876.

RECEIVED from William Macleay and John Kerr Clark (per John Clark), of Kerarbury, the sum of £260, being a deposit equal to £1 per acre on area of 260 acres, situated at Uri, in the county of Boyd, which he has this day applied to purchase under the 31st clause of the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," in virtue of intended improvements.

£260 0 0

L. HERBERT L. EVANS,

Agent for the Sale of Crown Lands.

[Enclosure G to No. 23.]

The Manager of the Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, to Mr. J. Eaton.

Dear Sir,

Bank of Australasia, Melbourne, Victoria, 18 January, 1877.

See Enclosure A.

In compliance with the request in your telegram, I subjoin a copy of Mr. Evans's letter to us, in which he encloses for collection, order on Dalgety, Blackwood, and Co., £1,608 17s. 6d. The order was paid, and credited the account on the 5th instant, and drawn out of the account on the 10th instant by Mr. Evans, in company with the Inspector of Police, Deniliquin.

I have, &c.,

M. ELLIOT,

Manager.

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No. 24.

Mr. L. Evans to The Clerk of the Executive Council.

Sir,

Sydney, 14 February, 1877.

In reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, calling upon me to show cause why I should not be removed from the Public Service, I beg to state, in reply to the charges advanced,—

- 1st. That I left Hay under leave obtained from the honorable the Minister for Lands, and I was unaware that leave from the Minister for Justice was also necessary.
- 2nd. On leaving Hay I deputed the Assistant Land Agent to conduct my duties during my absence, and I gave him authority to act on all matters connected with the public revenue.
- 3rd. I deny, and if necessary on oath, that whilst I was on leave I took any moneys the property of the Government with me.

In conclusion I trust I may be reinstated under the circumstances or allowed to exchange with Mr. Powell, as applied for.

I have, &c.,

L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

Minister for Justice.—H.R., 19/2/77.

The statements in this defence of Mr. Evans's are so utterly at variance with the facts disclosed in the report of the Inspector of Public Accounts and the annexures thereto, that no other course is open to me than to recommend that he should be dismissed from the Public Service.—J.D., 23/2/77.

The Under Secretary, Department of Justice and Public Instruction.—A.C.B., B.C., 19/2/77.

No. 25.

Mr. L. Evans to The Clerk of the Executive Council.

Sir,

1, Oxford-terrace, Moore Park, 24 February, 1877.

I have the honor herewith to enclose the mislaid cheque of Mr. John Clark's for £262 17s. 6d., the payment of which I requested Mr. Clark (at the time I mislaid it) to give notice to the Bank to stop payment.

It being a wet morning I had occasion to put on an old pair of riding trousers, and on putting my hand in one pocket I found an old pocket-book with some memorandums and letters, and amongst them the cheque produced.

I have, &c.,

L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

Where is the cheque? It came to me in this shape on 5th March.—A.C.B.

Not with the papers.—J.B.

No. 26.

Memorandum by the Clerk of the Executive Council.

Case of Mr. H. L. Evans, Land Agent, Hay.

THE papers in this case are now forwarded to Mr. Plunkett in order that they may be brought under the notice of Mr. Docker, particularly with reference to a communication from Mr. Evans, enclosing a cheque for £262 17s. 6d. (herewith submitted.) See No. 25.

The case was withdrawn from the consideration of the Council for the present.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,

Clerk of the Council.

26 Feb., /77.

Cabinet, for consultation.—J.D., 27/2/77.

No. 27.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council.

Respecting charges against Mr. L. H. L. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 5 March, 1877.

REFERRING to minute of the Executive Council of 29th January last, under which Mr. Lewis Herbert Lennox Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, was suspended from official duty and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service,—

The conduct of Mr. Evans exhibits so much gross irregularity, and is so calculated to lead to great evils should he retain his present position, that I find no other course open to me than to recommend that he be offered other employment in the service, such as until very recently he had, and that should he not accept it he be removed from the Public Service.

JOSEPH DOCKER.

The Executive Council advise, after full consideration of the subject herein set forth, that Mr. L. H. L. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, be removed from that office in consequence of the importance of the duties pertaining thereto, and the carelessness and irregularity which marked his conduct in the performance of the same.

The Council also advise that Mr. Evans be offered employment similar to the office he held prior to his appointment to Hay, and that should he decline to accept these terms he be dismissed from the service.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,

Clerk of the Council.

Approved.—H.R., 7 March, 1877.

No. 28.

No. 28.

Minute of the Executive Council.

At Government House, Sydney, 5 March, 1877.

PRESENT:—

His Excellency the Governor.
 The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.
 The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.
 The Honorable the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.
 The Honorable the Secretary for Lands.
 The Honorable the Secretary for Mines.
 The Honorable the Postmaster General.

Min. No. 11.
 5 March, 1877.

REFERRING to the proceedings on the 29th January last, when the Council advised that Mr. L. H. L. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, should be suspended from official duty and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service,—His Excellency the Governor now lays before the Council a minute paper by the Honorable the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction on the subject. After the most careful consideration of the whole correspondence herewith submitted, the Honorable the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction expresses his opinion that the conduct of Mr. Evans exhibits such gross irregularity and is so calculated to lead to great evils as to render his retention in his present office impossible—at the same time he thinks that Mr. Evans might be offered other employment of a nature similar to the appointment he formerly held in the Department of Lands, and should he refuse such employment that he be removed from the Public Service.

2. The Council having carefully considered the circumstances of the case are of opinion that the conduct of Mr. Evans exhibits such gross carelessness and irregularity as to unfit him for the performance of the duties of his office, and having regard to the public interests they advise that he be removed therefrom.

The Council further advise that employment similar to the appointment he formerly held in the Department of Lands be offered to Mr. Evans, and should he refuse to accept the same that he be removed from the Public Service.

ALEX. C. BUDGE,
 Clerk of the Council.

No. 29.

The Clerk of the Executive Council to Mr. L. Evans.

No. 22.

Sir,

Executive Council Office, Sydney, 7 March, 1877.

Referring to my communication of the 29th January last, on the subject of your suspension from official duty, and calling on you to show cause why you should not be removed from the Public Service, I am now directed to inform you that after the most careful examination of the subject by His Excellency the Governor, in Council, they have arrived at the conclusion that your conduct exhibits such gross irregularity, and is so calculated to lead to great evils, as to render your continuance in your present position at Hay undesirable, and indeed impossible—having a due regard to the nature of the duties of that office.

The Council, while expressing this opinion, are willing that you should receive an appointment similar to the employment you formerly held in the Lands Department, and I am requested to request prior to any extreme step being taken by the Government that you will accept or reject the terms offered.

I have, &c.,
 ALEX. C. BUDGE,
 Clerk of the Council.

No. 30.

Mr. L. Evans to The Clerk of the Executive Council.

No. 29.

Sir,

Sydney, 7 March, 1877.

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honor to state that I am perfectly willing to accept the offer made to me by the Government of a similar appointment to the one held by me in the Department of Lands previous to my being appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay. At the same time I should much prefer that the appointment in question might be made to that Department, as my former connection therewith has made me acquainted with the official duties.

I have, &c.,
 HERBERT L. EVANS.

Referred to Minister for Justice.—H.R., 12/3/77.

Mr. Chisholm will please to see Mr. Budge, and make necessary inquiry respecting the missing cheque.—W.E.P., 13/3/77. See memo. *in re* missing cheque herewith. Read.—J.D., 16/3/77.

Perhaps Mr. Eagar will have the goodness to suggest, under the circumstances mentioned in Mr. Chisholm's memo. of 13th March instant, herewith, what action should be taken to obtain cash in respect of the missing cheque in question for £262 17s. 6d.—The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade, B.C., 29 March, 1877.—W. E. PLUNKETT.

[Enclosure A to No. 30.]

The Clerk of the Executive Council to The Under Secretary of Justice, &c.

Case of H. L. Evans, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay.

My dear Plunkett,—

Mr. Evans having accepted the terms offered of employment similar to that he formerly held in the Lands Department, I suppose he must now wait for something to turn up. I have asked him to place himself in communication with you. There is nothing further that I can do in the matter.

Yours, &c.,
 ALEX. C. BUDGE.

[Enclosure

[Enclosure B to No. 30.]

Memo.—It having been brought under my notice by Mr. Crook that a certain cheque (£262 17s. 6d.), referred to in a letter from Mr. Evans (addressed to the Clerk of the Executive Council) was not with the papers in the case of Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, when returned from the Executive Council on the 13th March,—

The papers were returned from the Executive Council on the 27th February (as per note from Mr. Budge); the cheque was also forwarded to this Department; they were then sent on to the Cabinet on the 28th February, cheque and other papers with them; the papers do not appear to have been noted as returned through our register from the Cabinet. A minute for the Executive Council, dated the 5th March, was prepared, and the papers were transmitted on the same day, but it does not appear that we can state for certain if the cheque accompanied them. The last time the cheque was taken notice of in this room was on the transmission of the papers in Mr. Evans's case to the Cabinet on the 28th February, but when the papers were returned from the Cabinet I am unable to say. On calling on Mr. Budge this morning in reference to the matter he stated that he took particular notice of the cheque having been torn; the remaining portion of the cheque is attached to Mr. Evans's letter 24/2/77. Mr. Budge suggested that I should call on the Manager of the Bank of Australasia; I did so, and Mr. Ingram informed me that instructions had been received to stop payment of the cheque; he also stated the missing portion of the document would not be negotiable as no one would cash the same.

13th March, 1877.

H. J. CHISHOLM.

No. 31.

Mr. L. Evans to The Minister for Justice, &c.

Sir,

Sydney, 16 March, 1877.

I do myself the honor to request that the stigma of suspension, as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay may be removed; and at the same time I forward a letter addressed to me from the Clerk of the Executive Council, offering me different employment in the Service, and a copy of my answer accepting the same.

I respectfully request that the necessary steps may be taken to allow me to draw my back salaries.

I have, &c.,

L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

The suspension of Mr. Evans terminated by the Executive minute of the 5th of March, 1877. I presume his salary will be payable to that date.—J.D., 16/3/77.

No. 32.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 16 March, 1877.

Referring to my letter of 9th January last, intimating suspension of Mr. L. H. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to remove the suspension of Mr. Evans in above capacity, on the express condition that he be offered employment similar to the office he held prior to his appointment at Hay, which he has agreed to accept.

Under above circumstances Mr. Evans will be entitled to receive salary until his suspension was removed, viz., to 5th instant.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

No. 33.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to The Inspector General of Police.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 16 March, 1877.

Referring to my letter of the 9th January last, intimating suspension of Mr. L. H. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Hay, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to remove the suspension of Mr. Evans in above capacity, on the express condition that he be offered employment similar to the office he held prior to his appointment at Hay, which he has agreed to accept.

Mr. Evans will be entitled to receive salary to the date of the removal of his suspension, viz., 5th instant, inclusive.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

No. 34.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to The Under Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Sydney, 16 March, 1877.

Referring to my letter of the 9th January last, intimating suspension of Mr. L. H. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to remove the suspension of Mr. Evans in the above capacity, on the express condition that he be offered employment similar to the office he held prior to his appointment at Hay, which he has agreed to accept.

Mr. Evans will be entitled to receive salary to the date of the removal of his suspension, viz., 5th instant, inclusive.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

No. 35.

No. 35.

The Under Secretary of Justice, &c., to Mr. L. Evans.

Sir,

Department of Justice and Public Instruction, 16 March, 1877.

See No. 3.

Referring to your letter of present date, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to inform you that His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to remove your suspension as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of the District Court at Hay, on the express understanding that you be offered employment similar to the office held by you prior to your appointment at Hay, which it is understood you have expressed your willingness to accept.

I am to add that you will be entitled to receive salary in respect of the above offices to the date of the removal of your suspension, viz., 5th instant, inclusive.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

No. 36.

Mr. L. Evans to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Oxford Terrace, Moore Park, Sydney.

* Query 16th.
See No. 35.

Referring to letter from the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction of the 18th ultimo (copy enclosed), I have the honor to request that I may, without further delay, be employed in your Department, in a position and at a salary similar to that which I held when previously in the Lands Office, and which I have already signified to the Executive Council my willingness to accept.

There is at present a vacancy at the above rate of salary, viz., £150, Mr. Doherty being on six months leave of absence without pay.

I have, &c.,

L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

Minutes on No. 36.

Submitted in reference to decision of late Government, as shown by copy of letter herewith from Department of Justice and Public Instruction. Mr. Doherty was on the temporary staff at salary of £150 per annum.—W.W.S., 24 April.

I would like to see the papers relating to this case.—R.D., 25/4/77.

The case of Mr. Evans, so far as relates to this Department, has been disposed of. The papers are with the Treasury. The Under Secretary for Lands, B.C., 24 April.

I am not aware of any vacancy.—R.D.

Returned to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.—W.W.S., B.C., 19 June.

No. 37.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. L. Evans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, 16 June, 1877.

No. 36.

Referring to your letter, undated, requesting that you may be employed in this Department in a position and at a salary similar to that held by you previously in this office, and stating there is a vacancy caused by the absence on leave by Mr. Doherty, I am directed by the Minister for Lands to state that Mr. Doherty is not now absent on leave, and he is not aware of any vacancy.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 38.

Précis of the Proceedings in the case of the suspension of Mr. Evans.

In consequence of the Police Magistrate at Hay having reported that Mr. Evans, Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place, was absent without leave, and had left the Colony for Melbourne, taking with him certain public moneys, of which no entry could be found in his cash-book, the Executive Council advised that he be suspended from official duty and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.

On the 9th January last the Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction informed this Department of the above decision, whereupon on the 17th of that month Mr. Evans was apprised by telegram from this Department that he had also been suspended as Land Agent, and was requested to hand over all papers and books to Mr. C. N. J. Oliver, on his arrival at Hay, the person temporarily appointed in his place, pending a settlement of the matter.

The Police Magistrate at Hay was also informed to above effect on same date.

On the 15th January last the Police Magistrate at Hay forwarded evidence taken by him relative to the warrant issued for Mr. Evans, charged with embezzlement, at the same time stating that Mr. Evans's careless habits entirely unfit him for the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions.

On the 30th January the Inspector of Public Accounts reported that he completed his inspection of the accounts of Mr. Evans, submitting at the same time a detailed report thereon, which the Colonial Treasurer, in forwarding to the Minister for Lands, stated, that in his opinion, apart from the question of guilty intention of misappropriation, which may or may not have existed, the irregularity was so gross and so calculated to lead to the greatest evils, that Mr. Evans should be at once removed from his position in the service, or called on to show cause why he should not be dismissed.

Sir John Robertson, then acting as Minister for Lands, concurred in the suggestion of the Colonial Treasurer, as it was in his opinion the only one proper under the circumstances. The papers were then accordingly forwarded to the Under Secretary for Justice and Public Instruction, with a view to the preparation of a minute for Executive Council, in his Department, for the suspension of Mr. Evans as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent, appointments not being made by the Governor and Executive Council.

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It would appear, however, that this course had already been taken by that Department, and Mr. Evans was so apprised, and called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.

On the 14th February Mr. Evans forwarded an explanation in reference to the charges preferred against him, and requested to be reinstated or allowed to effect an exchange. In a minute to this Mr. Docker states that "the statements of Mr. Evans are so utterly at variance with the facts disclosed in the report of the Inspector of Public Accounts and the annexures thereto, that no other course is open to him than to recommend that he should be dismissed from the Public Service," but after further consultation with Mr. Stuart as to the circumstances in connection with the case, the Colonial Treasurer altered his minute (previously referred to), and the following course of action was decided on, viz.:— That although the conduct of Mr. Evans exhibits so much gross irregularity, and is so calculated to lead to great evils should he retain his present position, that no other course is open than to recommend that he be offered other employment in the service such as, until very recently he had, and that should he not accept it he be removed from the Public Service.

The Executive Council accordingly on the 5th March advised that such recommendation be carried into effect.

On the 16th March Mr. Evans requested that the stigma of suspension might be removed, forwarding at the same time the letter addressed to him from the Clerk of the Executive Council, embodying the decision above referred to, and also a copy of his answer accepting the offer so made.

Mr. Evans on the 2nd instant petitioned His Excellency the Governor to cause effect to be given to the recommendation of the Executive Council of the 5th March last, viz., that he be reinstated as a Clerk in the Department of Lands, at a salary of £150 per annum. O.R.

No. 39.

Mr. L. Evans to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Camperdown, 2 July, 1877.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, stating that there is no vacancy in your Department; I again beg to draw your attention to the decision of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, on which it is stated that I am to receive an appointment similar to that occupied by me prior to my acceptance of the position of Land Agent at Hay, which position was on the permanent staff of the Lands Department, at a salary of £150 per annum. See No. 37

I now with due respect beg to state that on the Estimates passed by the Legislative Assembly for the present year provision is made for sundry new appointments in the £150 grade, and trust that one of such appointments may be conferred upon me.

I have, &c.,

L. H. L. EVANS.

The writer is correct in stating that there are vacancies on the £150 grade as far as the Estimates are concerned, there being six vacancies for that grade.—R.H.O.

See also letter enclosed, with precis asked for by the Minister.—W.W.S., 6 July, 1877.

See No. 38.

Having carefully considered the whole of the papers in this case I decline to recommend Mr. Evans for employment in this Department.—R.D., 9/7/77.

No. 40.

Mr. L. Evans to His Excellency the Governor.

Sir,

Sydney, 2 July, 1877.

I beg most respectfully to enclose for your perusal the accompanying Executive Minute, as also the letter sent to me by the Minister for Justice, and the one forwarded by me to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, and trust as my case is an extremely hard one, inasmuch as I was exonerated from all blame, except carelessness, on the minute approved of by you and the Executive Council, that you will see fit, as my suspension has been removed, to cause effect being given to your approval of my being reinstated in a similar position to that held by me prior to my being appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Hay, viz., a clerk on the permanent staff of the Department of Lands, at a salary of £150 per annum, to be complied with. See No. 27 See No. 35. See No. 39.

I have, &c.,

L. H. L. EVANS.

Referred to Minister for Lands.—H.R., 3/7/77.

The enclosed documents show the exact position of Mr. Evans's case, submitted for the consideration and decision of the Minister for Lands.—W.W.S., 3/7/77. See previous correspondence.

Precis of the case herewith.—O.R., 5/7/77. See No. 38.

No. 41.

The Under Secretary for Lands to The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 3 July, 1877.

I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to cause the papers in reference to the resignation of Mr. Evans, late Land Agent at Hay, to be returned to this Department, as they are required to be copied for presentation to Parliament, in accordance with the motion of Mr. McElhone, M.P., in the Legislative Assembly, on the 26th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

Minutes on No. 41.

Chief Inspector.—G.E., 3 July, '77. Papers herewith.—J.T., 4/7/77. The Under Secretary for Lands.—G.E., B.C., 4/7/77.

No. 42.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. L. Evans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 18 July, 1877.

No. 40. With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant and previous correspondence on the subject of your application to be reinstated in the position occupied by you in this office previous to your appointment as Land Agent at Hay, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands having carefully considered the whole of the papers in your case declines to recommend you for employment in this Department.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

No. 43.

Mr. L. Evans to The Secretary for Lands.

Sir,

Camperdown, 31 July, 1877.

No. 42. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of letter of the 18th instant from the Minister for Lands, refusing my application for reinstatement in that Department. I beg to state that the Executive Council approved of my being appointed to a similar position to that held by me prior to my appointment at Hay, on the understanding that I resigned the Land Agency at that place. I therefore respectfully request that you will reconsider the decision arrived at by you.

I have, &c.,

L. HERBERT L. EVANS.

Submitted for the decision of the Minister.—W.W.S., 6 Aug.
former decision.—R.D., 7/8/77.

I see no reason to alter my

No. 44.

The Under Secretary for Lands to Mr. L. Evans.

Sir,

Department of Lands, Sydney, 13 August, 1877.

No. 43. Adverting to your letter of the 31st ultimo, requesting a reconsideration of the decision arrived at with reference to your application to be reinstated in the position occupied by you in this office, previous to your appointment as Land Agent at Hay, I am directed to inform you that the Minister for Lands sees no reason to alter his former decision, viz., that having carefully considered the whole of the papers in your case he declines to recommend you for employment in this Department.

I have, &c.,

W. W. STEPHEN.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES, No. 5. TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1876.

23. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Henry Baron.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Jacob, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the proceedings of, and papers referred to, the Select Committee of Session 1873-4 be referred to the said Committee.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 85. WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1877.

7. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from Isabel Baron, widow of the late William Henry Baron, stating the circumstances under which her late husband's services were dispensed with; and praying the House to grant such relief as the justice of the case requires.
- Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the case.
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VOTES, No. 109. THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1877.

3. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON:—Mr. Baker, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th December, 1876.
- Ordered to be printed.
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CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 19th December, 1876—“with power to send for persons and papers to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Henry Baron,”—and to whom were referred, on the same date,—“the proceedings of, and papers referred to, the Select Committee of Session 1873-4,” and on the 20th June, 1877, “a Petition from Isabel Baron, widow of the late William Henry Baron,”—have agreed to the following Report:—

Your Committee having taken the evidence appended, find—That Mr. W. H. Baron was appointed to an office in the Harbours and Rivers Department on 12th October, 1858, and remained in that office till January 1st, 1862, and that from the 1st January, 1862, to 31st March, 1865, he held the office of Resident Engineer at the Clarence River, except for a period of about three months, during which time he was under suspension, pending an inquiry by the Government into his conduct.

That, upon the termination of the inquiry he was reinstated, and was allowed full pay during the time of his suspension.

That Mr. W. H. Baron did, during his tenure of office, contribute to the Superannuation Fund to the amount of £12 16s. 8d., which has not been refunded to him.

That, on the 31st March, 1865, the office of Resident Engineer at the Clarence River was abolished, and Mr. Baron received notice that his services were not further required.

Your Committee find also that (by a Minute of the Executive Council, bearing date 6th February, 1857) upon the abolition of any office, the holder of such office is entitled to be paid one month's pay for every year's service. Such pay, if calculated at the rate of salary which Mr. Baron had been receiving while in the service of the Government, added to the amount which he had paid into the Superannuation Fund, would amount to the sum of £309 6s.

That since your Committee was appointed to inquire into the claim of Mr. Baron, that person has died, and your Committee now beg to recommend the claim of his widow, Mrs. Isabel Baron, to the favourable consideration of the Government.

E. A. BAKER,
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,
Sydney, 26 July, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Baker, | Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Jacob.

Mr. Baker called to the Chair.
Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing, and referring papers to, the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.
Printed copies of the Papers referred, before the Committee.
Committee deliberated.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Baker in the Chair.
Mr. H. C. Dangar, | Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Farnell.

Committee deliberated.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

FRIDAY, 29 JUNE, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Baker in the Chair.
Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Jacob.

John Rae, Esq. (*Under Secretary for Public Works*), called in and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Committee deliberated.
Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.
[Adjourned.]

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Baker in the Chair.
Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Jacob.

David W. Gregory, Esq. (*Audit Office*), called in and examined.
Witness withdrew.
Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Wednesday next, at *Eleven* o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 26 JULY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Mr. Baker in the Chair.
Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Jacob.

Chairman submitted Draft Report.
Same read and agreed to.
Chairman to report to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

CASE OF W. H. BARON.

FRIDAY, 29 JUNE, 1877.

Present:—

MR. BAKER,

MR. FARNELL.

MR. JACOB,

EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

John Rae, Esquire, Under Secretary for Public Works, called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Do you remember an officer who was sometime since in the Government service in your J. Rae, Esq. department—Mr. Baron? Yes, I knew him well.
2. Can you inform the Committee what offices he held, and when he was in the Government service? He ^{29 June, 1877.} was appointed at first, in May, 1854, City Surveyor, under the City Commissioners, and afterwards remained for a time with the City Corporation, when it was re-established. When he left the service of the Corporation he commenced business on his own account.
3. How long was he under the City Commissioners? I cannot say exactly; but I find that he entered Mr. Moriarty's department (Harbours and Rivers) on the 12th of October, 1858, something over four years after his first appointment under the City Commissioners, and he continued in that department until January, 1862, when he was appointed Resident Engineer for works at the Clarence River Breakwater, at £550 per annum. He remained there till August, 1864, when he was suspended by the Minister for Works.
4. Was he afterwards reinstated? Yes, on 11th November, 1864, by Mr. Secretary Wilson, who was temporarily acting for the Minister for Works.
5. Was he allowed pay for the time during which he was suspended? He was. He also made a claim subsequently for a house that he built at the Clarence River when he was Resident Engineer there, and an allowance was given to him for that, though he said very much less than what it cost him.
6. So that during the time of his suspension he was allowed his expenses and full salary? Yes.
7. Why was he suspended? On account of some difficulty about some works at Moruya with which he had been connected.
8. Was there an inquiry into some alleged misconduct on his part? Yes.
9. And at the termination of the inquiry Mr. Wilson reinstated him? Yes. He made a minute at the time, which I quoted in my evidence given in 1874.
10. I suppose Mr. Secretary Wilson was in possession of all the facts respecting the alleged misconduct on the part of Mr. Baron, when he reinstated him? Yes.
11. Then in fact Mr. Secretary Wilson came to the conclusion that Mr. Baron had been to a great extent blameless? Yes, that he had been censurable, but under the circumstances he thought he should be reinstated, and he was reinstated.
12. And full pay allowed him? Yes.
13. After Mr. Baron's reinstatement, how long did he remain in office? Up to the time the office was abolished, on 31st March, 1865. No permanent appointment was afterwards made to the office until December, 1872.
14. For seven years the office remained unfilled? Yes.

15.

- J. Rao, Esq. 15. Did Mr. Baron, after the abolition of his office, ask for compensation from the Government for the abolition of his office? Yes.
- 29 June, 1877. 16. Under what authority, rule, or regulation? In view of the abolition of his office, of which he had notice by letter from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, dated 13th March, 1865, Mr. Baron applied by letter dated 24th March, 1865, "for compensation for abolition of office," but does not refer to any regulation on the subject. He also adds the following paragraph: "I respectfully submit that I am also entitled to special compensation under clause 8 of the Superannuation Act, the brevity of the notice announcing my loss of office, and the limited time—only fifteen days after its receipt—allowed for preparation, fully justifying my claim."
17. Was this claim for compensation referred to any officer of the Government? It was referred to Mr. Moriarty and the Auditor General—the Auditor General at that time acting, I think, as one of the Commissioners under the Superannuation Act.
18. What was the opinion of the Commissioners? The Auditor General inquired at the office under what circumstances Mr. Baron was removed, and the answer he got from the office was that his services were dispensed with in consequence of the office he held as Resident Engineer at the Clarence River being no longer required.
19. What was the opinion of the Superannuation Fund Commissioners? "That in view of an opinion obtained from the Law Officers of the Crown as to the legal construction of clause 8, under which the application is made, they are unable to recognize Mr. Baron's claim to any compensation under the Act. Whether it be a case for special recommendation to Parliament is a question which rests entirely with the Government to determine." That is dated 26 May, 1865.
20. What was the decision of the Government of the day? Against Mr. Baron's claim.
21. Did the Government suggest then that it might be a matter to be brought before Parliament? Mr. Cowper, then Colonial Secretary, made a minute in which he said "If he can get a Member of the Assembly to take up his case as one of hardship, I should prefer his doing so, rather than that the Superannuation Fund should be misappropriated to paying him a year's income for abolition of office, clearly abolished only to get rid of him as an unreliable officer." Mr. Cowper's minute is very unfavourable.
22. Does it appear in the evidence that the office was abolished to get rid of the officer? It would seem so.
23. Was an officer of the Colonial Secretary's Department instructed to inquire into this matter and report it to the then Colonial Secretary? Yes, Mr. Goodman, the Chief Clerk who is next to the Under Secretary.
24. Was Mr. Goodman's report brought under your notice officially? Yes, it was referred to Mr. Arnold, who was at the time Minister for Works.
25. Will you state the purport of Mr. Goodman's report? Perhaps I had better read it. It was a very favorable report, but the Minister did not carry it out:—

STATEMENT OF MR. BARON'S CASE, WITH MINUTE OF COLONIAL SECRETARY.

MR. BARON claims a gratuity for abolition of office under the "Superannuation Act of 1864."

The Commissioners have reported they are unable to recognize Mr. Baron's claim to any compensation under the Act, in consequence of an opinion of the Law Officers as to the legal construction of clause 8, under which the claim is made.

It appears that Mr. Baron was suspended by Mr. Secretary Holroyd, on 11th August, 1864, which suspension was confirmed by the Executive Council on the 30th August, and continued until the 11th November, when Mr. Secretary Wilson ordered his reinstatement to office, with a reprimand, although he considered his conduct highly censurable.

Taking into consideration the fact of this restoration to duty, the payment of his full salary during his suspension, his employment upon another responsible work, and the subsequent abolition of his office, I cannot avoid arriving at the conclusion that his claim to gratuity is not made without sufficient ground.

However indiscreet, to use a mild term, his conduct may have been, his restoration to the Service, and payment of his full salary during suspension, fully condoned, I respectfully submit, his past misconduct, more particularly as his subsequent career was not called in question.

Looking, therefore, at all the circumstances of the case, I take the liberty of suggesting that a sum as a gratuity equal to one month's pay for each year of service be placed on the Estimates for 1866, and thus leave it to the Legislative Assembly to vote it or not as that body may think proper.

In making this suggestion, I would point out that a similar course was pursued in the cases of Messrs. Scott, Plunkett and Wentworth on the abolition of their offices as Provincial Inspectors of Police, no provision for gratuities having been made for such abolition in the 14th Victoria, No. 38, under which they were appointed—5th October, 1865.

The Secretary for Works, B.C. U.S. for Works, 7 Oct. Noted.—Wm. O.

My opinion, from all I have heard and read of Mr. Baron's conduct, is that he has acted most dishonestly in his position as a Government officer. He unquestionably ought to have been dismissed. If he can get a Member of the Assembly to take up his case as one of hardship I should prefer his doing so, rather than that the Superannuation Fund should be misappropriated to paying him a year's income for abolition of office, clearly abolished only to get rid of him as an unreliable officer.—C.C., 6 Oct.

Inform Mr. Baron that the Government decline under the circumstances to recognize his claim.—W.M.A., 9/10/65.

26. *Mr. Farnell.*] It is stated that Mr. Baron was ten years in the Public Service; was he for ten years continuously in the service? No, not quite. I think he entered the service of the City Commissioners at the beginning of 1854, and his office as Resident Engineer at the Clarence was abolished in March, 1865; but in the interval he was, as I have already said, for a short time under the City Corporation and for another short period in business for himself.
27. *Mr. Jacob.*] I think you have stated that Mr. Holroyd was the Minister who suspended Mr. Baron? Yes.
28. Who abolished the office? Mr. Arnold.
29. How long after was Mr. Baron reinstated by Mr. Wilson? He was reinstated on 11th November, 1864, and the office was abolished from 31st March, 1865.
30. Has it been the practice in the Public Service to grant compensation to Public Officers on the abolition of their offices? I am not aware that there has been any actual rule established, but it has been done in many cases. One month's pay has been granted for every year of Service.
31. Used it to be done in Mr. Baron's time? I could not now refer to instances, but I know it has been done. It is understood to be the rule of the Service.
32. *Mr. Farnell.*] Have you ever seen a Minute of the Executive Council, dated 6th February, 1857, with reference to compensation to officers whose offices may be abolished, signed by Mr. Edward C. Merewether as Clerk of the Council? I must have seen it, though I did not remember it.
33. That was acted upon in 1870 in the case of Mr. Yarnton, on the recommendation of a Select Committee, the money being put on the Estimates and voted? Yes, I believe it was.

34. *Chairman.*] Do you happen to know whether Mr. Baron was employed by other Colonial Governments after the abolition of his office? My impression is that he was in Queensland. I always considered him an excellent officer when he was in the service of the City Commissioners, for besides being a good Engineer he was a first class draughtsman. I believe all his difficulties arose from an attack of sunstroke which affected his head. J. Rae, Esq.
29 June, 1877.
35. At what time did he suffer from sunstroke? I do not remember the date.
36. While he was in the Government service? Yes.
37. Do you know the state he was in before his death? He was incurably insane. I went to see him at the Asylum, and the doctor told me there was not the slightest hope of his recovery.
38. *Mr. Jacob.*] Did he die in the Asylum? Yes.

THURSDAY, 19 JULY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. BAKER,

MR. JACOB.

MR. FARNELL,

EZEKIEL ALEXANDER BAKER, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

David William Gregory, Esq., examined:—

39. *Chairman.*] You are an officer in the Audit Office? I am.
40. Did you some years ago know an officer in the Public Service named William Henry Baron? Yes.
41. Can you inform the Committee whether this gentleman while he was in the Public Service paid any amount, and if any what, into the Superannuation Fund? Yes; he paid £12 16s. 8d. D.W. Gregory,
Esq.
19 July, 1877.
42. Was that amount or any portion of it refunded to him? No, none of it.
43. No other payments were made by Mr. Baron? No, not to the Superannuation Fund.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MRS. ISABEL BARON.

(PETITION OF.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 21 June, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Isabel Baron, of Sydney, widow of the late William Henry Baron, late of Sydney,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That on the 4th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the said William Henry Baron accepted the office of City Surveyor to the Commissioners of the City of Sydney and retained such office until the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, when he relinquished it and accepted the office of Chief Surveyor and Draftsman in the Department of Public Works of the Colony of New South Wales, which latter office he retained until the 1st day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, when he relinquished it and accepted office of Resident Engineer of the Clarence River Improvement Works, which last office was also an employment under the control of the abovementioned Department.

That on the eleventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, the said William Henry Baron was suspended from acting in the last-named capacity by Mr. Secretary Holroyd, but on the twelfth day of November following was restored to office, and allowed full pay for the time of his suspension.

That the said William Henry Baron received a communication, dated the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, from the Engineer-in-Chief, informing him that the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works had recommended to the Executive Council that the office of Resident Engineer, Clarence River, be abolished from the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and that the said William Henry Baron's services would accordingly be dispensed with from that date.

That the said William Henry Baron made repeated applications for compensation for the loss of office, but without success.

That your Petitioner being advised that it has been the invariable practice for many years past on the abolition of office of a public servant, to grant compensation proportionate to the length of his service and amount of salary received by him, therefore prays that your Honorable House will take the case of the said William Henry Baron into your favourable consideration and grant such relief as the justice of the case shall require, and as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

ISABEL BARON.

Sydney, 13 June, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

LICENSED SURVEYORS.
(BALANCES DUE TO.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 8 February, 1877.

RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 30 June, 1876, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- “ (1.) The names of all Licensed Surveyors, since 1st January, 1873, to whom balances of accounts rendered and advanced upon are still due.
- “ (2.) The amounts of such original accounts, and of advances paid on them, together with the dates of their transmission with plans to the Surveyor General.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

LICENSED SURVEYORS.

RETURN showing the names of all Licensed Surveyors since 1st January, 1873, to whom balances of accounts rendered and advanced upon are still due; the amounts of such original accounts, and of advances paid on them, together with the dates of their transmission with plans to the Surveyor General, as called for in the House of Assembly by Mr. McElhone on the 30th June, 1876.

Name.	No. of Account.	Original Amount.	Amount advanced.	Date of receipt of Plans.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
H. C. Allport	73-29	7 10 0		7 August, 1873.
J. Barling	3	30 18 6	20 17 6	15 April, "
R. Barling	9	55 2 4	37 4 0	15 May, "
Do.	11	29 16 3	22 7 0	21 July, "
W. H. Christie	22	1 1 0		9 June, "
R. J. Cooper	25	9 13 0		21 October, "
T. W. Conolly	6	1 2 0		25 February, "
E. R. Deane	7	4 4 0		24 June, "
Do.	16	1 1 0		17 September, "
F. W. Darby	22	12 19 9		
A. Elliott	21	68 10 11	51 8 6	11 October, 1873.
A. Francis	3	62 17 9	50 11 0	5 May, "
Do.	5	89 14 6	66 13 10	5 " "
Do.	7	55 4 6	46 11 6	7 " "
B. C. Garland	3	87 6 6	58 18 11	15 April, "
Do.	15	99 7 2	67 2 6	22 August, "
Do.	20	1 0 0		6 November, "
C. Gould	4	90 0 0	67 10 0	16 June, "
Do.	6	45 0 0	30 7 6	5 December, "
H. Greenland	7	1 0 0		18 October, "
E. Hallen	1	8 8 0	6 6 0	3 February, "
Do.	2	8 8 0	6 6 0	5 " "
R. A. Hyndman	4	22 7 8	15 2 5	19 " "
Do.	7	49 4 2	33 4 2	16 July, "
E. J. Burgess	8	2 3 9		
W. Creed	33	33 0 0	26 7 3	27 November, 1873.
W. Cowley	28	3 0 0		27 " "
C. Jenkins	3	68 17 0	52 11 0	18 August, "
E. J. H. Knapp, junior	4	5 0 0	3 15 0	15 May, "
Do.	11	20 3 10	15 10 5	23 July, "
Do.	15	6 5 0	4 14 0	1 October, "
Do.	23	9 9 6	7 2 0	7 May, 1874.
A. Lisle	1	55 6 9	39 18 6	13 February, 1873.
R. R. Machattie	3	48 4 6	35 4 7	1, 3, & 31 Mar., 1873.
G. Melrose	5	70 4 0	47 7 11	15 April, 1873.
A. Menzies	1	19 15 3	14 16 5	7 March, "
Do.	7	39 7 6	29 10 10	17 May, "
R. L. Murray	11	20 5 0	15 3 9	27 November, "
Do.	13	56 4 6		27 " "
Do.	15	111 10 0		2 December, "
Do.	17	1 0 0		11 " "
H. H. More	1	79 17 0	59 17 11	1 February, "
Do.	3	42 18 0	28 19 4	31 March, "
Do.	5	59 3 0	39 19 3	29 " "
Do.	7	44 7 0	29 19 0	31 " "
Do.	11	71 18 6	53 19 1	25 April, "
A. Macarthy	21	3 0 0		21 November, "
A. J. Park	29	5 19 0	5 4 1	30 August, "
Do.	42	29 0 0	13 1 0	5 December, "
Do.	* 53	2 16 2		30 August, "
E. F. Rowe	* 15	34 14 6	26 0 6	19 December, "
Do.	* 17	20 1 3	15 0 8	10 June, "
W. H. Readett	* 6	41 5 0	27 17 6	8 July, "
J. J. Robertson	3	44 5 0	33 3 9	8 May, "
Do.	* 5	51 11 3	39 8 4	9 October, "
Do.	7	79 8 3	59 16 5	11 " "
Do.	9	37 11 6	28 3 9	22 " "
Do.	* 11	63 5 3	47 8 9	1 November, "
Do.	* 15	41 7 6	31 1 0	22 " "
P. M. Rotton	* 1	48 19 9	36 15 0	6 January, 1874.
Do.	3	34 11 10	25 18 11	29 " 1873.
E. Sanderson	7	43 1 3	29 7 6	March, "
J. B. Thompson	* 25	4 0 0		August, "
V. Williams	17	60 15 0	41 0 1	6 October, "
J. Armstrong	74-14	2 5 9		14 February, "
H. C. Allport	37	3 5 0		2 January, 1874.
W. Anderson	5	162 9 9	121 17 6	23 June, 1874.
W. H. Binsted	28	7 5 0		2 January, 1875.
H. Berry	8	22 16 5	17 2 3	31 August, 1874.
R. Barling	12	8 4 3	6 3 2	1 June, "
J. B. Combes	* 7	68 3 6	51 3 3	11 " "
				2 July, "

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
J. B. Combes	* 74-15	149 1 3		4 February, 1875.
W. J. Conder	* 28	5 10 0		12 August, 1874.
Do.	* 41	3 0 0		3 November, "
J. F. Capper	* 22	3 12 6		24 September, "
R. J. Cooper	* 5	35 11 9	26 2 9	5 & 9 June, "
Do.	* 19	3 3 0	2 7 3	
T. W. Connolly	* 69	38 19 7	29 4 8	
Do.	* 75	3 10 0	2 12 6	24 September, 1874.
Do.	* 91	2 0 0	1 10 0	26 November, "
W. Christie	* 5	12 10 0	11 5 0	8 June, "
Do.	* 21	34 0 6	30 12 0	1 December, "
Do.	* 23	105 16 5	94 2 2	1 " "
W. Creed	* 1	39 2 0	29 6 6	13 February, "
W. Cowley	* 23	105 2 10	74 16 3	14 November, "
Do.	* 25	125 8 7	62 14 1	20 " "
G. L. Dowd	* 37	86 1 1	64 10 9	27 January, "
W. R. Davidson, jr.	* 29	1 10 0		5 November, "
J. C. Duffy	* 1	51 3 3	31 4 10	14 March, "
Do.	* 17	106 6 0	64 13 3	15 October, "
Do.	* 19	23 5 8	15 15 6	17 November, "
Do.	* 25	104 2 3	70 18 8	21 December, "
A. Elliott	* 38	7 8 6	5 11 4	27 October, "
B. C. Garland	* 3	121 5 8	80 19 9	5 February, "
Do.	* 4	40 0 0	27 0 0	21 April, "
Do.	* 11	20 10 0	12 11 3	16 June, 1874, and 8 October, 1874.
H. Greeland	* 5	121 7 0	88 19 3	21 December, 1874 and 20 April, 1875.
J. J. Gleeson	* 7	143 6 4	101 4 10	8 December, 1874.
E. Herborn	* 23	1 10 0		11 July, "
J. Heady	* 3	1 1 0		2 March, "
J. J. Higgins	* 11	44 0 4	33 0 7	7 April, "
C. Haylock	* 19	7 10 0		10 October, "
Do.	* 25	5 12 3		
E. A. Harris	* 9	21 0 0	15 7 6	21 & 25 Nov., 1874.
J. Hogg	* 7	32 13 0	16 6 7	21 September, "
A. B. Johnstone	* 7	0 10 6		16 May, "
E. J. H. Knapp, junr.	* 17	3 0 0		17 October, "
C. W. King	* 1	118 15 0	89 1 3	20 June, "
A. P. Lindo	* 40	41 17 2	37 13 4	3 December, "
A. Lisle	* 1	5 12 6	4 4 4	7 March, "
Do.	* 20	75 14 6	57 0 6	29 January, 1875.
Do.	* 22	5 17 7	4 8 3	30 " "
Do.	* 24	117 8 10	88 2 4	29 " "
W. A. Lipscombe	* 3	26 10 0	19 17 6	13 February, 1874.
Do.	* 7	41 12 6	30 5 9	23 March, "
Do.	* 13	28 5 9	21 4 3	8 June, "
J. F. Mann	* 13	16 7 2	12 5 4	6 " "
W. Mylecharane	* 5	13 0 0		5 February, 1874.
Do.	* 8	0 10 6		22 " "
Do.	* 16	11 18 7	9 6 5	17 June, "
Do.	* 28	2 2 0		6 November, "
A. Macpherson	* 45	43 16 5	32 17 3	17 " "
R. H. Mathews	* 6	42 2 8		5 & 26 May, "
Do.	* 22	1 0 0		4 September, "
R. L. Murray	* 5	37 4 7	27 18 5	29 June, "
Do.	* 17	6 6 0		19 September, "
Do.	* 18	1 0 0		7 May, "
J. Macharg	* 18	138 3 6	99 15 2	30 January, 1875.
H. H. More	* 5	58 9 6	43 10 7	23 April, 1874.
A. Macarthy	* 15	34 0 0	25 10 0	12 October, "
A. M'Glashan	* 15	4 4 0		7 December, "
Do.	* 29	1 1 0		
J. M. M'Donald	* 23	106 3 6	79 10 0	31 August, 1874.
C. J. M'Master	* 9	74 2 1	57 1 6	3 September, "
Do.	* 15	78 10 2	43 3 6	6 March, 1875.
R. W. Meldrum	* 1	1 11 6		16 " 1874.
Do.	* 11	1 10 0		13 June, "
W. A. F. M'Douall	* 3	8 0 0		8 September, "
Do.	* 9	20 0 0		18 Jan. 1875, 1 Oct. Nov.
Do.	* 14	41 13 0	31 4 7	18 January, 1875.
J. Neill	* 30	5 10 0		5 & 8 June, 1874.
G. M. Pitt, junr.	* 2	555 11 0	413 18 0	18 February, 19 March, & 31 April, 1874.
Do.	* 8	3 3 0		3 September, "
A. J. Park	* 7	100 11 8	90 10 2	13 & 27 July, "
Do.	* 17	87 17 3		
Do.	* 27	13 9 6		13 July, 10 September, & 8 December, 1874.
R. F. Peckles	* 3	92 11 2	41 0 7	7 Feb., & 14 May, 1874.
Do.	* 11	140 17 6	105 6 2	6 June, 1874.
Do.	* 13	112 1 9	84 2 8	14 & 16 Sept., "
Do.	* 15	79 5 0	35 5 0	26 October, "
W. H. Readett	* 1	66 7 6	46 2 3	14 February, "
Do.	* 23	37 6 6	27 19 11	30 October, "
Do.	* 29	49 7 0	37 0 3	10 December, "
Do.	* 31	70 0 0	49 17 6	11 February, 1875.
J. J. Robertson	* 1	24 4 6	18 3 4	4 March, 1874.

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J. J. Robertson	74- 7	£ 68 19 3	£ 51 9 5	20 April, 1874.
Do.	9	48 16 6	36 1 9	16 June, "
Do.	11	53 10 6	42 0 8	27 " "
Do.	13	78 2 7	58 4 7	12 August, "
Do.	15	85 2 6	63 17 6	7 October, "
F. Russell	15	23 0 0	17 5 0	
Do.	17	22 4 10	16 13 8	9 February, 1875.
Do.	23	1 1 0		20 April, 1874.
Do.	24	4 0 0	2 8 9	16 May, 1876.
Do.	26	100 18 7	65 19 7	16 " "
W. A. Rae	4	88 9 7	65 8 4	4 June, 1874.
J. M. Simpson	12	64 10 0	48 7 6	9 " "
W. B. Simpson	28	3 0 0		26 August, "
Do.	36	11 15 6		11 September, "
G. T. Seccombe	15	43 17 9	32 18 3	7 January, 1875.
Do.	44	4 4 0		29 June, 1874.
E. Sawtell	6	4 10 0		9 December, "
Do.	17	9 0 0		7 April, "
Do.	24	2 10 0		3 August, "
Do.	39	120 14 6	90 10 6	4 " "
Do.	43	105 19 4	52 19 3	24 March, "
G. H. Sheaffe	4	5 15 9	4 14 4	24 " "
Do.	18	68 0 6	51 0 4	19 February, "
Do.	49	12 0 0	9 0 0	16 May, "
W. A. Shoobert	17	23 2 4	17 4 9	7 November, "
Do.	29	52 0 6	38 17 3	12 August, "
Do.	33	50 0 0	37 10 0	10 September, "
Do.	37	30 12 6	22 16 6	25 " "
Do.	51	51 5 10	38 9 3	3 October, "
Do.	59	66 0 6	49 10 4	22 " "
Do.	65	12 11 5	9 8 7	1 December, "
E. Sanderson	3	48 18 8	36 14 0	2 January, 1875.
Do.	5	106 15 4	80 16 3	
Do.	9	96 15 2		29 October, 1874.
A. Sharp	19	1 10 0		6 November, "
Do.	31	39 5 11	29 9 5	17 September, "
Do.	35	29 1 3	21 15 11	26 October, "
C. Stuart	11	8 0 0		26 " "
J. M. Tarves	9	7 17 6		
Do.	13	37 15 3	28 10 2	31 January, 1874.
Do.	28	3 3 0		4 March, "
Do.	43	4 0 0		23 May, "
Do.	50	1 0 0		3 August, "
Do.	58	1 10 0		15 September, "
Do.	63	56 15 5	45 15 3	5 December, "
V. F. Tozer	61	1 0 0		4 January, 1875.
J. Vernon	19	2 10 0		24 October, 1874.
Do.	33	143 7 0	107 10 3	28 May, "
V. Williams	9	91 16 6	68 17 4	12 November, "
Do.	13	132 11 9	99 9 0	25 August, "
C. Worth	9	87 16 0	65 17 0	20 November, "
Do.	17	23 0 0	15 10 6	18 July, "
Do.	25	13 0 0	9 15 2	5 October, "
J. Armstrong	75- 9	2 2 0		27 August, "
Do.	10	1 0 0		6 November, 1875.
H. C. Allport	3	138 2 9	91 13 11	27 December, "
Do.	17	62 8 5	46 16 5	1 March, "
Do.	29	165 15 0	105 13 3	10 August, "
Do.	39	116 10 0	88 2 6	18 November, "
W. Anderson	3	148 11 4	111 8 4	27 January, 1876.
Do.	10	128 12 7	96 9 3	19 April, 1875.
Do.	20	93 2 7	69 16 8	6 July, 1875.
Do.	22	23 0 8	17 5 3	28 October, "
Do.	26	59 1 7	44 6 0	29 November, "
J. T. Atchison	2	72 0 6	54 0 0	18 December, "
Do.	5	51 13 6	38 15 0	7 January, 1876.
Do.	7	25 1 6	18 16 0	22 March, "
G. Arthur	21	70 7 9	52 4 7	22 " "
J. Barling	9	6 0 0		14 January, "
Do.	21	60 0 9	45 0 6	12 June, 1875.
H. Berry	12	43 9 8	32 10 4	6 December, "
Do.	16	1 0 0		21 June, "
Do.	32	42 18 0	32 3 6	5 August, "
Do.	36	6 5 0	4 13 9	4 October, "
Do.	48	66 13 3	50 15 3	4 " "
Do.	54	55 13 6	26 15 1	15 November, "
W. E. Bennett	23	73 16 6	55 7 6	3 January, 1876.
Do.	25	20 19 3	15 14 5	7 December, 1875.
Do.	29	91 10 0	68 12 6	7 " "
E. H. Barton	7	96 8 0	70 18 3	7 " "
Do.	9	26 10 0	20 1 3	10 June, "
Do.	20	4 10 0		22 July, "
J. H. Burnside	6	19 2 6	14 6 11	12 November, "
Do.	13	63 1 6	47 6 3	13 Murch, "
W. Berthon	1	123 13 0	61 4 3	12 October, "
J. H. Balmain	15	46 2 11	34 12 0	27 February, "
Do.	30	10 0 6	7 6 7	19 June, 1875.
				16 August, "

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J. H. Balmain	* 75-48	£ s. d. 18 11 3	£ s. d.	8 December, 1875.
Do.	* 50	15 2 1	8 " "
Do.	* 54	19 12 9	15 December, "
Do.	* 58	25 15 6	.....	15 " "
Do.	* 60	22 13 7	.....	15 " "
Do.	* 62	23 12 2	11 9 4	12 January, 1876.
E. J. Burgess	* 1	78 11 2	58 11 10	12 February, 1875.
Do.	* 48	122 0 0	91 10 0	15 November, "
Do.	* 50	78 0 0	49 14 6	20 " "
F. L. Burdett	* 5	10 10 0	7 1 9	20 March, "
Do.	* 13	25 16 8	19 7 6	26 May, "
W. T. Burrowes	* 15	14 0 0	10 10 0	15 November, "
T. Brown	* 5	79 16 0	59 1 7	11 January, "
Do.	* 7	111 14 10	83 14 11	12 July, "
Do.	* 9	140 0 0	95 9 6	20 September, "
Do.	* 16	118 12 5	73 0 6	19 November, "
Do.	* 22	77 7 3	56 18 0	3 January, 1876.
T. Bossley	* 1	65 5 0	48 18 9	27 February, 1875.
Do.	* 7	59 0 0	44 5 0	7 April, "
Do.	* 11	83 5 0	62 8 9	4 June, "
Do.	* 30	35 5 0	26 8 9	6 December, "
G. Blunt, jun.	* 14	8 10 0	6 7 6	19 April, "
Do.	* 16	64 10 0	33 0 0	3 May, "
Do.	* 31	72 5 0	54 3 9	21 June, "
Do.	* 33	68 3 0	51 2 3	25 " "
Do.	* 42	49 6 0	36 19 6	22 July, "
Do.	* 48	1 1 0	.....	6 September, "
Do.	* 55	4 4 0	.....	18 October, "
J. Blair	* 3	82 19 11	60 16 4	6 December, "
G. W. Commins	* 8	1 0 0	.....	23 June, "
Do.	* 21	6 6 0	.....	13 April, "
Do.	* 69	3 10 0	.....	29 January, 1876
Do.	* 72	31 0 0	23 5 0	22 December, 1875
W. H. Christie	* 33	9 0 0	6 15 0	16 November, "
W. J. Conder	* 20	22 10 0	16 17 6	6 July, "
Do.	* 30	68 11 8	51 8 9	7 September, "
J. B. Combes	* 1	28 16 6	21 12 4	27 February, "
Do.	* 3	52 1 0	39 6 3	19 March, "
Do.	* 5	2 0 0	.....	14 May, "
Do.	* 8	133 0 6	.....	5 June, "
Do.	* 10	84 3 0	63 2 3	1 March, 1876.
Do.	* 12	83 11 6	62 13 6	1 " "
J. S. Clements	* 12	7 7 0	.....	.....
Do.	* 19	37 7 6	28 0 3	27 April, 1875.
Do.	* 21	12 2 0	.....	9 June, "
Do.	* 56	5 9 0	.....	23 October, "
Do.	* 57	22 0 6	16 10 3	16 November, "
Do.	* 61	61 12 0	41 11 3	3 January, 1876.
Do.	* 64	4 4 0	.....	16 November, 1875.
J. F. Capper	* 17	79 5 2	59 8 10	11 March, "
Do.	* 29	26 11 0	19 18 2	15 May, "
Do.	* 31	4 4 0	.....	27 " "
Do.	* 64	4 10 0	.....	6 October, "
Do.	* 74	51 3 0	38 7 2	3 November, "
R. J. Cooper	* 34	1 0 0	.....	17 August, "
Do.	* 39	4 10 0.	.....	25 October, "
Do.	* 40	71 19 10	53 19 9	28 " "
Do.	* 46	65 7 4	49 0 6	8 December, "
Do.	* 50	58 13 4	43 19 11	8 " "
T. W. Conolly	* 1	2 11 0	1 18 3	8 February, "
Do.	* 55	1 0 0	.....	10 December, "
Do.	* 61	5 5 0	.....	5 January, 1876.
W. Christie	* 37	1 10 0	0 4 6	7 October, 1875.
W. Creed	* 17	38 0 0.	28 10 0	8 June, "
Do.	* 37	9 10 0	.....	11 November, "
Do.	* 40	7 18 8	5 19 0	18 December, "
Do.	* 52	0 4 3	.....	.....
Do.	* 53	0 10 0	.....	.....
W. Cowley	* 7	163 11 11	122 13 11	18 June, 1875.
Do.	* 11	90 6 7	67 14 11	19 August, "
Do.	* 15	13 6 10	10 0 1	7 September, "
Do.	* 20	2 17 2	.....	23 October, "
Do.	* 21	1 1 0	.....	10 November, "
C. J. Clarke	* 10	3 3 0	.....	7 October, "
Do.	* 11	81 2 4	61 7 0	5 " "
Do.	* 18	35 3 10	26 7 10	12 " "
Do.	* 24	2 10 0	.....	7 January, 1876.
Do.	* 25	43 1 0	32 5 6	7 " "
F. Cowley	* 1	56 7 6	42 6 0	11 March, 1875.
Do.	* 3	45 10 9	43 10 6	16 June, "
Do.	* 9	5 11 0	4 3 3	9 July, "
Do.	* 11	79 5 6	57 7 10	11 August, "
Do.	* 15	82 9 10	61 17 4	1 September, "
Do.	* 21	83 12 10	62 14 6	11 October, "
Do.	* 23	97 12 11	73 4 7	11 " "
Do.	* 25	1 1 0	11 August, "
Do.	* 26	86 18 1	63 17 1	20 October, "

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F. Cowley	75-28	68 6 5	51 4 6	25 October, 1875
Do.	30	37 1 6	27 16 1	25 " "
Do.	32	106 19 9	80 5 1	25 " "
Do.	34	89 3 3	66 17 2	8 November, "
Do.	36	98 2 0	73 11 4	8 " "
Do.	40	97 4 9	69 10 11	28 December, "
Do.	42	57 13 9	43 5 1	28 " "
Do.	46	91 4 4	68 8 2	30 " "
Do.	48	98 7 1	73 15 1	30 " "
Do.	55	13 13 2	10 4 9	8 March, 1876
J. M. Conroy	15	100 10 0	60 6 0	28 December, 1875
E. R. Deane	16	1 11 6		16 July, "
Do.	24	102 3 6	76 12 10	29 December, "
G. L. Dowe	18	2 0 0		15 September, "
Do.	20	2 2 0		23 October, "
Do.	21	29 15 0	22 6 2	28 " "
Do.	26	38 14 10	29 1 1	28 " "
Do.	27	57 16 2	43 7 1	7 December, "
Do.	29	48 3 4	36 2 6	7 " "
Do.	31	3 0 0	2 5 0	7 " "
Do.	32	1 1 0		7 " "
Do.	36	3 0 0		18 January, 1876
Do.	39	83 18 11	62 19 2	18 " "
Do.	40	50 5 3	33 3 6	18 " "
Do.	41	74 0 10	55 10 6	18 " "
Do.	42	110 9 1	82 16 9	20 " "
Do.	46	3 15 0	2 16 3	20 " "
W. Drummond	7	84 12 9	63 9 6	6 November, "
Do.	12	96 3 9	72 10 3	15 " "
Do.	14	56 12 6	42 9 4	28 December, "
Do.	16	46 4 5	34 13 3	24 January, "
J. B. Donkin	24	4 4 0		16 November, 1875
Do.	26	85 0 7	63 16 1	6 March, 1876
Do.	28	84 13 11	64 1 7	6 " "
Do.	30	74 4 3	55 13 2	6 " "
Do.	31	45 5 0	35 12 6	6 " "
Do.	32	4 0 0		16 November, 1875
W. R. Davidson, junr.	27	21 19 2	16 9 4	26 August, "
Do.	28	33 9 6	22 11 11	26 " "
Do.	30	11 10 0		25 " "
Do.	32	94 10 0	62 12 1	30 " "
Do.	40	91 16 7	60 19 4	28 October, "
Do.	44	87 11 1		19 November, "
Do.	45	8 0 0		30 " "
J. C. Duffy	19	15 0 0	11 5 0	31 August, "
Do.	29	59 11 3	44 13 3	8 January, 1876
Do.	31	41 0 5	30 15 3	8 " "
C. H. Dale	3	11 5 6		19 " 1875
Do.	11	6 6 0		11 May, "
Do.	20	6 6 0		18 " "
Do.	22	60 1 7	45 1 3	17 August, "
Do.	24	4 14 6	2 7 3	25 September, "
Do.	26	2 11 0		1 October, "
Do.	28	58 12 9	43 19 5	8 " "
Do.	30	51 11 3	34 18 5	8 " "
Do.	31	1 11 6		8 " "
Do.	32	42 7 6	31 15 6	11 " "
Do.	34	71 5 0	53 8 9	4 November, "
Do.	37	18 18 0	14 3 6	23 February, "
Do.	38	8 8 0		4 November, "
Do.	40	66 11 3	49 18 5	26 " "
Do.	42	5 13 0		6 " "
Do.	43	75 14 4	56 1 1	22 January, 1876
H. M. Davis	11	183 9 3	137 13 3	27 November, 1875
Do.	13	41 15 0	31 6 3	23 March, 1876
W. Edwards	28	95 15 0	72 7 6	20 October, "
A. Elliott	1	4 14 6		28 April, 1875
Do.	12	50 15 3	32 4 11	20 July, "
Do.	25	74 18 9	56 1 6	29 October, "
Do.	28	53 17 5	40 8 2	29 " "
Do.	32	30 4 6	22 13 6	18 January, 1876
Do.	36	34 2 6	25 11 10	21 " "
G. E. Faithful	14	73 12 9	55 2 8	28 May, 1875
Do.	23	61 13 1	46 4 9	11 June, "
Do.	27	60 9 0	45 10 9	16 February, 1876
Do.	29	7 0 0		4 October, 1875
Do.	30	69 8 3	52 4 3	16 February, 1876
Do.	34	85 3 0	65 5 6	16 " "
Do.	36	70 1 3	52 11 3	16 " "
Do.	40	61 19 7	46 9 9	16 " "
Do.	42	24 3 4	17 7 5	16 " "
H. Fisher	9	5 9 0	2 17 3	5 April, 1875
Do.	25	5 0 0	3 15 0	27 July, "
M. R. Findlay	1	12 0 0		4 February, "
Do.	2	14 0 0	10 10 0	20 May, "
Do.	4	46 8 0	34 16 0	19 June, "
Do.	6	9 9 0		9 " "

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M. R. Findlay	75-8	£ 55 1 4	£ 41 6 0	19 June, 1875
Do.	12	156 1 0	117 0 9	8 October, "
Do.	14	56 5 0	42 3 8	8 " "
Do.	16	13 8 0	9 7 6	10 March, 1876.
H. W. Folkes	6	83 0 0	38 12 6	20 October, 1875.
Do.	8	29 10 0	14 15 0	
Do.	14	61 15 0	39 7 3	28 December, "
B. C. Garland	* 15	32 6 11	24 5 1	7 August, "
Do.	* 21	19 10 0	14 12 4	4 January, 1876.
Do.	* 23	13 8 10	10 1 6	3 " "
T. H. H. Goodwin	7	23 5 0	17 8 9	15 May, 1875.
Do.	15	3 3 0	2 7 3	10 & 21 July, "
Do.	* 25	64 8 5	36 14 8	18 August, "
Do.	33	1 0 0	0 15 0	21 July, "
Do.	47	2 10 0		21 October, "
Do.	49	3 0 0		21 " "
Do.	51	4 0 0		21 " "
H. Greenland	1	67 7 6	50 11 4	25 May, "
Do.	* 10	100 0 0	75 4 6	4 November, "
Do.	12	40 9 0		4 " "
Do.	13	73 17 6	36 12 1	
Do.	17	17 13 2		9 August, 1876.
J. J. Gleeson	* 1	120 0 0	67 17 6	30 January, 1875.
Do.	3	65 10 0	46 15 3	11 May, "
Do.	* 7	185 18 5	140 3 9	7 " "
Do.	* 9	40 11 3	30 8 3	4 October, "
H. Gordon	* 3	28 2 9	21 9 6	25 May, "
Do.	5	25 8 4	19 1 3	25 " "
Do.	* 9	11 0 0	8 5 0	2 August, "
Do.	11	31 17 4	21 16 10	3 June, 1876.
J. G. Griffin	* 38	11 4 0	8 8 0	20 December, 1875.
J. Hall	5	36 1 0	27 0 9	21 April, "
Do.	21	1 1 0		11 August, 1876.
Do.	44	3 3 0		17 November, 1875.
E. Herborn	* 31	4 10 0	0 13 6	6 October, "
Do.	* 32	4 0 0	0 12 0	7 December, "
Do.	33	7 7 0	1 2 0	8 " "
Do.	35	42 16 0	38 10 7	3 January, 1876.
Do.	37	94 19 0	85 7 7	4 " "
Do.	* 40	22 12 6	16 19 8	29 " "
J. Heady	* 5	146 4 9	108 14 9	17 May, 1875.
Do.	13	9 9 0		27 September, "
Do.	18	16 5 0	8 2 6	20 July, "
Do.	20	9 0 0		11 September, "
C. Harper	8	25 4 0		23 June, 1875.
J. J. Higgins	19	43 18 4	32 9 9	8 " "
Do.	25	45 12 10	34 4 9	29 " "
Do.	* 65	4 7 0	3 5 3	9 September, "
Do.	76	4 0 0	3 0 0	
E. A. Harris	* 1	58 19 9	30 17 6	27 January, "
Do.	3	17 11 7	13 3 8	6 February, "
Do.	7	5 0 0		14 April, "
Do.	11	22 0 0	16 10 0	21 June & 16 Sept., 1875.
Do.	15	3 0 0		17 November, 1875.
Do.	17	56 17 3	41 12 9	23 December, "
Do.	* 19	5 0 0	3 15 0	21 January, 1876.
J. Hogg	* 3	22 17 8	17 3 3	25 May, 1875.
Do.	9	36 8 6	27 9 9	8 January, 1876.
H. Hosie	25	95 3 0	71 7 3	27 March, 1875.
Do.	* 29	71 8 6	53 11 3	27 " "
Do.	35	7 10 0	5 12 6	27 " "
Do.	* 38	85 11 3	64 3 1	27 " 1876.
P. H. Henderson	1	122 2 0	91 11 6	11 December, 1875.
Do.	3	84 14 6	60 14 7	11 " "
Do.	* 6	42 5 0	31 13 9	14 January, 1876.
Do.	8	7 15 0		
E. V. Hunter	* 2	4 4 0		
A. B. Johnstone	5	3 8 0		18 March, 1875.
Do.	6	125 11 6	93 8 8	9 April, "
Do.	8	4 4 0		20 May, "
Do.	10	5 0 0		16 " "
Do.	* 11	2 0 0		17 July, "
Do.	* 12	155 15 6	114 18 0	1 October, "
Do.	14	2 12 6		30 July & 25 Aug., 1875.
Do.	19	3 13 0		20 July & 21 Dec., "
Do.	* 22	159 17 0	80 7 8	16 December, 1875.
Do.	26	76 17 9	38 8 8	23 March, 1876.
Do.	28	13 0 0		
Do.	* 33	4 0 0		23 " "
E. J. H. Knapp	1	407 18 3	304 17 2	24 February, 1875.
Do.	* 4	44 3 3	28 12 6	24 " "
Do.	5	5 5 0		6 April, "
Do.	* 7	58 14 9	44 1 3	30 March, "
Do.	14	38 15 0	29 1 4	12 May, "
Do.	17	109 18 8	82 9 9	7 October, "
Do.	20	2 0 0		13 July, "
Do.	23	31 15 0	23 16 3	7 October, "

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
E. J. H. Knapp	75-26	1 11 6		6 October, 1875
Do.	27	3 15 0	2 16 3	7 December, "
Do.	29	138 6 10	102 16 5	7 " "
Do.	30	2 0 0		7 " "
Do.	32	125 11 9	94 4 3	23 March, 1876
Do.	34	77 8 3	60 17 9	23 " "
Do.	36	1 0 0		23 " "
C. W. King	22	6 6 0		29 October, 1875
Do.	27	129 10 0	97 2 6	29 " "
Do.	30	4 10 0		28 December, "
Do.	31	31 14 0	23 14 10	8 January, 1876
Do.	35	102 15 0	72 18 9	27 " "
Do.	37	0 10 0		
Do.	38	93 15 0	70 6 3	19 April, 1876
M. C. Langhee	20	4 5 0		8 January, "
A. P. Lindo	10	32 8 8	29 1 4	6 April, 1875
G. Loder	7	27 0 9	20 5 7	6 March, "
Do.	15	52 18 2	39 6 3	27 April, "
Do.	21	46 5 0	34 13 9	30 August, "
A. Lisle	5	25 8 2	19 1 0	12 June, "
Do.	9	34 7 11	25 15 10	12 " "
Do.	10	22 4 0	11 2 0	6 November, "
Do.	12	19 8 6	9 14 3	6 " "
Do.	13	25 8 9	12 14 4	6 " "
Do.	14	22 13 3	11 6 7	6 " "
Do.	26	24 0 0	18 0 0	26 October, "
W. A. Lipscombe	1	25 10 2	14 19 8	26 February, "
Do.	27	36 5 10	25 7 5	26 July, "
Do.	31	59 13 6	43 9 3	2 September, "
Do.	51	4 0 0		6 December, "
Do.	53	36 10 0	27 7 6	23 " "
J. H. Lucas	3	84 15 0	63 11 3	4 June, "
Do.	5	169 10 0	128 12 6	4 " "
Do.	7	79 5 10	60 6 9	30 August, "
Do.	11	96 6 3	72 4 10	6 December, "
Do.	13	36 15 0	24 16 1	6 Dec., 1875, & 21 Jan., 1876.
Do.	15	121 17 6	91 8 1	21 January, 1876
J. F. Loxton	22	56 13 6	42 10 1	18 " "
Do.	26	53 8 6	40 1 4	21 " "
Do.	30	74 9 0	51 13 0	27 " "
G. J. Lee	18	86 0 0	51 12 0	1 November, 1875
J. F. Mann	10	66 13 6	56 15 1	7 October, "
Do.	14	3 0 0		8 November, "
Do.	21	12 10 0		20 December, "
R. R. Machattie	1	136 8 3	102 6 0	24 June "
Do.	4	92 17 6	69 13 9	8 December, "
D. M. Maitland, junr.	21	1 11 6		29 June, "
Do.	27	29 0 9	21 15 6	10 July, "
Do.	48	10 3 4	7 12 6	29 October, "
H. O. Macormack	1	254 16 5	191 2 3	6 November, "
W. Mylcharane	14	69 9 9	52 2 6	1 March, 1876
Do.	16	0 10 0		15 November, 1875
A. M'Pherson	13	51 5 5	38 9 0	11 May, "
R. H. Mathews	10	7 7 0		9 & 16 April, "
Do.	11	13 18 2	7 10 0	28 May, "
Do.	15	44 8 0	33 6 0	4 June, "
Do.	17	3 0 0		20 July, "
Do.	24	17 1 10	12 16 4	7 August, "
Do.	34	23 0 0	17 5 0	27 September, "
Do.	38	2 10 0		12 October, "
Do.	41	44 0 2	33 0 1	7 & 16 September, 20 Oct., & 13 Nov., 1875.
Do.	47	36 14 0	27 9 9	18 November, 1875
Do.	55	36 5 11	26 4 2	25 February, 1876
Do.	57	12 16 6	9 12 4	30 November, 1875
Do.	59	9 3 9	6 17 9	10 December, "
A. Menzies	17	9 10 0		24 September, "
Do.	19	33 5 0	24 18 9	24 Sept. & 19 Oct., 1875
Do.	25	58 4 10	43 13 7	18 October, 1875
Do.	27	4 10 0		25 " "
Do.	33	115 12 6	86 14 4	22 December, "
R. L. Murray	1	89 14 4	67 5 9	8 April, "
Do.	8	67 11 5	47 2 7	8 " "
Do.	10	62 11 6	42 4 9	8 " "
Do.	12	30 6 4	20 9 3	28 September, "
Do.	16	62 17 3	46 19 2	16 October, "
Do.	18	4 0 0		21 September, "
J. Macharg	25	177 13 1	133 12 3	12 February, 1876.
A. Macarthy	9	14 0 0	10 10 0	
Do.	17	9 9 0		15 October, 1875.
A. M'Glashan	4	109 13 9	82 5 3	11 May, "
Do.	13	5 5 0		16 June, "
Do.	20	1 10 0		13 September, "
Do.	26	3 17 0	2 17 9	
R. M'Donald	40	2 13 11		10 November, 1875.
Do.	41	4 0 0		6 December, "
J. M. M'Donald	3	16 14 0	12 10 6	22 February, "

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J. M. McDonald	75- 9	£ s. d. 60 0 6	£ s. d. 45 9 1	22 March, 1875.
Do.	11	43 2 6	32 7 3	4 May, "
Do.	16	24 18 0	18 12 7	11 June, "
Do.	26	15 6 0	11 9 9	8 October, "
Do.	30	127 11 0	94 19 1	17 November, "
Do.	32	5 0 0	.....	17 " "
Do.	33	91 2 6	68 7 5	28 December, "
Do.	37	65 5 0	48 18 9	27 January, 1876.
C. J. M'Master	* 1	93 3 5	61 4 5	21 May, 1875.
Do.	** 3	127 13 10	93 16 0	4 June, "
Do.	** 5	29 15 5	18 16 2	10 June, "
Do.	** 11	5 5 0	.....	20 " "
R. W. Meldrum	* 7	27 4 3	19 6 11	23 Mar. & 2 April, 1875.
Do.	* 13	160 16 0	112 8 9	19 May, 1875.
Do.	15	65 13 4	49 5 0	.....
Do.	23	101 9 10	68 18 7	20 September, 1875.
Do.	27	146 1 5	109 11 0	.....
T. C. M'Cord	3	179 1 6	134 6 1	28 May, 1875.
Do.	7	51 10 0	38 12 6	15 October, "
W. A. F. M'Donall	13	13 15 0	9 11 3	3 July, "
Do.	* 15	22 2 3	16 11 8	9 August, "
Do.	23	1 0 0	.....	2 September, "
Do.	24	49 2 5	36 16 9	19 October, "
Do.	* 30	84 1 9	63 1 9	8 January, 1876.
G. Melrose	** 9	42 13 6	31 12 6	26 April, 1875.
Do.	** 31	64 8 4	48 6 3	20 December, "
Do.	** 33	4 10 0	.....	10 " "
A. Maitland	* 3	106 16 0	53 8 1	15 June, "
Do.	* 5	82 19 10	61 6 1	15 " "
Do.	7	101 4 6	50 12 3	3 September, "
Do.	9	79 5 1	40 2 6	3 " "
S. A. M'Dougall	5	19 7 0	13 0 2	16 July, "
Do.	7	92 14 3	65 15 7	14 September, "
Do.	** 13	29 14 9	21 14 11	12 October, "
Do.	** 15	122 14 9	91 6 2	10 " "
Do.	** 17	117 14 9	85 17 4	7 " "
J. Neill	* 7	105 14 1	79 6 5	1 June, "
W. Orr	21	3 10 0	.....	17 May, "
Do.	* 31	3 0 0	.....	9 September, "
H. A. D. O'Connor	6	71 12 0	53 14 1	5 April, "
Do.	8	120 3 2	90 10 7	5 " "
Do.	24	55 1 8	36 1 4	9 July, "
Do.	38	166 15 0	112 11 1	15 November, "
Do.	40	47 1 0	35 5 11	8 January, 1876.
Do.	42	127 14 9	95 4 6	15 " "
A. J. Pechey	26	21 10 6	16 2 10	2 December, 1875.
Do.	* 33	2 2 0	.....	14 " "
Do.	* 36	1 1 0	.....	7 January, 1876.
G. M. Pitt	7	1 1 0	.....	3 December, 1875.
Do.	10	17 0 0	.....	3 " "
A. J. Park	* 1	155 7 9	114 12 0	12 March, "
Do.	3	10 3 0	7 12 3	22 " "
Do.	* 11	38 14 8	28 8 3	26 October, "
J. M. Pears	* 5	98 9 3	73 12 0	8 September, "
Do.	7	4 0 0	.....	6 October, "
J. Phillips	* 1	7 7 4	.....	6 May, "
Do.	2	7 17 6	.....	17 " "
Do.	4	12 7 4	3 15 0	6 " "
Do.	* 17	7 9 7	5 12 2	16 October, "
Do.	21	2 0 0	.....	5 " "
Do.	23	18 14 3	14 4 11	.....
Do.	25	33 15 0	23 16 3	30 November, 1875.
Do.	35	18 13 0	13 19 9	12 May, "
Do.	37	16 8 0	12 6 0	12 " "
Do.	39	3 3 0	.....	16 October, "
C. W. Potter	2	57 5 0	42 18 6	19 June, 1876.
Do.	* 4	30 18 3	23 3 3	19 " "
W. H. Readett	11	59 3 0	43 19 6	4 October, 1875.
Do.	13	40 4 0	28 13 0	4 " "
Do.	15	61 14 0	46 5 11	26 November, "
Do.	23	51 2 0	38 6 10	22 December, "
Do.	25	76 6 6	57 5 0	13 January, 1876.
J. J. Robertson	* 1	43 19 7	33 0 0	2 February, 1875.
Do.	* 3	58 14 0	42 0 0	20 " "
Do.	* 5	66 2 3	49 11 11	12 March, "
Do.	* 11	69 6 4	52 0 0	11 June, "
Do.	* 13	69 0 0	51 5 7	11 October, "
Do.	* 15	123 13 6	91 8 1	3 November, "
Do.	* 17	69 6 0	52 0 0	10 " "
Do.	* 19	37 13 4	28 5 0	10 " "
Do.	* 21	72 14 7	54 10 11	24 " "
Do.	* 23	6 5 0	4 13 9	4 December, "
Do.	* 25	39 7 0	29 11 2	.....
Do.	* 27	37 0 4	27 15 3	21 " "
F. Russell	13	69 5 1	50 8 11	14 May, "
Do.	17	83 15 9	62 16 9	12 October, "
				25 " "

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F. Russell	* 75-19	£ 25 2 3	£ 18 16 7	25 October, 1875.
Do.	* 21	55 10 0	41 12 6	21 January, 1876.
P. M. Rotton	1	127 0 0	77 0 11	17 March, 1875.
W. A. Rac	* 3	49 1 0	36 15 9	24 " "
Do.	* 5	3 12 0	.....	5 June, " "
P. Rigaut	* 13	4 0 0	.....	4 " " "
Do.	* 15	4 10 0	3 7 6	21 " " "
Do.	19	4 10 0	.....	27 September, " "
Do.	* 21	3 10 0	.....	11 October, " "
Do.	* 29	18 10 0	13 17 6	8 November, " "
Do.	31	28 5 0	21 3 9	" " " "
Do.	33	5 0 0	.....	4 December, " "
Do.	39	26 10 4	19 17 9	28 " " "
Do.	* 43	23 13 5	17 11 3	" " " "
Do.	* 45	4 10 0	.....	4 January, 1876.
V. B. Riley	* 10	3 8 0	.....	11 September, 1875.
Do.	* 13	36 12 1	27 9 0	3 May, 1876.
Do.	15	1 11 6	.....	5 January, " "
W. B. Simpson	* 7	2 15 0	.....	5 March, 1875.
Do.	23	3 3 0	.....	25 September, " "
Do.	29	7 7 0	.....	24 November, " "
Do.	30	10 7 0	.....	" " " "
Do.	* 32	9 0 0	6 15 0	29 January, 1876.
Do.	35	5 10 0	.....	27 " " "
G. T. Sccombe	* 30	34 10 3	25 11 10	20 August, 1875.
Do.	* 32	5 19 0	4 6 3	" " " "
Do.	49	12 6 2	9 4 11	1 December, " "
Do.	* 51	19 19 0	14 19 1	" " " "
Do.	53	1 11 6	.....	" " " "
Do.	54	10 3 8	7 12 9	6 December, " "
Do.	* 57	16 10 0	12 7 6	29 " " "
Do.	59	28 13 0	18 9 9	" " " "
Do.	61	10 0 0	7 10 0	3 January, 1876.
E. Sawtell	* 15	10 9 10	7 17 3	26 November, 1875.
Do.	* 17	20 0 0	15 0 0	20 " " "
G. H. Sheaffe	* 38	122 9 4	91 17 0	4 December, " "
Do.	* 43	3 10 0	.....	6 January, 1876.
W. A. Shoobert	* 28	3 3 0	.....	10 August, 1875.
Do.	41	6 7 8	4 15 9	15 October, " "
Do.	* 45	26 16 0	20 2 0	3 November, " "
Do.	53	29 12 9	22 4 6	" " " "
Do.	55	14 13 9	11 0 3	" " " "
Do.	59	40 12 7	30 9 5	8 December, " "
Do.	63	5 0 0	3 15 0	" " " "
Do.	* 65	45 2 6	33 6 11	28 " " "
Do.	67	17 10 0	13 2 6	" " " "
Do.	* 73	7 11 6	.....	28 October, " "
E. Sanderson	1	99 4 6	39 11 4	11 February, " "
Do.	11	208 17 3	154 0 2	25 " " "
H. H. Sutherland	11	60 9 2	45 6 10	26 October, " "
A. Sharp	13	2 10 0	.....	18 " " "
Do.	16	8 0 0	.....	29 May, " "
Do.	* 21	3 0 0	.....	2 July, " "
Do.	24	3 13 0	.....	13 September, " "
Do.	32	4 0 0	.....	24 " " "
Do.	* 37	4 0 0	.....	23 October, " "
Do.	* 48	3 0 0	.....	7 December, " "
Do.	49	40 4 0	30 3 0	3 January, 1876.
Do.	* 51	1 0 0	.....	" " " "
C. Stuart	* 3	3 10 0	.....	29 June, 1875.
Do.	4	11 11 0	8 5 0	17 August, " "
Do.	5	13 0 0	9 15 0	11 December, " "
J. M. Tarves	* 9	60 10 0	45 7 5	5 January, " "
Do.	11	1 1 0	.....	11 " " "
Do.	13	35 0 3	26 5 2	25 " " "
Do.	* 19	68 18 6	51 13 10	31 March, " "
Do.	39	2 0 0	.....	7 October, " "
Do.	* 40	81 19 10	60 14 7	4 " " "
Do.	44	1 10 0	.....	19 " " "
Do.	45	1 1 0	.....	19 " " "
Do.	52	1 1 0	.....	3 December, " "
Do.	* 53	36 18 5	27 13 9	13 September, " "
Do.	* 57	45 1 5	33 16 0	13 December, " "
Do.	59	40 3 7	30 2 8	22 " " "
Do.	* 63	35 13 1	26 14 9	28 " " "
V. F. Tozer	23	2 0 0	.....	29 June, " "
Do.	26	1 1 0	.....	29 " " "
Do.	* 27	1 0 0	.....	13 July, " "
Do.	29	40 0 0	29 12 6	28 " " "
Do.	31	41 2 11	30 15 -3	28 " " "
Do.	53	4 4 0	.....	16 December, " "
J. Vernon	* 3	4 4 0	.....	29 April, " "
Do.	17	65 15 6	49 6 7	16 August, " "
Do.	* 20	58 10 9	43 18 0	5 October, " "
Do.	29	3 3 0	17 November, " "
Do.	30	1 11 6	17 " " "

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J. Vernon	75- 36	£ 133 9 4	£ 100 2 0	3 January, 1876.
Do.	38	5 0 0		28 December, 1875.
W. T. Verge	1	78 4 0	55 14 4	
Do.	3	4 0 0	3 0 0	15 July, "
Do.	5	20 7 0	15 6 3	15 "
Do.	7	32 2 6	24 1 10	15 "
Do.	9	3 3 0		15 May, "
Do.	14	18 15 0		15 January, 1876.
Do.	18	20 0 0		15 "
V. Williams	1	72 8 8	51 9 11	28 April, 1875.
Do.	7	60 5 0	45 3 9	10 September, "
Do.	13	13 10 0	9 2 3	1 February, 1876.
Do.	15	48 14 3	36 10 9	6 March, "
E. S. Wyndham	10	3 3 0		
Do.	17	62 13 4	47 0 0	4 August, 1875.
Do.	18	3 0 0		4 "
Do.	19	3 3 0		4 "
Do.	22	3 10 0		30 "
Do.	28	64 4 9	46 13 6	20 November, "
T. E. Wener	3	61 18 8	46 8 9	18 January, 1876.
C. Worth	5	59 6 0	44 10 0	5 February, 1875.
Do.	17	116 17 0	87 5 9	2 August, "
Do.	27	1 0 0		8 October, "
Do.	33	12 0 6	9 0 4	26 November, "
Do.	37	68 7 6	51 6 3	26 November, "
Do.	39	10 0 0	7 10 0	21 December, "
Do.	41	63 3 0	47 7 5	21 "
Do.	45	23 14 6	17 16 5	10 January, 1876.
Do.	47	13 1 0	9 15 8	10 "
Do.	49	83 0 0	62 5 4	10 "
J. Armstrong	76- 2	182 1 0	136 10 9	19 June, "
H. C. Allport	3	34 6 0	23 2 4	17 March, "
W. Anderson	1	3 3 0		18 January, "
Do.	6	97 17 2	73 7 9	25 "
Do.	8	48 1 8	36 1 1	2 February, "
Do.	12	85 19 6	64 9 5	21 March, "
Do.	19	9 0 0	6 15 0	1 May, "
Do.	21	92 5 4	69 3 9	1 "
Do.	25	87 11 4	65 13 4	15 "
Do.	29	3 3 0		
Do.	30	56 3 1	42 2 3	23 June, "
Do.	34	6 0 0	4 10 0	23 "
G. Arthur	1	117 18 6	97 9 9	8 April, "
Jno. Barling	7	94 6 4	70 14 9	19 April, "
Do.	10	33 13 1	25 4 9	22 May, "
Do.	12	82 3 2	61 12 5	28 June, "
W. D. Biden	3	82 15 0	62 1 3	6 March, "
Do.	7	1 11 6		8 "
H. Berry	7	47 9 0	35 11 8	2 May, "
Do.	13	1 1 0		6 "
W. E. Bennett	5	69 1 2	51 15 8	25 February, "
R. Barling	8	114 8 10	81 10 10	2 June, "
Do.	10	15 18 0	11 18 6	2 "
E. H. Barton	7	83 2 0	62 6 4	18 March, "
Do.	9	75 19 0	55 14 9	22 April, "
Do.	15	63 0 0	45 0 0	5 June, "
R. Brock	14	21 16 2	16 7 1	2 "
Do.	16	10 0 0	7 10 0	27 May, "
Do.	18	34 8 1	25 16 0	27 "
J. H. Burnside	1	84 7 2	64 15 5	25 January, "
Do.	3	76 15 0	57 11 3	13 March, "
Do.	6	84 0 0	63 0 0	10 May, "
J. H. Balmain	5	30 4 10	22 13 5	9 June, "
Do.	7	26 2 7	10 11 10	26 April, "
Do.	9	30 7 3	22 15 5	13 May, "
Do.	11	37 13 9	28 5 3	13 "
Do.	13	26 13 8		3 June, "
Do.	15	32 14 0		3 "
Do.	17	44 12 9		3 "
Do.	19	28 14 6		3 "
Do.	29	1 9 6		16 "
E. J. Burgess	7	23 15 0	17 6 3	23 May, "
T. Brown	1	52 4 0	38 15 6	18 April, "
Do.	5	0 10 0		6 June, "
Do.	7	72 14 6	38 4 7	23 "
T. Bossley	1	44 7 9	33 5 9	19 April, "
Do.	3	60 8 9	45 6 6	19 "
Do.	5	88 3 6	66 2 7	19 "
W. T. Burrowes	7	18 15 0	16 16 3	13 "
J. Blair	4	108 18 6	82 9 3	3 June, "
W. Berthon	1	25 19 6	19 10 2	29 March, "
Do.	3	27 15 0	20 16 6	29 "
Do.	4	22 5 0	16 13 9	29 "
Do.	6	56 5 3	42 4 2	8 April, "
W. H. Christie	1	23 13 8	17 15 3	29 March, "
Do.	11	10 16 2	8 2 1	12 February, "
				5 April, "

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W. H. Christio	76-13	£ s. d. 8 7 6	£ s. d. 6 5 7	12 April, 1876.
Do.	17	10 5 10	7 14 4	31 May, "
J. S. Clements	17	32 14 0	24 10 3	20 March, "
Do.	19	85 10 6	61 14 7	1 April, "
Do.	21	78 15 0	55 18 1	1 " "
Do.	26	21 13 6	14 12 6	12 " "
Do.	28	34 1 0	25 10 9	19 " "
Do.	30	7 7 0	.....	19 " "
Do.	35	11 12 0	8 14 0	10 May, "
Do.	39	2 0 0	.....	10 " "
J. B. Combes	3	12 1 0	.....	31 March, "
J. F. Capper	7	11 10 0	.....	9 " "
Do.	9	5 3 1	3 17 3	9 " "
Do.	13	55 16 5	41 17 3	20 " "
Do.	15	7 8 6	5 11 4	26 February, "
Do.	19	5 5 0	.....	20 May, "
Do.	25	65 11 3	49 3 5	2 June, "
Do.	27	62 18 9	47 4 1	13 " "
T. W. Conolly	1A	11 0 0	8 5 0	12 February, "
Do.	17	15 5 11	11 9 5	26 May, "
Do.	23	36 18 6	27 13 10	30 June, "
Do.	30	11 10 0	8 12 0	30 " "
W. Christio	3	58 10 4	43 17 9	6 May, "
Do.	7	30 17 3	19 7 11	6 June, "
Do.	9	52 18 0	39 13 6	30 " "
Do.	11	81 12 8	61 4 6	6 " "
W. Creed	3	2 0 0	.....	28 February, "
Do.	6	7 4 3	5 8 2	29 " "
Do.	8	12 15 0	9 11 3	29 " "
Do.	10	15 19 7	11 19 8	7 March, "
Do.	12	9 5 0	6 18 9	7 " "
Do.	18	2 0 0	.....	31 " "
Do.	21	8 0 0	6 0 0	3 April, "
Do.	26	11 5 0	8 8 9	2 May, "
Do.	30	18 5 0	13 13 9	13 " "
Do.	32	9 5 0	6 18 9	22 " "
Do.	34	24 6 6	18 5 3	22 " "
Do.	36	58 19 6	44 4 9	6 June, "
W. Cowley	1	98 17 1	73 19 0	3 February, "
Do.	7	30 17 9	23 3 9	27 March, "
Do.	13	83 5 11	62 9 5	25 " "
Do.	15	3 11 0	2 13 3	29 April, "
Do.	17	4 5 1	3 3 9	29 " "
Do.	19	18 13 11	14 0 5	29 " "
Do.	21	94 15 4	71 1 6	2 May, "
C. J. Clark	3	1 0 0	.....	6 June, "
Do.	10	15 16 4	11 17 3	17 May, "
Do.	10	15 16 4	11 17 3	17 June, "
F. Cowley	2	57 8 10	34 16 6	8 March, "
Do.	6	2 0 0	.....	24 " "
Do.	7	85 4 3	63 17 10	5 May, "
Do.	9	41 13 3	32 11 2	5 June, "
Do.	11	87 14 2	65 15 7	5 " "
Do.	13	72 6 7	54 4 10	7 " "
J. Cameron	1	40 6 0	30 12 0	19 April, "
G. B. Carter	6	144 3 4	108 2 6	29 May, "
J. A. D. Campbell	4	10 13 9	8 0 3	6 March, "
Do.	6	47 15 0	35 16 7	5 May, "
J. M. Conroy	9	33 5 0	20 14 0	4 " "
Do.	17	24 5 0	15 10 3	12 June, "
Do.	25	30 0 0	19 6 9	12 " "
G. L. Dowe	1	13 14 9	10 6 0	20 January, "
Do.	3	2 10 0	.....	3 May, "
Do.	4	4 4 0	.....	29 March, "
Do.	7	62 10 2	46 17 7	26 May, "
Do.	9	65 6 4	48 19 9	13 June, "
W. Drummond	1	42 11 2	27 8 1	12 February, "
Do.	4	51 12 6	38 14 4	10 March, "
Do.	6	64 0 9	48 0 6	14 " "
Do.	8	3 3 0	.....	18 April, "
Do.	9	107 2 0	80 6 6	27 " "
Do.	12	84 4 6	63 3 3	8 June, "
J. B. Donkin	15	47 10 0	35 12 6	12 July, "
Do.	17	55 0 0	41 5 0	12 " "
H. M. Davis	1	47 7 6	35 10 7	11 May, "
Do.	3	58 5 0	43 13 9	13 June, "
F. W. Darby	1	24 15 4	18 11 5	2 February, "
W. R. Davidson	3	12 15 9	8 5 6	1 " "
Do.	6	161 10 0	122 5 0	6 March, "
Do.	10	189 10 0	141 11 3	8 May, "
Do.	12	106 9 11	79 2 6	29 " "
Do.	14	90 15 0	68 1 3	29 " "
J. C. Duffy	1	11 2 0	8 6 5	28 February, "
Do.	7	51 7 0	28 " "
Do.	13	10 9 5	7 17 0	11 May, "
Do.	15	33 9 9	25 2 4	11 " "

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J. C. Duffy	76-19	£ 20 10 0	£ 19 17 6	
Do.	21	108 15 0	81 11 3	16 June, 1876
Do.	23	18 6 3	7 14 7	22 " "
E. H. Dale	1	64 12 3	48 9 3	3 April, "
Do.	3	70 5 3	52 13 9	27 March, "
Do.	5	52 15 0	39 11 3	27 " "
Do.	8	29 0 0	21 15 0	27 " "
Do.	10	1 10 0		27 " "
Do.	11	44 8 9	28 15 2	6 May, "
Do.	14	67 0 1	46 19 0	6 " "
Do.	15	4 15 0	3 11 3	15 " "
Do.	17	50 3 9	35 0 1	15 " "
Do.	18	50 7 4	35 14 6	15 " "
Do.	20	59 8 1	44 10 11	29 " "
Do.	22	5 0 0	3 15 0	29 " "
W. Edwards	1	87 0 0	56 16 1	29 March, "
Do.	5	75 14 10	65 5 0	29 " "
Do.	7	8 0 0		3 April, "
Do.	8	3 13 6		1 " "
Do.	9	75 4 7	56 8 6	15 May, "
Do.	11	68 13 9	51 10 4	15 " "
Do.	13	1 1 0		15 " "
Do.	17	34 4 0	25 13 0	23 " "
Do.	19	3 3 0		6 June, "
J. Evans	1	110 15 0	83 1 3	11 May, "
Do.	7	87 12 9	65 14 6	11 " "
Do.	9	59 16 6	44 17 4	19 " "
Do.	11	12 0 0	9 0 0	19 " "
Do.	13	48 18 0	36 13 6	20 June, "
Do.	15	43 8 0	32 11 0	20 " "
A. Elliott	4	35 13 3	26 15 5	22 March, "
Do.	5	47 12 7	35 17 7	29 April, "
Do.	7	65 15 6	48 19 1	29 " "
Do.	12	31 2 4	23 6 11	10 May, "
Do.	15	29 15 10	22 6 10	26 " "
Do.	17	31 11 6	23 13 7	8 June, "
Do.	19	25 16 4	19 9 1	8 " "
Do.	20	5 8 5	41 1 3	8 " "
G. E. Faithfull	1	70 18 6	52 5 11	16 & 17 Feb., "
Do.	3	27 5 8	20 9 5	16 February, "
Do.	7	30 14 11	23 1 7	25 April, "
Do.	11	19 19 0		24 March, "
Do.	14	40 15 9	30 11 7	25 April, "
Do.	20	3 13 6		4 May, "
Do.	21	19 19 0		4 " "
Do.	22	68 5 2	51 3 10	26 " "
H. Fisher	7	5 7 6	4 0 7	9 February, "
Do.	23	22 17 3	17 2 9	2 June, "
Do.	25	99 16 2	74 17 6	2 " "
Do.	27	36 13 6	27 10 1	28 " "
M. R. Findlay	1	45 5 0	19 2 6	16 February, "
Do.	3	19 5 0	8 8 9	26 " "
Do.	5	27 10 0	18 15 0	16 " "
Do.	7	8 0 0	6 0 0	26 " "
Do.	9	25 18 9		29 May, "
Do.	11	15 10 0		16 February
Do.	13	57 7 6		13 June, "
H. W. Folkes	3	152 18 0	114 13 6	22 " "
Do.	5	31 15 0	21 16 3	10 " "
B. C. Garland	3	89 5 10	60 19 4	24 April, "
Do.	5	61 10 0	46 2 6	24 " "
Do.	7	29 6 0	21 19 6	11 May, "
T. H. H. Goodwin	7	18 5 0	13 13 9	20 March, "
Do.	9	51 6 8	34 13 0	20 " "
Do.	13	2 10 0		29 April, "
Do.	21	8 0 0	6 0 0	29 " "
Do.	25	4 0 0	3 0 0	29 " "
J. G. Griffin	16	35 11 9	26 10 0	20 June, "
J. J. Gleeson	1	65 0 0	50 5 0	10 February, "
Do.	3	28 18 6	21 13 10	10 " "
E. T. F. Gomon	1	12 2 6	9 1 11	10 & 11 May, "
Do.	3	0 10 0		14 June, "
Do.	4	37 11 1	28 3 3	13 " "
B. Hudson	3	63 18 10	47 19 1	10 " "
Do.	5	37 12 10	28 4 6	10 " "
J. Hall	10	59 2 8	44 7 1	25 May, "
E. Herborn	1	1 10 0		19 February, "
Do.	5	31 8 9	23 11 6	18 March, "
Jno. Heady	1	118 4 9	59 2 6	16 " "
Do.	3	1 1 0		20 April, "
Do.	4	1 1 0		16 May, "
Do.	5	1 1 0		20 " "
Do.	5	1 1 0		25 " "
C. Harper	3	112 3 3	84 3 11	3 April, "
Do.	5	70 1 0	52 10 9	3 June, "
Do.	7	82 0 11	62 15 9	12 " "
Do.	9	77 17 7	58 8 3	20 " "

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
J. J. Higgins	76-1	58 11 6	43 18 8	20 March, 1876.
Do.	*	5	21 10 0	20 " "
Do.		7	72 0 0	22 " "
Do.		11	2 10 0	12 April, "
Do.		14	26 15 0	26 May, "
Do.	*	16	6 16 9	26 " "
Do.		18	2 10 0	31 " "
C. Haylock		8	59 0 4	22 " "
Do.	*	10	3 3 0	23 June, "
Do.		11	45 14 3	22 " "
E. A. Harris		1	6 18 6	17 & 24 March, "
H. Hosio	*	3	54 0 3	22 April, "
Do.		5	11 3 6	18 " "
H. Huege		1	26 11 1	10 June, "
P. H. Henderson		3	94 4 0	25 February, "
Do.		4	15 5 0	29 April, "
Jno. Hogg		1	42 15 4	3 & 6 May, "
F. V. Hunter	*	7	53 14 7	18 March, "
Do.	*	9	18 10 9	20 & 22 March, "
Do.		11	31 5 11	4 March, "
Do.		13	46 4 10	1 May, "
Do.	*	15	4 4 0	8 " "
Do.	*	16	4 4 0	12 May, "
Do.	*	19	4 4 0	13 June, "
Do.	*	20	4 4 0	12 May, "
Do.		21	24 10 0	20 May, and "
Do.	*	23	4 4 0	13 June, "
W. A. Hungerford		1	47 15 0	13 June, "
Do.		3	85 10 0	17 June, "
A. B. Johnstone		1	11 8 9	-- " "
Do.		5	2 10 0	5 April, 1876
C. W. King		1	1 0 0	14 June, "
E. J. H. Knapp		5	86 2 9	64 12 6
Do.		7	95 2 0	72 1 6
Do.		8	39 11 0	29 13 3
Do.		9	16 16 6	12 12 5
Do.		10	2 0 0	1 10 0
Do.		11	1 0 0	0 15 0
Do.	*	12	1 0 0	
A. P. Lindo		1	9 9 0	11 January, 1876
Do.	*	8	31 6 5	9 March, "
Do.	*	12	63 12 8	8 April, "
Geo. Loder	*	1	144 10 6	25 April, "
Do.	*	3	3 15 0	21 February, "
Do.	*	4	180 18 9	21 " "
Do.		6	47 14 4	20 March, "
Do.		8	77 19 6	30 " "
Do.		10	4 10 0	30 " "
Do.		11	156 2 0	3 May, "
A. Lisle		1	49 10 0	13 June, "
Do.		3	20 15 9	18 February, "
Do.		5	3 3 0	18 " "
Do.		7	18 15 0	18 " "
Do.	*	11	3 0 0	18 " "
Do.		12	29 0 7	20 June, "
Do.		14	73 18 3	20 " "
W. A. Lipscomb	*	11	38 0 0	30 March, "
Do.		13	54 18 6	30 " "
Do.		15	45 9 8	18 April, "
Do.		17	37 9 2	18 " "
Do.		19	98 15 0	18 " "
Do.		21	6 6 0	11 May, "
Do.		23	3 3 0	13 " "
Do.		25	8 5 4	26 " "
Do.		27	8 0 0	6 0 0
J. H. Lucas		1	21 0 0	10 February, 1876
Do.		3	95 16 3	14 3 6
J. F. Loxton		3	47 6 6	71 2 2
Do.		5	57 9 3	35 9 10
Do.		6A	61 2 2	43 2 0
Do.		7	52 7 6	45 16 5
Do.		9.	60 1 6	39 5 7
Do.		11	52 18 0	45 1 1
Do.		15	54 9 7	27 January, "
Do.		17	60 12 2	27 " "
Do.		19	53 17 0	29 " "
Do.		21	5 10 0	29 " "
Do.		22	166 13 9	4 February, "
Do.		24	53 13 5	4 " "
G. J. Lee		1	110 0 0	4 " "
Do.		3	70 0 0	15 " "
Do.		5	116 0 0	22 May, "
				14 June, "
				13 May, "
				13 " "
				13 " "

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G. J. Lee	* 76-7	£ s. d. 46 0 0	£ s. d. 34 10 0	13 May, 1876
Do.	* 9	58 10 0	38 8 0	23 June, "
J. C. B. Lupton	1	83 14 6	62 15 10	17 May, "
Do.	3	188 14 6	114 16 3	19 May & 19 June.
Do.	5	13 9 4		
Do.	9	8 0 0		
Do.	* 10	13 9 4	10 2 0	24 June, 1876
M. C. Langtree	5	7 10 0		24 " "
Do.	8	73 15 0	47 3 1	3 April, "
Do.	9	51 6 6	37 7 4	15 June, "
Do.	* 11	53 15 0	40 6 3	19 " "
Do.	* 12	135 12 0	91 10 7	19 " "
O. Langtree	* 1	432 13 5	325 5 0	1 April, "
Do.	3	52 0 0	39 0 0	5 February, "
Do.	* 4	155 14 2	105 2 0	1 April, "
Do.	11	22 0 0	14 15 6	29 June, "
J. F. Mann	1	26 7 3	19 15 6	6 June, "
E. P. Mann	* 1	3 0 0		31 January, "
Do.	2	10 0 0	7 10 0	10 February, "
Do.	4	9 15 0	7 6 3	10 " "
Do.	6	15 8 0	11 11 0	14 March, "
Do.	8	24 9 6	18 7 1	18 April, "
Do.	10	17 0 0	12 15 0	18 " "
Do.	14	47 5 0	35 8 9	1 May, "
Do.	16	3 0 0		29 " "
R. R. Machattie	1	149 17 9	112 0 2	20 March, "
Do.	* 3	4 3 0		8 June, "
Do.	4	5 10 0	4 2 6	8 " "
Do.	6	13 0 0		8 " "
Do.	7	82 10 3	61 17 8	22 " "
D. M. Maitland, jun.	* 1	25 8 7	19 1 5	3 February, "
Do.	* 5	48 10 4	36 7 9	14 March, "
Do.	22	0 10 6		22 May, "
Do.	* 25	10 0 5	7 10 3	22 " "
W. Mylecharane	* 4	44 10 0	33 7 6	24 March, "
Do.	* 9	28 1 7	21 1 2	26 May, "
R. H. Mathews	7	64 1 8	48 1 3	29 February, "
Do.	* 9	63 8 5	35 4 0	29 " "
Do.	11	70 9 2	52 16 10	27 March, "
Do.	13	19 1 6	14 6 1	18 February, "
Do.	* 17	58 6 1	39 7 0	4 April, "
Do.	* 19	62 17 6	45 16 1	4 " "
Do.	21	3 0 0		4 " "
Do.	24	117 5 4		20 May, "
Do.	28	74 9 10		20 " "
Do.	* 30	61 17 6	46 8 1	20 " "
Do.	* 32	28 5 4	21 4 1	27 " "
Do.	34	2 0 0		14 June, "
Do.	36	40 16 9	30 11 9	1 July, "
R. L. Murray	1	96 4 6	72 3 10	24 February, "
Do.	3	52 2 9	39 2 0	4 & 9 March, "
Do.	* 5	72 5 0	54 3 9	23 March, "
Do.	7	83 10 4	63 7 9	23 " "
Do.	* 9	46 5 0	34 13 9	27 " "
Do.	11	79 0 0	59 8 11	4 April, "
Do.	* 13	5 10 0		12 " "
Do.	14	30 15 0	23 1 3	29 April & 9 May, "
Do.	16	23 18 9	17 19 0	19 April, "
H. H. More	* 7	11 3 6	8 7 9	22 June, "
H. J. C. Mitchell	1	38 8 3	28 16 6	3 March, "
Do.	3	8 8 0		3 " "
Do.	7	31 19 4	23 19 6	24 April, "
Do.	9	5 5 0		10 May, "
Do.	11	4 4 0		20 " "
R. W. Mildrum	1	42 0 0	31 10 0	29 January, "
Do.	3	82 0 9	61 13 7	3 April, "
Do.	5	78 5 0	58 13 9	3 " "
Do.	7	109 6 7	81 19 10	3 " "
Do.	9	100 7 4	73 19 3	27 " "
Do.	11	118 14 6	88 17 1	23 June, "
A. L. Maitland	1	43 16 6	21 18 3	5 May, "
Do.	3	38 3 8	29 0 3	5 " "
Do.	* 7	63 17 10	32 1 5	5 " "
Do.	10	16 10 0	8 7 6	5 " "
Do.	11	76 18 4	57 13 9	1 July, "
Do.	13	63 12 0	53 2 0	1 " "
G. Milrose	1	74 9 1	55 16 9	28 February, "
Do.	* 3	23 14 0	17 15 6	28 " "
Do.	5	37 18 8	17 15 3	27 March, "
Do.	7	25 7 9	19 0 10	4 April, "
Do.	* 16	4 4 0		25 May, "
J. Mecharg	1	88 10 0	61 17 6	8 April, "
Do.	3	3 3 0		18 " "
Do.	* 4	73 12 5	55 4 0	27 " "
Do.	6	77 15 0	58 6 8	25 " "

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D. Murphy	76-5	£ 37 15 0	£ 28 6 3	12 April, 1876
Do.	10	58 10 9	43 18 9	15 " "
A. J. Mitchell	1	56 11 8	42 8 9	17 June, "
Do.	3	62 0 0	46 10 0	17 " "
A. M'Pherson	1	39 11 5	29 13 6	29 January, "
Do.	7	53 15 7	40 6 8	3 April, "
Do.	9	1 0 0	.....	25 May, "
S. A. M'Dougall	1	87 3 3	65 7 2	12 February, "
Do.	3	174 5 9	131 5 8	24 April, "
A. M'Glashan	1	2 0 0	.....	11 May, "
Do.	2	33 15 0	25 6 3	18 April, "
Do.	4	4 14 6	.....	30 May, "
J. M. M'Donald	5	90 1 6	67 12 5	30 " "
Do.	7	85 0 0	63 16 3	26 April, "
C. J. M'Master	1	45 13 11	30 16 9	9 May, "
Do.	3	47 18 4	35 18 9	17 February, "
Do.	5	85 12 0	64 4 0	20 March, "
Do.	7	51 5 0	38 8 9	10 May, "
Do.	9	584 0 0	430 0 0	10 " "
Do.	11	143 10 0	107 12 6	.....
Do.	13	5 5 0	.....	27 May, "
E. M'Farlane	7	58 0 9	43 10 6	27 " "
W. A. F. M'Douall	1	70 5 5	52 14 0	12 April, "
Do.	3	9 4 11	6 18 7	12 February, "
Do.	7	25 18 10	19 9 11	9 March, "
Do.	9	41 18 2	31 8 7	24 April, "
Jno. Neill	3	50 9 1	37 16 9	6 June, "
Do.	6	32 13 7	24 10 7	18 April, "
W. H. Nash	1	15 5 8	9 0 6	9 June, "
Do.	6	5 5 0	3 18 9	2 March, "
W. Orr	3	4 10 0	.....	30 " "
Do.	5	3 10 0	.....	12 January, "
Do.	7	112 9 10	84 7 4	16 March, "
Do.	9	48 3 11	36 2 11	16 " "
Do.	17	64 12 8	45 1 8	3 April, "
H. A. D. O'Connor	3	61 17 2	46 7 11	19 June, "
Do.	5	1 10 0	.....	15 March, "
Do.	8	6 6 0	.....	25 " "
Do.	9	30 10 0	22 17 6	25 " "
Do.	12	1 1 0	.....	20 April, "
A. J. Pechey	5	9 2 11	6 17 2	12 May, "
G. M. Pitt	1	5 5 0	.....	9 March, "
Do.	6	10 18 6	.....	18 January, "
A. J. Park	1	46 0 3	35 1 5	30 May, "
Do.	3	38 15 0	28 6 3	19 April, "
Do.	5	14 0 6	.....	19 " "
Do.	7	423 17 0	317 17 9	8 " "
J. M. Pears	1	86 17 9	66 6 0	19 " "
Do.	3	53 2 0	39 16 7	26 June, "
Do.	5	2 10 0	.....	24 February, "
Do.	6	87 13 6	65 15 1	26 " "
C. W. Potter	4	2 2 0	.....	6 May, "
Do.	5	61 5 0	45 15 0	6 " "
Do.	7	41 0 0	30 15 0	24 June, "
Do.	8	0 10 0	.....	1 March, "
Do.	9	22 18 6	17 18 10	27 April, "
Do.	11	59 8 9	44 11 3	27 " "
J. A. Palmer	3	28 15 9	22 3 1	27 " "
Do.	5	3 0 0	.....	26 " "
Do.	6	45 17 3	34 7 11	29 March, "
Do.	8	46 8 3	34 16 2	3 June, "
Do.	9	49 16 3	37 7 2	23 " "
Do.	11	21 11 9	16 3 9	23 " "
Do.	12	33 16 0	25 7 0	23 " "
Do.	13	82 16 6	62 2 4	23 " "
W. H. Readett	3	63 2 0	47 6 6	20 " "
Do.	5	69 19 9	48 5 5	17 March, "
Do.	7	57 4 6	42 18 8	17 " "
Do.	9	63 8 0	47 11 5	28 " "
Do.	11	56 10 0	42 7 9	19 April, "
J. J. Robertson	1	56 14 0	42 11 3	25 " "
Do.	3	88 7 9	64 12 9	22 " "
Do.	5	59 7 7	.....	6 May, "
Do.	7	4 0 0	3 0 0	8 " "
P. M. Rotton	1	113 3 4	85 5 0	11 " "
F. Russell	5	70 0 0	52 10 0	23 May, "
Do.	9	95 10 0	71 12 10	28 June, "
Do.	11	89 4 7	66 18 5	24 " "
Do.	13	7 0 0	5 5 0	27 " "
Do.	15	54 15 4	41 1 3	17 May, "
Do.	17	2 10 0	16 " "
Do.	19	134 2 10	109 13 9	16 " "

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W. A. Rae.....	76-3	£ s. d. 93 15 0	£ s. d. 59 15 3	5 June, 1876.
Do.	5	91 9 7	61 15 0	23 " "
Do.	7	43 0 0	27 8 3	8 July, " "
P. Rigaut	* 1	22 10 0	16 17 6	5 June, " "
Do.	3	50 0 0	38 5 0	23 February, " "
Do.	** 5	47 2 0	35 6 6	23 " " "
Do.	7	141 4 9	96 14 6	29 April, " "
Do.	9	64 10 6	45 2 3	10 June, " "
V. B. Riley	1	58 11 6	45 1 2	3 April, " "
Do.	3	46 16 6	34 18 11	3 " " "
Do.	* 5	35 3 0	26 7 3	3 " " "
Do.	** 7	27 10 0	20 5 9	3 " " "
Do.	13	5 3 0	.....	21 " " "
G. H. Rotton	1	44 5 0	33 3 9	5 June, " "
Do.	3	99 0 0	74 11 11	5 " " "
J. M. Simpson	1	29 0 0	21 15 0	21 March, " "
Do.	3	58 10 0	43 17 6	1 May, " "
W. B. Simpson	1	4 0 0	.....	21 February, " "
Do.	10	128 18 4	97 5 10	26 May, " "
Do.	12	2 10 0	1 17 6	30 " " "
Do.	* 14	1 10 0	.....	22 " " "
Do.	16	3 3 0	.....	22 " " "
Do.	17	16 8 0	12 6 0	8 June, " "
Do.	19	107 18 9	81 14 1	8 " " "
Do.	21	107 8 7	81 6 7	8 " " "
Do.	23	3 0 0	.....	21 " " "
G. T. Seccombe.....	1	18 18 0	14 3 4	21 February, " "
Do.	* 3	1 0 0	.....	21 " " "
Do.	4	13 16 0	10 7 0	25 " " "
Do.	** 6	8 2 9	6 2 0	25 " " "
Do.	* 8	24 12 3	18 9 1	25 " " "
Do.	10	3 15 0	2 16 3	8 March, " "
Do.	15	16 2 1	12 1 6	13 April, " "
Do.	* 17	5 0 0	3 15 0	13 " " "
Do.	20	9 4 9	6 18 6	10 May, " "
E. Sawtell	7	78 4 7	33 13 0	24 April, " "
Do.	* 11	76 6 5	57 4 8	12 May, " "
Do.	13	66 10 10	47 7 0	10 " " "
Do.	** 15	10 9 0	7 16 9	24 April, " "
Do.	18	26 8 7	19 16 5	2 June, " "
Do.	* 20	6 15 11	5 1 9	10 May, " "
Do.	22	1 10 0	1 2 6	24 June, " "
G. H. Sheaffe	7	76 13 11	57 17 11	3 April, " "
Do.	8	90 14 10	68 0 4	15 May, " "
Do.	10	69 2 11	51 17 2	15 " " "
Do.	11	59 4 4	44 8 3	13 " " "
Do.	13	81 13 9	61 5 3	13 " " "
Do.	14	3 5 0	.....	15 " " "
Do.	* 16	3 10 0	.....	13 " " "
E. Sanderson.....	3	63 15 2	47 16 4	26 " " "
Do.	5	15 0 0	11 5 0	26 " " "
W. A. Shoobert	1	26 5 0	19 13 9	28 February, " "
Do.	5	13 11 2	9 13 9	7 April, " "
Do.	7	46 5 9	34 14 4	1 June, " "
Do.	9	1 11 6	.....	29 May, " "
Do.	10	1 0 0	.....	14 June, " "
F. P. Solling	* 5	1 0 0	.....	7 April, " "
Do.	6	3 3 0	.....	7 " " "
Do.	12	20 5 0	15 3 9	9 June, " "
A. Sharp	* 3	39 6 7	29 9 11	22 January, " "
Do.	7	1 11 6	.....	27 " " "
Do.	9	4 3 6	.....	18 April, " "
Do.	** 10	45 11 10	34 3 10	12 May, " "
Do.	* 12	44 8 9	33 6 6	12 " " "
Do.	14	38 15 9	29 1 9	12 " " "
Do.	** 16	45 16 5	34 7 3	23 " " "
Do.	18	42 9 5	31 17 0	23 June, " "
C. Stuart	* 1	75 4 6	47 19 7	10 March, " "
Do.	5	11 5 0	8 8 9	10 " " "
Do.	7	29 15 8	.....	24 April, " "
Do.	* 9	7 0 0	4 10 0	24 " " "
Do.	** 17	10 0 0	7 10 0	7 June, " "
Do.	* 19	16 10 0	12 15 0	19 " " "
W. N. Scott	7	34 15 0	22 6 4	14 " " "
J. B. Thompson	7	96 12 6	72 9 6	17 February, " "
J. M. Tarves	* 4	2 0 0	.....	22 January, " "
Do.	7	29 0 0	22 10 0	7 February, " "
Do.	14	1 0 0	.....	28 " " "
Do.	** 15	24 15 0	18 11 3	13 March, " "
Do.	19	3 2 0	.....	20 " " "
Do.	24	51 17 11	38 18 5	20 April, " "
Do.	* 26	29 0 2	21 15 1	29 " " "
Do.	28	43 12 3	32 14 3	26 May, " "
Do.	30	1 0 0	.....	30 " " "
Do.	* 31	35 18 3	26 18 8	7 June, " "
V. F. Tozer	1	60 1 9	45 1 3	5 May, " "
Do.	6	53 10 5	40 2 9	5 " " "

Name.	No. of Account.	Original Amount.	Amount advanced.	Date of receipt of Plans.
V. F. Tozer	* 76-7	£ s. d. 43 14 6	£ s. d. 32 15 11	5 May, 1876.
Do.	10	49 8 8	37 1 5	5 " "
E. W. Turner	* 5	98 0 0	73 10 0	29 June, "
J. Vernon	* 3	25 15 8	16 19 10	11 March, "
Do.	* 5	57 12 6	43 4 4	11 " "
Do.	* 15	37 1 3	27 15 11	9 May, "
Do.	* 19	3 13 6	2 15 1	9 " "
Do.	* 21	5 0 0	3 15 0	9 " "
Do.	* 25	5 0 0	3 15 0	12 July, "
Do.	* 27	29 14 4	22 5 9	12 " "
E. S. Wyndham	1	80 12 1	60 9 0	20 January, "
Do.	* 4	2 0 0	.....	25 " "
Do.	* 5	5 0 0	.....	27 " "
Do.	* 6	61 5 0	46 6 3	12 April, "
Do.	* 11	2 0 0	.....	10 May, "
Do.	* 12	74 11 9	55 18 9	26 " "
V. Williams	3	25 0 0	18 15 0	6 March, "
C. Worth	3	112 16 6	84 12 6	6 " "
Do.	5	9 2 0	6 16 10	6 " "
Do.	* 11	87 8 0	65 11 0	25 April, "
Do.	* 13	10 0 0	7 10 0	25 " "
Do.	15	56 19 0	42 14 6	25 " "
Do.	17	89 6 0	67 0 0	25 " "
Do.	* 19	15 11 0	11 3 4	25 " "
Do.	21	49 18 0	37 8 8	25 " "
Do.	23	73 13 6	55 5 6	14 June, "

NOTE.—The accounts marked * are in the Account Branch of this office, awaiting further supply; the vote for Licensed Surveys for 1876 being exhausted. The actual payments under this head for 1876 amounted to £120,000.

Surveyor General's Office,
24th January, 1877.

P. F. ADAMS.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PREMISES RENTED BY GOVERNMENT.

(RENTAL, RATES, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12 December, 1876.

FURTHER RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 21 June, 1876, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return showing the number of tenements rented by the Government,
“ and for what purpose ; the names of the lessors to the Government ; the
“ tenure under which held, with annexed terms, and the yearly rental,
“ with rates, viz., City Rate, Sewerage Rate, and Water Rate, for 1875
“ and 1876, in each case.”

(*Mr. Hurley, Hartley.*)

PREMISES RENTED BY GOVERNMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

Number of Tenements, and for what purpose.	Names of Lessors.	The Tenure under which held.	Terms on which held.	Yearly rental.			Rates.
				£	s.	d.	
Two rooms, Nos. 11 and 12, Exchange for Deeds Branch Office.	Sydney Exchange Company.	One year lease	Three months' notice	130	0	0	Nil.
Three rooms, Auction and Statistical Branch Offices, 7, Gresham-street.	Parbury, Lamb, & Co.	One year lease, from 1st August, 1876.	.....	175	0	0	„
Three rooms, Victoria Insurance Company, Pitt-street, for Drawing Staff of Survey Office.	Victoria Insurance Company.	Quarterly tenancy .....	.....	150	0	0	„
Two rooms, Exchange, Bridge-street, for do. do.	Sydney Exchange Company.	Do. ....	.....	305	0	0	„
Three rooms, No. 7, Gresham-street, for do. do.	Parbury, Lamb, & Co.	.....	.....	175	0	0	„
Ten rooms and cellar, Wolfen-buildings, Bridge-street, for do. do.	W. Wolfen	Five years, from 1st July, 1876.	.....	1,250	0	0	„
Ten rooms, &c., Munro's-buildings, Elizabeth-street, for do. do.	.....	Term expires 30th September, 1876.	.....	250	0	0	„
Six rooms, New Zealand Insurance Company, Pitt-street, for do. do.	New Zealand Insurance Company.	Quarterly tenancy .....	.....	250	0	0	„
Building opposite Exchange, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, for Occupation of Lands and Survey Branch.	The Hon. S. D. Gordon	Terminable at three or five years, from 1st July, 1876.	To be kept in repair by the landlord.	500	0	0	„
Four rooms and Office-keeper's quarters, 40, Elizabeth-street North; Office of Chief Inspector of Stock and Registrar of Brands.	J. P. Walker.....	Three years' lease.....	Leased by the Department of Lands.	153	5	0	„
Paddock at Morpeth, Quarantine for Imported Sheep, Port of Newcastle.	J. Scroggie.....	Yearly lease .....	.....	5	0	0	„
Paddock at Canterbury Estate, Quarantine for Imported Sheep, Port of Sydney.	Miss Sophia Ives Campbell.	Ten years' lease, from 1st January, 1876.	All improvements may be removed, with the exception of the outer fence, gates, and dam.	50	0	0	„
Land Office, Corowa.....	John Coyne	Weekly tenancy	Payable in advance	26	0	0	„
Land Office, Tweed River.....	Josiah Bray	Yearly .....	.....	20	0	0	„

W. W. STEPHEN,
Under Secretary.

RETURN showing the number of Tenements rented by the Government; the purpose for which rented; the names of the Lessors; the tenure under which held, with annexed terms; and the yearly rental, with rates.

Number of Tenements rented by the Government.	For what purpose held.	Names of the Lessors.	Tenure under which held, and Terms.		City Sewerage and Water Rates.
			Period.	Yearly Rental	
1.....	Stamp Office	Mrs. Mary Roberts	Yearly	£ 225	None paid by the Government.
1.....	Custom House, Newcastle	J. Russell	Do.	350 0 0	
1.....	Custom House and Queen's Warehouse—Albury	R. Pearce	Do.	132 0 0	
2.....	Euston	Charles Tavlieres	Do.	26 0 0	
1.....	Customs Office, Corowa	L. Levin	Monthly	15 0 0	
2.....	Customs Office and Officers' Quarters, Howlong	Messrs. Fleming & Bradley	Yearly	45 0 0	
1.....	Queen's Warehouse, Wentworth	W. Gunn	Do.	26 0 0	
1.....	Custom House, Morpeth	T. Donaghy	Do.	20 0 0	
Two rooms, being part of tenement.	Distilleries and Refineries	Randolph Nott.....	Monthly	120 0 0	
1.....	Storage of Printed Papers	D. Ramsay	Yearly	150 0 0	
7.....	Military Barracks.....	Imperial Government	99 years' lease	1/)	
3.....	Ordnance Stores	Do.	Do.	1/) nominal rent.	
1.....	Military Hospital.....	Do.	Do.	1/)	
2.....	Fortifications.....	Do.	Do.	1/)	
1.....	Health and Emigration Office.....	Executors of late T. Gregan.	Weekly	58 10 0	
Part of tenement (seven rooms).	Shipping Master's Office	Managing Agent in the Estate of the late Mrs. Reiby.	Monthly	90 0 0	
Two rooms, being part of tenement.	Offices of Examiners in Navigation and Seamanship.	W. Watkins	} Quarterly	100 0 0	
One room do. do.	Do. Engineer Surveyors	Do.			

The Treasury, New South Wales,
18th August, 1876.

F. KIRKPATRICK,
Accountant.

Sydney: Charles Potter, Acting Government Printer.—1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PREMISES RENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

(RENTAL, RATES, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 23 January, 1877.

FINAL RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 21 June, 1876, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return showing the number of tenements rented by the Government,
 “ and for what purpose; the names of the lessors to the Government;
 “ the tenure under which held, with annexed terms; and the yearly rental,
 “ with rates, viz. :—City Rate, Sewerage Rate, and Water Rate, for 1875
 “ and 1876, in each case.”

(*Mr. Hurley, Hartley.*)

PREMISES RENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The Under Secretary, Department of Justice and Public Instruction, to The
Principal Under Secretary.

Department of Justice and Public Instruction,

Sir,

Sydney, 14 December, 1876.

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of 13th instant, I am directed by the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to forward herewith Return, so far as this Department is concerned, to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, dated 21st June, 1876, for certain information respecting premises rented by the Government.

I have, &c.,

W. E. PLUNKETT,

Under Secretary.

RETURN showing the number of tenements rented by Departments under the ministerial control of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, and for what purpose; the names of the lessors to the Government; the tenure under which held, with annexed terms; and the yearly rental, with rates, viz., City Rate, Sewerage Rate, and Water Rate, for 1875 and 1876, in each case:—

Place.	Purpose for which tenement rented.	Name of lessors to Government.	Tenure, with annexed terms.	Yearly rental.	Rates, if any, for 1875 and 1876.
Collector	Court House.....	R. Poidevin	Tenancy ended on 21st June, 1876. Since then new Court House has been used.	£ 10	Nil.
Coonamble	"	W. C. Weston	Quarterly	26	"
Canonbar	"	John Brown	Yearly	25	"
Ellalong	"	G. Daunt	"	10	"
Euston	"	A. F. L. Cole	"	30	"
Goodooga	"	G. A. Smith	"	10	"
Hill End	"	Thomas Wythes	Weekly	78	"
Nerrigundah	"	Thomas Jones	Yearly	8	"
Ryde	"	G. M. Pope	"	40	"
Sydney	Temporary office of Clerk of the Peace in Elizabeth-street.	M. F. Josephson	Tenancy for one year ending 20th June, 1876.	126	"
Tocumwal	Court House.....	E. Hillson	Quarterly	26	"
Wilcannia	"	E. M. A. Kennedy	Monthly	84	"

The Secretary, General Post Office, to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir,

General Post Office, Sydney, 18 January, 1877.

With reference to your letters, respectively dated the 24th June last, 13th ultimo, and 8th instant, I am directed to forward herewith the returns asked for, relating to premises rented by this Department, in connection with Postal and Telegraphic purposes, and to state that there are no other premises held under rent by this Department, none being specially required for the Money Order Office and Government Savings Bank.

I have, &c.,

S. H. LAMBTON.

LIST of Premises rented by the General Post Office Department, 1875.

Where situated.	What purpose.	Lessor.	Term of Lease.	Year from.	Rent annually.	City and other rates.
Balmain	Post Office	G. Chape.....	Yearly	1 July, 1873	£ 60 0 0	Nil.
Campbelltown	"	I. Bray	"	1 April, 1870	26 0 0	"
Goulburn	"	W. Duncan.....	3 years.....	1 Oct., 1875	80 0 0	"
Manly	"	I. Fox	Yearly	1 Nov., 1875	50 0 0	"
Moama	"	G. Maunsell	"	8 Oct., 1875	20 0 0	"
Moruya	"	J. M'Keon	"	1 Oct., 1872	18 0 0	"
Newtown	"	G. West	"	1 July, 1873	25 0 0	"
Oxford-street	"	J. M. Wright.....	3 years.....	1 July, 1873.....	190 0 0	"
Paddington	"	Wm. Perry.....	"	1 July, 1873	66 0 0	"
Palmer's Island	"	A. Ross	Yearly	1 June, 1875	8 0 0	"
Parramatta	"	L. L. & G. Insurance Co.	"	15 Nov., 1869	50 0 0	"
Parramatta-street	"	E. Fowler	"	1 July, 1873	78 0 0	"
Redfern	"	Robert Foy.....	"	1 July, 1875	90 0 0	"
St. Leonards	"	Mrs. Glover	3 years.....	1 Jan., 1875	104 0 0	"
Singleton	"	T. H. Moore	Yearly	Jan., 1873	40 0 0	"
Sofala	"	Trustees late J. Walford	"	June, 1875	26 0 0	"
Sydney	Stables.....	Thos. Buckland	13 March to	10 Sept., 1875	130 0 0	"
Sydney	"	do	Yearly	11 Sept., 1875	156 0 0	"
William-street	Post Office	John M'Intosh	3 years.....	1 July, 1873	156 0 0	"
Yass	"	H. Hart	Yearly	1 June, 1874	100 0 0	"

General Post Office,
Sydney, 17 January, 1877.

S. H. LAMBTON,
Secretary.

LIST of Premises rented by the General Post Office Department, 1876.

Where situated.	What purpose.	Lessor.	Term of Lease.	Year from.	Rent annually.	City and other rates.
Balmain	Post Office	C. Chape	Yearly	1 July, 1873	£ 60 0 0	Nil.
Campbelltown	"	J. Bray	"	1 July, 1876	40 0 0	"
Goulburn	"	W. Duncan	3 years	1 Oct., 1875	80 0 0	"
Manly	"	J. Fox	Yearly	1 Nov., 1875	50 0 0	"
Moama	"	G. Maunsell	"	8 Oct., 1875	20 0 0	"
Moruya	"	J. M'Keon	"	1 Oct., 1872	18 0 0	"
Newtown	"	Geo. West	"	1 July, 1873	25 0 0	"
Oxford-street	"	J. M. Wright	3 years	1 July, 1873	190 0 0	"
Paddington	"	Wm. Perry	"	1 July, 1873	66 0 0	"
Palmer's Island	"	A. Ross	Yearly	1 June, 1875	8 0 0	"
Parramatta	"	L. L. & G. Insurance Co.	"	15 Nov., 1869	50 0 0	"
Parramatta-street	"	E. Fowler	"	1 July, 1873	78 0 0	"
Redfern	"	Robt. Poy	"	1 July, 1875	90 0 0	"
St. Leonards	"	Mrs. Glover	3 years	1 Jan., 1875	104 0 0	"
Singleton	"	T. H. Moore	Yearly	Jan., 1873	40 0 0	"
Sofala	"	Trustees late J. Walford	"	1 Jan., 1876	19 10 0	"
Sydney	Stables	Thos. Buckland	"	11 Sept., 1875	156 0 0	"
West Maitland	Post Office	E. Hart	"	10 Mar., 1876	175 0 0	"
William-street	"	John M'Intosh	3 years	1 July, 1873	156 0 0	"
Yass	"	H. Hart	Yearly	1 June, 1874	100 0 0	"

General Post Office,
Sydney, 17 January, 1877.

S. H. LAMBTON,
Secretary.

1875.

RETURN showing the number of Tenements rented by the Electric Telegraph Department, the names of the Lessors, the tenure under which held, and the rental, with rates City or otherwise.

Station.	Lessors.	Rental.	City or other rates.
Sydney, stables in York-street	C. H. Woolcot	£2 10s. per week	Nil.
	J. Powell	£2 per week	"
Brickfield Hill	C. Reynolds	8/-	"
Tarcutta	J. Lankester	5/-	"
Gundagai	M. Doyle	£80 per annum	"
Adelong	W. Farrington	Quarterly, £30 per annum	"
Tumut	S. Emannel	60	"
Araluen	City Bank	30	"
Moruya	J. M'Keon	10	"
Cooma	Eli Shannon	104	"
Nimitybelle	J. Smith	20	"
Bombala	Mrs. Badgery	35	"
Eden	Campbell & Co.	50	"
Narrabri	H. R. Reuben	40	"
Wee Waa	C. E. Smith	15	"
Pilliga	T. G. Dangar	25	"
Walgett	D. M. Jones	30	"
Brewarrina	H. Cohen & Co.	60	"
Bourke	Joseph Becker	120	"
Bendemeer	J. J. Cormack	20	"
Uralla	J. M'Crossin	30	"
West Kempsey	Sydney Verge	40	"
Port Macquarie	J. Butler	28	"
Bundarra	M. Hayes	40	"
Wiseman's Ferry	G. P. Black	40	"
Wollombi	G. Fleming	30	"
Paterson	A. Cann	40	"
Dungog	J. Williams	30	"
Clarence Town	J. Garton	8/- per week	"
Carcoar	N. Connolly, junr.	Quarterly, £60 per annum	"
Cowra	A. R. West	30	"
Cootamundra	A. M. Woodhill	12/- per week	"
Kiama	J. F. Tyter	Quarterly, £25 per annum	"
Parramatta	J. Taylor	50	"
Grafton	R. Page	25/- per week	"
Rocky Mouth	A. Cameron	Weekly, £12 per annum	"
Ullmarra	D. M'Anlay	£24 per annum	"
Ballina	H. Bassmann	36	"
Singleton	T. H. Moore	Quarterly, £40 per annum	"
Scone	J. Frederick	10/- per week	"
Gunnedah	M. M'Donald	Quarterly, £35 per annum	"
Parke	B. B. Cohen	£2 per week	"
Rylstone	W. H. Armstrong	Quarterly, £30 per annum	"
Casillis	Mrs. M. Mack	30	"
Merriwa	J. Spratt	30	"
Coolah	A. Henderson	8/- per week	"
Coonabarabran	R. Neilson & Co.	Quarterly, £52 per annum	"
Coonamble	S. De Lissa & Co.	50	"
Lambton	W. Maddock	10/- per week	"
Wallsend	R. Johnson	£1	"
Corowa	W. F. Martin	Quarterly, £50 per annum	"
Gunning	Jones Brothers	20	"
Sofala	Trustees of the late J. Walford	£19 10s. per annum	"

P. B. WALKER,
Acting Superintendent, Electric Telegraphs.

1876.

RETURN showing the number of Tenements rented by the Electric Telegraph Department, the Names of the Lessors, the Tenure under which held, and the Rental, with Rates, City or otherwise.

Station.	Lessors.	Rental.	City or other Rates.
Sydney, stables in York-street...	C. H. Woolcot.....	£2 10s. per week	Nil.
	J. Powell.....	£2	"
	Mrs. Lemon.....	£1	"
Brickfield Hill	C. Reynolds.....	8/-	"
Tarcutta	J. Lankester.....	5/-	"
Gundagai	M. Doyle.....	£80 per annum	"
Adeloung	W. Farrington.....	Quarterly, £30 per annum	"
Tumut.....	S. Emanuel.....	" 60	"
Araluen	City Bank.....	" 30	"
Moruya	J. M'Keon.....	" 10	"
Cooma.....	Eli Shannon.....	" 104	"
Nimitybelle.....	J. Smith.....	" 20	"
Bombala	Mrs. Badgery.....	" 35	"
Eden.....	Campbell & Co.....	" 50	"
Merimbula	A. L. Munn.....	" 20	"
Narrabri	H. R. Reuben.....	" 40	"
Wee Waa	C. E. Smith.....	" 15	"
Pilliga	T. G. Dangar.....	" 25	"
Walgett	D. M. Jones.....	" 30	"
Browarrina	H. Cohen & Co.....	" 60	"
Bourke	Joseph Becker.....	" 120	"
Bendemeer	J. J. M'Cormack.....	" 20	"
Uralla.....	J. M'Crossin.....	" 30	"
West Kempsey	Sydney Verge.....	" 40	"
Port Macquarie	J. Butler.....	" 28	"
Bundarra	M. Hayes.....	" 40	"
Wariakda.....	J. Mannix.....	8/- per week	"
Bingera	G. N. Miller.....	Quarterly, £40 per annum	"
Wiseman's Ferry	G. P. Black.....	" 40	"
Wollombi	G. Fleming.....	" 30	"
Paterson	A. Cann.....	" 40	"
Dungog	J. Williams.....	" 30	"
Clarence Town	J. Garton.....	8/- per week	"
Carcoar	N. Connolly, jun.....	Quarterly, £60 per annum	"
Cowra.....	A. R. West.....	" 30	"
Cootamundra	A. M. Woodhill.....	12/- per week	"
Kiama.....	J. F. Tyter.....	Quarterly, £25 per annum	"
Parramatta	J. Taylor.....	" 50	"
Grafton	E. Page.....	25/- per week	"
Tabulam	J. Jordan.....	7/-	"
Rocky Mouth	A. Cameron.....	Weekly, £12 per annum	"
Ullmarra	D. M'Aulay.....	£24 per annum	"
Ballina.....	H. Bassmann.....	£36	"
Singleton.....	T. H. Moore.....	Quarterly, £40 per annum	"
Seone	J. Frederick.....	10/- per week	"
Gungah.....	M. M'Donald.....	Quarterly, £35 per annum	"
Moama	G. Maunsell.....	" 20	"
South Creek	J. Hackett.....	" 20	"
Molong	J. M. Hughes.....	10/- per week	"
Parkes	B. B. Cohen.....	£2	"
Rylestone	W. H. Armstrong.....	Quarterly, £30 per annum	"
Casillis.....	Mrs. M. Mack.....	" 30	"
Merriwa	J. Sprutt.....	" 30	"
Coolah.....	A. Henderson.....	8/- per week	"
Coonabarabran	R. Neilson & Co.....	Quarterly, £52 per annum	"
Coonamble	S. De Lissa & Co.....	" 50	"
Ulladulla.....	G. Warden.....	Monthly, £30	"
Casino	J. Button.....	Half-yearly, £45	"
Milton.....	W. R. Hindmarsh.....	" 45	"
Lambton	W. Maddock.....	10/- per week	"
Wallsend	R. Johnson.....	£1	"
Corowa	W. F. Martin.....	Quarterly, £50 per annum	"
Gunning	Jones Brothers.....	" 20	"
Sofala	Trustees of late J. Walford.....	£10 10s. per annum	"

P. B. WALKER,
Acting Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

(APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF WRIT FOR ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO REPRESENT IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

To His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Chancellor of the University of Sydney,—

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:—

That whereas by an Act of the Parliament of New South Wales passed in the twentieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to amend the Electoral Law," it is among other things enacted, that so soon as there shall be in the University not fewer than one hundred Graduates who shall have taken therein any or either of the Degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Laws, or Doctor of Medicine, the said University shall return one Member to serve in the Assembly: And whereas it has been certified to me by the Registrar of the said University that there are now in the same upwards of one hundred Graduates who have obtained the Superior Degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Laws, or Doctor of Medicine, as shewn by the enclosed nominal list, extracted from the books of the University by the said Registrar: I therefore, on behalf of the Senate, and as Chancellor, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased, in pursuance of the authority vested in you as such Governor aforesaid, to issue a Writ, commanding the return of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, as the representative of the said University, and returnable on such day as to Your Excellency may seem meet.

And your Memorialist will ever pray.

7th July, 1876.

E. DEAS-THOMSON,
Chancellor of the University of Sydney.

NOMINAL LIST of Superior Graduates in the University of Sydney on the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six:—

DOCTORS OF LAWS.

Paterson, James Stuart	M'Gibbon, John
Stanley, George Heap	Gilchrist, Archibald
Donovan, John	Roseby, Thomas
Quirk, John Norbert	Sly, Joseph David
Garran, Andrew	White, James Smith

DOCTORS OF MEDICINE.

Goldsbro, Charles Field	Barrett, James
Houison, James	Clay, William French
Smith, Patrick	Jones, Richard Theophilus
Lloyd, Frederick	Taylor, Charles
Moore George	

MASTERS OF ARTS.

Fitzgerald, Robert Marsden	Garrick, Joseph Hector
Mitchell, David Scott	Quirk, Daniel Placid
Curtis, William Cyprian	Yeomans, Allan
Lee, Edward	Bowyer, Thomas John
Burdekin, Marshall	M'Carthy, Francis
Johnson, James William	Iceton, Thomas Henry
Kinlock, John	Donovan, Henry Gregory
Windeyer, William Charles	Tarleton, Waldine Willington
Want, Randolph Charles	Jones, Rees Rutland
Stack, John	Kemp, Richard Edgar

MASTERS OF ARTS—*continued.*

Garland, James Robert	Faithfull, George Ernest
Savigny, William Henry	O'Connor, Richard Edward
Willis, Robert Speir	Purves, John
Cowlishaw, William Philip	Purves, William Adams
Quaife, Frederick Harrison	Woolnough, George
Bowden, John Ebenezzer	Watson, William
Rogers, Francis Edward	Cooper, Pope Alexander
Bowman, Andrew	Coutts, James
Bowman, Edward	Kent, Frederick Deacon
Stephen, Cecil Bedford	Knox, George
Ridley, William	Sly, George
Murray, Charles Edward Robertson	Teece, John Jeremiah
Mein, Charles Stuart	Thompson, William Mann
Docker, Ernest Brougham	Pring, Robert Dorlow
Colyer, Henry Charles	Kent, Henry
Allen, Arthur Mansfield	Gibbes, Alfred George
Cape, Alfred John	Backhouse, Alfred
Long, George Edward	Rutledge, David Dunlop
Faithfull, William Percy	Fisher, Donnelly
Metcalf, George	Liddell, Andrew James
O'Brien, Francis	Thompson, Joseph
Fitzhardinge, Grantley Hyde	Clune, Michael
Stephen, Alfred Hewlett	Manning, William Alexander
Weigall, Albert Bythsca	Fletcher, Joseph James
Oliver, Alexander	Kay, Robert
Manning, Charles	Powell, Theodore
Barton, Edmund	Perry, John
Cowper, Sedgwick Spelman	Waterhouse, John
Dunstan, Ephraim	Frechill, Francis
Iceton, Edward Arthur	Dillon, John Thomas
Innes, Gustavus Archibald Clunes	Beatty, John James Macartney
Griffith, Samuel Walker	Sly, Richard Meares
Broughton, Alfred	Johnston, Alexander
Francis, Henry Ralph	Plomley, Francis Edward
Cooper, David John	Rennie, Edward Henry
Faithfull, Henry Montague	King, Frederick Hart.

I hereby declare that the foregoing list of Superior Graduates has been extracted from the Register of the University, and that it is a true and faithful copy.

HUGH KENNEDY,
Registrar.

I further certify that I have been in the habit of marking off yearly the names of Graduates who have died, and I believe that all those above named are at the present time living.

HUGH KENNEDY,
Registrar.

14th July, 1876.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL ROLLS.

(NUMBERS OF ELECTORS ON, FOR 1877-78.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 24 July, 1877.

RETURN showing the Number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales, for 1877-78.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors.	Electoral District.	Number of Electors.
1 Argyle	2,430	30 Monaro	2,392
2 Balranald	3,439	31 Morpeth	736
3 Bathurst	1,688	32 Mudgee	4,795
4 The Bogan	7,390	33 The Murray	2,562
5 Braidwood	1,693	34 The Murrumbidgee	4,602
6 Camden	2,362	35 Narellan	571
7 Canterbury	6,591	36 The Nepean	1,152
8 The Clarence	4,681	37 Newcastle	1,892
9 Carcoar	2,527	38 New England	2,639
10 Central Cumberland	2,035	39 Newtown	3,335
11 Eden	2,240	40 Northumberland	4,397
12 The Glebe	3,373	41 Orange	2,483
13 Goulburn	992	42 Paddington	4,408
14 The Gwydir	3,372	43 Parramatta	1,153
15 Hartley	1,950	44 The Paterson	556
16 The Hastings	3,173	45 Patrick's Plains	1,436
17 The Hawkesbury	1,380	46 Queanbeyan	1,352
18 The Hume	3,150	47 Shoalhaven	1,555
19 The Hunter	1,492	48 St. Leonards	2,511
20 The Lower Hunter	723	49 East Sydney	13,218
21 The Upper Hunter	3,271	50 West Sydney	10,096
22 Illawarra	1,434	51 Tenterfield	4,216
23 Kiama	1,228	52 The Tumut	2,220
24 The Lachlan	4,977	53 The University of Sydney	158
25 Liverpool Plains	4,548	54 Wellington	2,495
26 East Macquarie	2,063	55 The Williams	1,489
27 West Macquarie	1,144	56 Windsor	612
28 East Maitland	768	57 Wollombi	1,068
29 West Maitland	1,082	58 Yass Plains	1,735

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 20 July, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

GOLD FIELDS ELECTORAL ROLLS.

(NUMBERS ON, FOR 1877-8.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 July, 1877.

RETURN showing the estimated Number of Electors entitled to vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts for 1877-8.

Electoral District.	Estimated Number of Electors.
1. Gold Fields South	1,500
2. Gold Fields West	10,000
3. Gold Fields North	1,200

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 20 July, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL ROLLS.

(INCREASE AND DECREASE IN NUMBERS ON, 1859-60, AND FROM 1873-4 TO 1876-7.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 July, 1877.

RETURN showing Increase and Decrease in Numbers on, 1859-60, and from 1873-4 to 1876-7.

Electoral District.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors, 1859-60.	Number of Electors, 1873-4.	Number of Electors, 1874-5.	Number of Electors, 1875-6.	Number of Electors, 1876-7.	Unrevised Lists, 1877-8.	Increase of 1877-8 on Rolls for 1873-4.	Decrease of 1877-8 on Rolls for 1873-4.
1. Argyle	1	1,320	2,385	2,461	2,429	2,405	2,431	46	
2. Balranald.....	1	390	2,064	2,499	2,845	2,966	3,438	1,374	
3. Bathurst	1	908	1,246	1,323	1,507	1,552	1,689	443	
4. The Bogan	1	970	4,638	5,258	7,361	7,468	7,427	2,789	
5. Braidwood	1	510	2,329	2,149	1,978	1,738	1,695	.....	634
6. Camden	2	1,737	2,418	2,948	2,270	2,272	2,375	.....	43
7. Canterbury	2	3,028	5,322	5,449	5,686	6,088	6,533	1,211	
8. Carcoar	1	584	2,179	2,046	2,264	2,170	2,529	350	
9. The Clarence	1	938	4,900	4,339	4,639	4,697	4,699	.....	201
10. Central Cumberland ...	2	1,693	2,185	2,175	2,270	2,117	2,029	.....	156
11. Eden	1	769	1,782	1,868	2,121	2,165	2,239	457	
12. The Glebe	1	1,584	3,023	3,156	3,383	3,221	3,367	344	
13. Goulburn.....	1	501	917	939	987	935	997	80	
14. The Gwydir	1	657	2,127	2,525	3,167	3,024	3,398	1,271	
15. Hartley	1	817	1,678	1,897	1,729	1,740	1,956	278	
16. The Hastings	1	1,397	3,046	3,022	3,034	3,093	3,148	102	
17. The Hawkesbury	2	1,477	1,398	1,359	1,377	1,375	1,379	.....	19
18. The Hume	1	918	2,664	2,685	3,063	3,078	3,148	484	
19. The Hunter.....	1	222	1,178	1,248	1,389	1,465	1,494	316	
20. The Lower Hunter.....	1	679	660	661	695	723	725	65	
21. The Upper Hunter.....	1	1,026	2,812	2,796	3,021	3,170	3,238	476	
22. Illawarra	1	1,316	1,269	1,287	1,372	1,363	1,436	167	
23. Kiama	1	1,121	1,209	1,170	1,194	1,202	1,219	10	
24. The Lachlan	1	999	4,449	4,618	4,563	4,561	4,988	539	
25. Liverpool Plains.....	1	1,180	2,981	3,193	4,387	4,141	4,515	1,534	
26. East Macquarie	2	1,322	2,951	2,869	2,790	2,341	2,062	.....	889
27. West Macquarie.....	1	522	1,336	1,283	1,342	1,170	1,141	.....	195
28. East Maitland.....	1	557	760	758	782	799	809	49	

Electoral District.	Number of Members.	Number of Electors, 1859-60.	Number of Electors, 1873-4.	Number of Electors, 1874-5.	Number of Electors, 1875-6.	Number of Electors, 1876-7.	Unrevised Lists, 1877-8.	Increase of 1877-8 on Rolls for 1873-4.	Decrease of 1877-8 on Rolls for 1873-4.
29. West Maitland	1	1,257	1,086	1,047	1,044	1,061	1,092	6	
30. Monaro	1	939	2,043	2,116	2,250	2,293	2,384	341	
31. Morpeth	1	749	773	769	740	716	735	.....	38
32. Mudgee	1	2,015	8,841	5,903	5,358	5,085	4,742	.....	4,099
33. The Murray	1	540	1,145	1,234	1,719	1,900	2,541	1,396	
34. The Murrumbidgee	1	937	2,709	3,008	3,605	4,253	4,600	1,891	
35. Narellan	1	699	667	632	607	593	576	.....	91
36. The Nepean	1	1,431	1,120	1,088	1,137	1,112	1,156	36	
37. Newcastle	1	867	1,502	1,614	1,773	1,861	1,894	392	
38. New England	1	1,125	2,965	2,911	2,506	2,466	2,642	.....	323
39. Newtown	1	1,491	2,778	2,948	3,067	3,067	3,332	554	
40. Northumberland	1	924	2,765	3,095	3,601	3,979	4,385	1,620	
41. Orange	1	418	1,876	2,090	2,270	2,305	2,486	610	
42. Paddington	1	1,737	3,536	3,563	3,897	4,264	4,405	869	
43. Parramatta	2	1,208	1,499	1,472	1,403	1,240	1,142	.....	357
44. The Paterson	1	411	553	551	577	574	556	3	
45. Patrick's Plains	1	863	1,601	1,545	1,691	1,739	1,441	.....	160
46. Queanbeyan	1	773	1,220	1,248	1,323	1,354	1,347	127	
47. Shoalhaven	1	916	1,438	1,492	1,514	1,533	1,552	114	
48. St. Leonards	1	1,476	2,229	2,236	2,347	2,442	2,513	284	
49. East Sydney	4	7,568	11,124	11,409	12,387	12,326	13,216	2,092	
50. West Sydney	4	6,418	8,934	8,852	9,837	9,770	10,095	1,161	
51. Tenterfield	1	264	1,878	3,612	4,109	4,217	4,270	2,392	
52. The Tumut	1	778	1,809	1,965	2,170	2,080	2,224	415	
53. Wellington	1	648	3,085	2,703	2,558	2,470	2,493	.....	592
54. The Williams	1	856	1,341	1,328	1,369	1,398	1,475	134	
55. Windsor	1	626	565	554	607	594	613	48	
56. Wollombi	1	945	1,115	1,028	1,045	1,110	1,072	.....	43
57. Yass Plains	1	737	1,816	1,798	2,071	1,997	1,745	.....	71

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

UPPER HUNTER ELECTORATE.
(RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12 December, 1876.

RETURN (in part) to an *Order* of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 23 November, 1875, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- “ (1.) A Return of all moneys received from the Upper Hunter Electorate
“ for the sale of Land by auction, by conditional purchase, and rents of
“ land, and all other sources, since 1871.
- “ (2.) A Return of all moneys spent on Roads, Bridges, and other Public
“ Works in the Upper Hunter Electorate since 1871, exclusive of money
“ spent on Railways, and purchase of land for Railway purposes.”

(*Mr. McElhone.*)

UPPER HUNTER ELECTORATE.

RETURN of Money spent on the construction of Lines of Electric Telegraph in the Upper Hunter Electorate since the year 1871.

Line.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	Total.
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Singleton to Jorry's Plains ...	"	"	"	"	"	£1,051 18 3	£1,051 18 3

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 15th August, 1876.

RETURN of Moneys spent in the Upper Hunter Electorate, since the year 1871.

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Main Northern Road	1,807 18 3	314 13 5	2,290 5 0	1,441 1 1	5,853 17 9
Cassilis to Coonabarabran	55 0 0	12 2 0	100 0 0	512 18 0	
Merriva to Cassilis	6 10 0	668 10 0			
Singleton to Denman	210 0 0		280 0 0	234 10 0	
Denman to Merriva	660 0 0		660 0 0		
Singleton, &c., to Cassilis			1,257 13 2	227 6 10	
Denman to Coonabarabran				1,456 0 0	
Total on Road, Singleton to Coonabarabran, comprised under various heads ...	931 10 0	680 12 0	2,297 13 2	2,430 14 10	6,340 10 0
Muswellbrook to Merton	375 0 0	375 0 0	375 0 0	375 0 0	1,500 0 0
Scone to Merriva	273 0 0	273 0 0	273 0 0	373 0 0	1,192 0 0
Scone to Denison Diggings	238 0 0	238 0 0	238 0 0	238 0 0	952 0 0
Box-tree to Blandford	56 0 0	56 0 0	56 0 0	56 0 0	224 0 0
Kayuga to Muswellbrook	50 0 0				50 0 0
Haydouton Streets		15 0 0			15 0 0
North or Dry Creek, near Wingen			50 0 0		50 0 0
Murrurundi up Page's River			35 0 0	35 0 0	70 0 0
Aberdeen to Rouchel Brook				120 0 0	120 0 0
Scone to Muswellbrook				80 0 0	80 0 0
Muswellbrook to Muscle Creek Bridge				50 0 0	50 0 0
Main-street at Murrurundi	606 7 3	6 0 0			612 7 3
Bridges on Road, Muswellbrook to Merriva, &c. ...				255 7 9	255 7 9
Repairing Arnold Bridge	51 16 7	5 5 10	8 6 0	301 6 0	369 14 5
" Poole's and Sandy Creek Bridges		103 0 0	1 16 0	23 0 0	127 16 0
" Bridges, Warland's Range and Apple-tree Flat	33 0 0	34 4 0			67 4 0
" Bridges near Murrurundi		10 0 0		53 10 0	63 10 0
Approach to Court House, Murrurundi			4 10 0	21 10 9	26 0 9
Murrurundi embankment			103 16 1		103 16 1
Repairing streets at Scone			100 0 0		100 0 0
Great N. Road, near Muswellbrook to Muswellbrook				50 0 0	50 0 0
TOTAL	£ 4,425 12 1	2,110 15 3	5,833 6 3	5,903 10 5	
		TOTAL		£	18,273 4 0

RETURN

RETURN of Moneys spent on Public Works in the Upper Hunter Electorate since the year 1871, to 31st December, 1875, Colonial Architect's Branch.

Locality.	Building.	Work.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Total.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cassilis	Lock-up	Stable .....	.....	27 15 0	.....	.....	27 15 0
	Police Station	Roofing stable .....	.....	21 0 0	.....	.....	21 0 0
	Court House	Furniture .....	.....	.....	.....	12 10 9	12 10 9
Scone.....	Watch House	Well, repairs, &c. ....	.....	42 12 0	.....	.....	42 12 0
	Registry Office	Furniture .....	.....	10 0 9	.....	.....	10 0 9
	Court House	Alterations, &c. ....	.....	152 18 11	140 2 6	29 10 0	322 11 5
	Gold Commis- sioner's Office.	Furniture.....	.....	5 10 0	.....	.....	5 10 0
	Police Station	Erecting.....	.....	91 12 0	650 0 0	711 3 8	1,352 15 8
Merriva	Court House	Fencing, &c. ....	.....	35 0 0	1 0 0	187 10 0	223 10 0
	Police Station	Repairs, &c. ....	.....	24 0 0	.....	5 0 0	29 0 0
Murrumbidgee	Court House	Repairs, fencing, &c. ....	.....	86 7 6	403 0 0	111 1 2	600 8 8
	Lock-up	Well .....	.....	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0	15 0 0
	Police Station	Tanks.....	.....	12 11 4	.....	.....	12 11 4
	Telegraph Station	Repairs	23 0 0	.....	.....	.....	23 0 0
Muswellbrook	Lock-up	Repairs .....	.....	150 0 0	9 5 0	.....	159 5 0
	Telegraph Station	Additions .....	.....	120 0 0	69 1 0	.....	189 1 0
	Court House	Repairs .....	.....	100 0 0	325 6 6	.....	425 6 6
	Gaol	Paint, &c. ....	.....	4 15 0	.....	.....	4 15 0
	Police Station	Alterations, &c.	1 8 6	.....	29 12 6	.....	31 1 0
Denison Town	Court House	Furniture .....	.....	.....	.....	3 12 0	3 12 0
	Police Station	Forge store	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....	40 0 0
Denman	Lock-up	Tanks, &c. ....	.....	14 0 0	.....	.....	14 0 0
							£ 3,565 6 1

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

GENERAL ELECTION OF 1874-5.

(COST, &c.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 12 December, 1876.

FURTHER AND FINAL RETURN to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 30 April, 1875, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- “ (1.) A Return showing the cost of the last General Election ; also,
“ cost in the case of each Electorate.
- “ (2.) A detailed statement of the Disbursements in each Electorate,
“ showing the names of parties employed, nature, service, and amount
“ received for such.”

(*Mr. T. G. Dangar.*)

GENERAL ELECTION OF 1874-5.

RETURN showing the Cost of the last General Election (concluded).

Electorate.	Total Cost of Election.	Names of Parties Employed.	Nature of Service.	Amount.		
Camden...	£115 1 1	John Wild	Forwarding Ballot-boxes	£ 4 5 0		
		"	" Papers	2 14 2		
		"	Stamps	1 7 6		
		"	Stationery			
		"	Dividing and altering Polling Booth	2 10 0		
		"	Repairs—Ballot-boxes	0 6 0		
		"	Clerical assistance	2 0 0		
		"	Expense sending state of Poll from Kangaroo Valley			
		"	Nomination	2 10 0		
		"	Hotel Expenses—Horse and buggy hire	8 15 0		
		William Walker	Polling Booth, Nattai	1 0 0		
		John Payne	Poll Clerk, Burrawang	1 10 0		
		W. Barrett	Polling Booth,	1 0 0		
		Andrew D. Badgery	Presiding Officer, East Kangaloon	4 0 0		
		Thomas F. Fuljames	" Murrumbah	4 0 0		
		John Fairfax & Sons	Advertising, <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>	4 3 5		
		Wm. Henry Vidler	Polling Booth, Camden	1 10 0		
		Edward Ruby	"	1 0 0		
		John Adams	" Moss Vale	1 0 0		
		William Chalker	" Bowral	1 0 0		
		James Irvine	" Kangaloon	1 0 0		
		Augustus Meurant	" Burrangorang	1 0 0		
		James Cuthil	" Paddy's Swamp	1 0 0		
		Edward Martin	" Camden	1 0 0		
		William Murray	" Murrumbah	1 0 0		
		William Wanson	" Wilton	1 0 0		
		Mary Horan	" Sutton Forest	1 0 0		
		A. C. Aldcorn	" Kangaloon	1 0 0		
		Alfred A. Small	Poll Clerk, Berrima	1 0 0		
		Wm. A. Campbell	" Nattai	1 10 0		
		E. L. H. Royer	" Kangaloon	1 10 0		
		Richard Todd	" Camden	1 0 0		
		Chas. E. Crommelin	" East Kangaloon	1 10 0		
		William B. Bell	Presiding Officer, Nattai	4 0 0		
		J. McCourt	Advertising	0 15 0		
		"	Printing Ballot-papers	5 5 0		
		E. E. Martin	Presiding Officer, Theresa Park	2 0 0		
		Charles Woodhouse	" Sutton Forest	3 0 0		
		John Witen	Poll Clerk, Sutton Forest	1 10 0		
		T. H. Clarke	Presiding Officer, Menangle	4 0 0		
		Thos. D. Woodhouse	" Berrima	3 0 0		
		Charles S. Payne	" Burrangorang	3 0 0		
		J. M. Antil	" Picton	3 0 0		
		M. E. Bell	" Wilton	3 0 0		
		Charles L. Nicholson	" Moss Vale	4 0 0		
		Alex. Osborn	" Kangaroo Valley	2 0 0		
		Russell M. Wild	" Onks	3 0 0		
		W. B. Campbell	" Burrangorang	4 0 0		
		Joseph Roberts	" Moss Vale	3 0 0		
		Joseph Wallis	" Bowral	3 0 0		
		E. Simpson	" Paddy's Swamp	2 0 0		
		Alick Osborne	Polling Booth, Kangaroo Valley	1 0 0		
		"	Expenses—Sending state of Poll to Moss Vale	1 10 0		
						£115 1 1

Department of Audit,
25th September, 1876.E. A. RENNIE,
D.A.G.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL.
(PARTICULARS OF LAST THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 March, 1877.

RETURN (*in part*) to an *Order* made by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, dated 18 January, 1877, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

“ A Return, showing at the last three General Elections,—

“ (1.) The number of persons on each Electoral Roll of the several
“ Electorates in the Colony.

“ (2.) The number of persons who recorded their votes in each district.

“ (3.) The number of candidates for representation in each district.

“ (4.) The number of votes polled for each successful candidate.”

(*Captain Onslow.*)

N.B.—From some of the Electorates no returns have come to hand, and from others only incomplete returns,—the keeping of records being no part of the duty of a Returning Officer. In such cases the information has been, in part, obtained from printed public documents.

ELECTORAL.

Name of Electoral District.	No. of Electors on Roll.	No. of persons who voted.	No. of Candidates.	No. of votes polled for each successful Candidate.
1. Argyle,—				
General Election of 1869-70.....	2,270	.....	1	
Do. 1872	2,275	.....	1	
Do. 1874-75.....	2,461	.....	1	
2. Balranald,—				
1869-70.....	1,693	.....	...
1872	1,789	.....	...
1874-75.....	2,499	.....	...
3. Bathurst,—				
1869-70.....	1,037	.....	...
1872	1,151	714	2	389
1874-75.....	1,328	968	2	555
4. The Bogan,—				
1869-70.....	4,122	* 631	3	403
1872	3,400	*1,428	3	943
1874-75.....	5,186	*1,680	4	1,071
5. Braidwood,—				
1869-70.....	2,766	1,641	3	880
1872	2,895	1,675	3	1,017
1874-75.....	2,149	.....	1	
6. Camden,—				
1869-70.....	2,413	1,497	4	865-742
1872	2,557	1,608	3	918-773
1874-75.....	2,246	1,437	...	
7. Canterbury,—				
1869-70.....	4,539	.....	...
1872	5,131	2,086	...	
1874-75.....	5,463	4,986	...	
8. The Clarence,—				
1869-70.....	2,980	.....	1	
1872	3,886	1,204	2	835
1874-75.....	4,389	2,218	3	1,090
9. Carcoar,—				
1869-70.....	1,282	.....	...
1872	1,817	.....	...
1874-75.....	2,046	1,064	2	523
10. Central Cumberland,—				
1869-70.....	2,146	.....	...
1872	2,294	.....	...
1874-75.....	2,185	.....	7	692-624
11. Eden,—				
1869-70.....	1,602	.....	...
1872	1,835	1,262	...	
1874-75.....	1,868	897	...	
12. The Glebe,—				
1869-70.....	2,225	.....	...
1872	2,870	1,662	3	890
1874-75.....	3,157	*2,066	3	1,239
13. Goulburn,—				
1869-70.....	810	.....	1	
1872	904	574	2	372
1874-75.....	939	.....	1	
14. The Gwydir,—				
1869-70.....	1,544	.....	2	
1872	1,904	† 713	5	213
1874-75.....	2,525	† 928	2	540
15. Hartley,—				
1869-70.....	2,102	826	3	628
1872	1,768	933	7	434
1874-75.....	1,897	.....	1	
16. The Hastings,—				
1869-70.....	2,642	1,432	4	444
1872	3,218	1,928	3	907
1874-75.....	3,016	.....	1	
17. The Hawkesbury,—				
1869-70.....	1,532	.....	...
1872	1,433	1,375	3	591-522
1874-75.....	1,359	1,172	3	475-467
18. The Hume,—				
1869-70.....	1,705	† 888	2	513
1872	2,454	†1,315	2	847
1874-75.....	2,685	† 540	2	456
19. The Hunter,—				
1869-70.....	1,115	645	3	319
1872	1,229	828	2	500
1874-75.....	1,386	632	2	457
20. The Lower Hunter,—				
1869-70.....	715	547	2	281
1872	670	520	2	258
1874-75.....	661	498	3	259
21. The Upper Hunter,—				
1869-70.....	2,490	818	3	518
1872	2,730	1,469	2	817
1874-75.....	2,796	1,286	4	673

Name of Electoral District.	No. of Electors on Roll.	No. of persons who voted.	No. of Candidates.	No. of votes polled for each successful Candidate.	
22. Illawarra,—	1869-70.....	1,415	971	2	575
	1872	1,358	894	3	363
	1874-75.....	1,284	888	2	504
23. Kiama,—	1869-70.....	1,293	.....	...	.....
	1872	1,277	.....	...	.....
	1874-75.....	1,208	776	2	405
24. The Lachlan,—	1869-70.....	3,857	†1,753	3	974
	1872	4,355	1,604	2	1,177
	1874-75.....	4,616	.....	1	.....
25. Liverpool Plains,—	1869-70.....	2,368	605	3	974
	1872	2,855	1,086	6	475
	1874-75.....	3,193	1,487	2	766
26. East Macquarie,—	1869-70.....	2,480	.....	3	522-469
	1872	2,768	.....	4	611-491
	1874-75.....	2,790	1,402	4	750-607
27. West Macquarie,—	1869-70.....	939	.....	...	.....
	1872	1,031	414	2	320
	1874-75.....	1,283	740	2	425
28. East Maitland,—	1869-70.....	785	* 522	2	270
	1872	770	* 599	3	316
	1874-75.....	760	* 503	4	252
29. West Maitland,—	1869-70.....	1,108	.....	...	.....
	1872	1,143	880	...	.....
	1874-75.....	1,046	711	5	943
30. Manero,—	1869-70.....	1,593	868	2	448
	1872	1,923	1,048	2	738
	1874-75.....	2,121	1,186	3	562
31. Morpeth,—	1869-70.....	821	608	2	397
	1872	795	463	3	309
	1874-75.....	786	551	5	300
32. Mudgee,—	1869-70.....	2,396	.....	2	760
	1872	2,734	1,392	2	833
	1874-75.....	5,903	2,930	2	1,660
33. The Murray,—	1869-70.....	965	391	2	341
	1872	868	.....	1	.....
	1874-75.....	1,234	800	2	469
34. The Murrumbidgee,—	1869-70.....	2,094	.....	1	.....
	1872	2,635	.....	1	.....
	1874-75.....	3,008	994	3	548
35. Narellan,—	1869-70.....	638	438	2	226
	1872	665	497	...	.....
	1874-75.....	667	.....	1	.....
36. The Nepean,—	1869-70.....	1,303	.....	...	.....
	1872	1,341	856	...	.....
	1874-75.....	1,088	686	...	.....
37. Newcastle,—	1869-70.....	1,185	1,093	2	588
	1872	1,605	1,177	2	610
	1874-75.....	1,504	1,233	2	641
38. New England,—	1869-70.....	2,246	.....	...	.....
	1872	2,650	1,322	2	1,098
	1874-75.....	2,911	.....	1	.....
39. Newtown,—	1869-70.....	2,417	.....	...	.....
	1872	2,606	1,215	...	.....
	1874-75.....	3,067	.....	1	.....
40. Northumberland,—	1869-70.....	2,093	1,794	6	760
	1872	2,692	1,762	6	991
	1874-75.....	3,095	2,447	2	1,305
41. Orange,—	1869-70.....	1,395	.....	1	.....
	1872	1,606	964	3	404
	1874-75.....	2,090	712	3	550
42. Paddington,—	1869-70.....	3,205	.....	1	.....
	1872	3,508	.....	1	.....
	1874-75.....	3,563	.....	1	.....
43. Parramatta,—	1869-70.....	1,273	.....	...	.....
	1872	1,426	746	...	.....
	1874-75.....	1,472	898	...	.....

Name of Electoral District.	No. of Electors on Roll.	No. of persons who voted.	No. of Candidates.	No. of votes polled for each successful Candidate.
44. The Paterson,—				
1869-70.....	583	374	3	285
1872	600	150	2	144
1874-75.....	551	360	2	205
45. Patrick's Plains,—				
1869-70.....	1,659	910	2	482
1872	1,640	886	2	535
1874-75.....	1,545	902	2	664
46. Queanbeyan,—				
1869-70.....	1,054	659	2	334
1872	1,140	811	3	305
1874-75.....	1,248	869	3	455
47. Shoalhaven,—				
1869-70.....	1,433	.....	1	
1872	1,528	1,137	2	622
1874-75.....	1,492	.....	1	
48. St. Leonard's,—				
1869-70.....	1,986	1,331	2	752
1872	2,097	1,044	4	686
1874-75.....	2,236	1,338	4	856
49. East Sydney,—				
1869-70.....	10,141	5,926	11	3,397-3,158-2,765-2,702
1872	11,161	5,998	9	3,270-3,068-3,048-2,663
1874-75.....	11,409	6,430	13	3,828-3,651-3,083-2,394
50. West Sydney,—				
1869-70.....	9,064	5,172	7	2,977-2,829-2,739-2,664
1872	9,145	4,841	10	2,987-2,925-2,058-1,966
1874-75.....	8,852	5,574	9	2,705-2,294-2,207-2,129
51. Tenterfield,—				
1869-70.....	1,653	.....	...
1872	1,738	827	...	
1874-75.....	3,611	1,793	3	999
52. The Tumut,—				
1869-70.....	1,225	844	3	464
1872	1,711	856	2	544
1874-75.....	1,965	862	2	590
53. Wellington,—				
1869-70.....	1,348	.....	...
1872	1,564	591	6	176
1874-75.....	2,703	1,416	3	573
54. The Williams,—				
1869-70.....	1,200	.....	...
1872	1,310	839	...	
1874-75.....	1,328	792	...	
55. Windsor,—				
1869-70.....	639	477	2	243
1872	616	475	2	241
1874-75.....	554	443	2	255
56. Wollombi,—				
1869-70.....	1,136	.....	...
1872	1,173	633	...	
1874-75.....	1,028	633	...	
57. Yass Plains,—				
1869-70.....	1,646	.....	...
1872	1,862	.....	1	
1874-75.....	1,798	774	...	412
Gold Fields South (Estimated No.),—				
1869-70.....	2,240	729	2	476
1872	2,500	553	2	448
1874-75.....	1,400	655	2	381
Gold Fields West (Estimated No.),—				
1869-70.....	4,000	1,276	3	814
1872	16,000	3,919	4	1,727
1874-75.....	20,000	1,640	2	1,446
Gold Fields North (Estimated No.),—				
1869-70.....	850	.....	...
1872	1,500	494	...	
1874-75.....	750	586	...	

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 1 March, 1877.

NOTE.—In some cases, marked thus *, the Returning Officer states that the number of votes recorded includes informal votes. In other cases, marked thus †, the number is stated to be exclusive of informal votes. In most cases it does not appear whether informal votes have or have not been taken into account.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(MESSAGE No. 7.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 December, 1876.

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with an amendment and consolidation of the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.

Government House,

Sydney, 19 December, 1876.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.
(PARTICULARS OF SCHEDULE A.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 20 December, 1876.

RETURN showing the proposed Electorates in SCHEDULE A of the Electoral Act Consolidating Bill, with the number of Members and the estimated number of Electors in each case.

No. on Plan.	Name of Electorate.	Estimated Number of Electors.	Members.	No. on Plan.	Name of Electorate.	Estimated Number of Electors.	Members.
1	Albury	1100	1	40	The Manning	1700	1
2	Cook	1672	1	41	East Maitland	1100	1
3	Argyle	2788	2	42	West Maitland	1150	1
4	Armidale	1350	1	43	Morpeth	1000	1
5	Balmain	1800	1	44	Moruya	1200	1
6	Bathurst	1547	1	45	Mudgee	5085	3
7	Bega	1100	1	46	Murrumbidgee	1500	1
8	Bombala	1200	1	47	The Murray	1400	1
9	Boorowa	1398	1	48	Namoi	1650	1
10	Bourke	1350	1	49	Narellan	1000	1
11	Braidwood	1739	1	50	Nepean	1150	1
12	Camden	2281	2	51	Newcastle	1800	1
13	Canterbury	3653	2	52	New England	1450	1
14	Carcoar	2174	1	53	Newtown	3050	2
15	Muswellbrook	1833	1	54	Northumberland	3500	2
16	The Clarence	1630	1	55	Orange	2300	2
17	The Lachlan	1850	1	56	Cowper	1400	1
18	Cooma	1150	1	57	The Paterson and Williams	1300	1
19	Cumberland	2500	2	58	Paddington	4000	2
20	Wentworth	1290	1	59	Parramatta	1400	1
21	The Bogan	1750	1	60	Patrick's Plains	1500	1
22	Forbes	2700	2	61	Queanbeyan	1300	1
23	Glebe	1600	1	62	The Richmond	1650	1
24	Goulburn	1150	1	63	Scone	1600	1
25	Grafton	1100	1	64	Shoalhaven	1500	1
26	Grenfell	1662	1	65	St. Leonards	2500	2
27	Gwydir	1460	1	66	East Sydney	9000	4
28	Hartley	1732	1	67	West Sydney	8500	4
29	The Hawkesbury	2074	2	68	South Sydney	4250	2
30	The Hume	1562	1	69	Tamworth	2100	1
31	The Hunter	1650	1	70	Tenterfield	1900	1
32	The Lower Hunter	1300	1	71	Tumut	2000	1
33	Illawarra	1372	1	72	The University of Sydney		1
34	Inverell	1700	1	73	Wellington	2500	2
35	Kiama	1200	1	74	Wollombi	1100	1
36	Liverpool Plains	2000	1	75	Yass Plains	1800	1
37	East Macquarie	2352	2	76	Young	1560	1
38	West Macquarie	1166	1				
39	The Macleay	1300	1				98

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ELECTORS, AS PER SCHEDULE A.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 22 February, 1877.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ELECTORS, AS PER SCHEDULE A OF ELECTORAL BILL.

Mr. Robertson, 15 December, 1876.

No.	District.	No. of Electors.	No.	District.	No. of Electors.
1	Albury	800	39	The Macleay	1,213
2	Cook	1,800	40	The Manning	1,982
3	Argyle	2,540	41	East Maitland	900
4	Armidale	1,486	42	West Maitland	1,061
5	Balmain	2,020	43	Morpeth	797
6	Bathurst	1,552	44	Moruya	825
7	Bega	1,340	45	Mudgee	5,680
8	Bombala	900	46	The Murrumbidgee	2,138
9	Boorowa	1,594	47	The Murray	1,986
10	Bourke	1,300	48	Namoi	1,300
11	Braidwood	1,750	49	Narcellan	700
12	Camden	2,272	50	The Nepean	1,112
13	Canterbury	3,300	51	Newcastle	1,861
14	Carcoar	2,170	52	New England	1,160
15	Muswellbrook	1,634	53	Newtown	2,832
16	The Clarence	1,746	54	Northumberland	3,879
17	The Lachlan	2,114	55	Orange	2,224
18	Cooma	1,393	56	Cowper	1,345
19	Cumberland	2,018	57	Paterson and Williams	1,214
20	Wentworth	1,365	58	Paddington	2,397
21	The Bogan	1,700	59	Parramatta	1,240
22	Forbes	3,613	60	Patrick's Plains	1,669
23	Glebe	1,513	61	Queanbeyan	1,353
24	Goulburn	1,000	62	The Richmond	1,760
25	Grafton	1,100	63	Scone	1,533
26	Grenfell	1,500	64	Shoalhaven	1,534
27	The Gwydir	1,572	65	St. Leonards	2,443
28	Hartley	1,740	66	East Sydney	8,975
29	The Hawkesbury	1,968	67	West Sydney	7,621
30	The Hume	2,278	68	South Sydney	5,500
31	The Hunter	1,535	69	Tamworth	2,223
32	The Lower Hunter	1,329	70	Tenterfield*	2,883
33	Illawarra	1,359	71	The Tumut	2,155
34	Inverell	1,389	72	University of Sydney	150
35	Kiama	1,202	73	Wellington	1,946
36	Liverpool Plains	1,916	74	The Wollombi	1,110
37	East Macquarie	2,341	75	Yass Plains	1,797
38	West Macquarie	1,170	76	Young	2,000

* Which includes Wellington Police District, 1692, shown blank on the Electoral Map.

E. G. WARD,
Registrar General.G. LEWIS,
Surveyor General's Office.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF MR. ANDREW ROSS.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 24 January, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Resident in the Town of Molong, Physician and Surgeon,—

SHOWETH:—

That the present Ministry, in framing the new Electoral Bill now before your august Assembly, have offered the town and district of Molong worse than a studied insult, by neglecting or ignoring their political rights to a separate Electorate, and fair, reasonable, legitimate representation.

Your Petitioner believes that no Ministry can possess anything like an adequate knowledge of this district, constitutional law, or political equity, that so openly attempts to ignore (as has been done in the new Electoral Bill in regard to Molong and the County of Ashburnham) the just rights of Molong and the large and important County of Ashburnham and every other County in the Colony, to fair, honest, equitable representation.

Your Petitioner would further most respectfully submit that no Electoral Bill can possibly meet the requirements of a free people exercising the rights of manhood suffrage that attempts to ignore the existence of at least "one Member" to each County, whether the basis of representation be upon numbers, Hare's principle, District and County Member, or any other principle;—a County Member being a principle recognized by Imperial Parliament, and one, therefore, that ought also to be recognized and have a statutory existence in these Colonies.

Your Petitioner cannot either readily or rationally believe that the present Ministry have the real interest and welfare of the public so much at heart as their misleading tactics or policy would lead the public to suppose, that pretends to visit the North-western interior, Molong in particular, in reference to Railway matters (which of late has given rise to a considerable amount of agitation in the public mind), while our political rights, on the other hand, and in this very identical matter, are being so openly stultified and overlooked. If the Molong district is ripe for a Ministerial visit of inspection in reference to public rights—of Molong participating in the advantages accruing from Railway extension,—then, on the other hand, and *a priori*, the town and district of Molong is equally as ripe to enjoy the political privileges accruing from a separate Electorate and independent representation, in place of being tacked on to other Electorates which are no better, if not far inferior, to that of Molong, which is the chief Capital or County town of the County of Ashburnham, and one of the richest and most important pastoral, agricultural, and mineral Counties in the Colony.

Your Petitioner respectfully submits that the time has arrived when the town and district of Molong should be constituted into a separate and distinct Electorate, seeing that the number of *bonâ fide* electors on the Molong portion of the Electoral Roll for the year 1876-7 now numbers 1,750; whereas one or more members are allotted or intended to be allotted to other districts in the new Electoral Bill (or re-distribution of seats) now before your Honorable House, which cannot lay the same claim to the number of electors as are to be found on the Molong Electoral Roll. The re-distribution of seats, as intended by the new Electoral Bill, is such as no Legislative Assembly can either readily endorse or support;

support; for the whole scheme is one fraught with the most transparent injustice and inequalities, as the following portion of the Schedule will be amply sufficient to illustrate:—

1. Armidale	with 1,350	electors,	is to be allowed	one Member.
2. Bombala	" 1,200	"	"	"
3. Bourke	" 1,350	"	"	"
4. Burrawa	" 1,398	"	"	"
5. Bega	" 1,150	"	"	"
6. Cowper	" 1,400	"	"	"
7. Corowa	" 1,150	"	"	"
8. Kiama	" 1,200	"	"	"
9. Illawarra	" 1,377	"	"	"
10. West Macquarie	" 1,166	"	"	"
11. The Macleay	" 1,301	"	"	"
12. East Macquarie	" 1,100	"	"	"
13. West Maitland	" 1,150	"	"	"
14. Morpeth	" 1,000	"	"	"
15. Moruya	" 1,200	"	"	"
16. Murrumbidgee	" 1,500	"	"	"
17. The Murray	" 1,400	"	"	"
18. Narellan	" 1,000	"	"	"
19. Nepean	" 1,150	"	"	"
20. New England	" 1,400	"	"	"
21. Parramatta	" 1,400	"	"	"
22. Patrick's Plains	" 1,500	"	"	"
23. Paterson	" 1,300	"	"	"
24. Queanbeyan	" 1,300	"	"	"
25. Scone	" 1,000	"	"	"
26. Shoalhaven	" 1,500	"	"	"
27. Wollombi	" 1,100	"	"	"
28. Yass	" 1,500	"	"	"
29. Wentworth	" 1,291	"	"	"
30. Gwydir	" 1,460	"	"	"

In all 30 Electorates, returning 30 Members,—averaging about one Member to every 1,300 electors.

By this table it is surely self-evident to your Honorable House that the district of Molong, with her 1,750 *bonâ fide* electors, is quite as much entitled to equitable representation as the thirty Electorates now herein specified, and which are all, without exception, shown to contain a lesser number of electors than are to be found on the Electoral Rolls for Molong, and which is surely a great piece of injustice and hardship to one of the most important pastoral, agricultural, and mineral Counties and districts in the Western interior.

Your Petitioner respectfully submits that, were your Honorable House to adopt the following approximate boundaries of the "Molong Electorate," it would not interfere with, or yet affect in any way, the rights or privileges of other Electorates or Constituencies, viz.:—Starting from the top of the Conoblas; thence to Kangeroobay; thence down the Bell River or to Beri Creek onwards to Cardington; from thence to the south-western point of the Cudumbe Mountains; from thence to the junction of Gulgothery and Burrawang Creeks; from thence to the junction of Baldarudgery Creek to the Little River and up the creek to Baldarudgery; from thence along the Cobang Road to the top of the dividing range to the Parkes and Orange Road, between Dalladulladerry and Bunberry; from thence along the dividing range between Dulladulladerry and Guowambive to Murga and over Nangar; from thence crossing the Nerang Creek to 6 miles south of Mogong and on to the Belabula River, at Bradery Lagoon, 4 miles east above Bangeroo; from thence along the course of the Belabula to the southernmost point of the Panurra Range; from thence along the top of the Panurra Range to the top of the Conoblas Mountain, to the point of commencement.

Your Petitioner respectfully maintains that the district of Molong has never been accorded that fair, equal, adequate representation which the importance of her numerous local interests demands, there being no less than 1,500 selections taken up during the last five years, embracing an area of 150,000 acres of land, and contributing annually to the general Revenue about £25,000 to £30,000 for the sale of land alone.

Your Petitioner further respectfully submits to your Honorable House that, in order to give due weight and effect to an honest and untrammelled exercise of the franchise, no election or booth should be permitted to be held or take place at any public-house (especially in the interior), which is fraught with so many grave and serious evils, leading to bribery and a tampering with the liberty of the subject.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House will take the premises into your favourable consideration, and grant such relief as by your Honorable House may be deemed meet.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ANDREW ROSS, M.D.

Molong, 18th January, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF F. W. CHAPMAN, MAYOR OF GRAFTON.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 31 January, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors and others, resident in the Clarence River District, in Public Meeting assembled,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That your Petitioners have learned that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House "to amend and consolidate the law relating to Parliamentary Elections."

2. That in such Bill it is proposed to subdivide the present Electorate of "The Clarence" into three separate Electorates, to be called respectively "The Clarence," "Grafton," and "The Richmond," each such Electorate to return one Member to your Honorable House.

3. Your Petitioners would desire to point out to your Honorable House that the boundaries as set out in the Schedule of such Bill as the boundaries of the proposed Electorates of "The Clarence" and "The Richmond," do not equitably apportion to each of those Electorates the extent of country to which those districts have interests in common; and that two Members for those Electorates is not a fair portion upon the average of representation proposed to be given to other and less important districts in the Colony; and further, that these districts are of such a character as to warrant even a larger proportion of representation than older and more settled districts, having in view the rapidly increasing population and their great commercial importance to the Colony.

4. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take into its consideration the advisability of making alterations in the Bill, in the manner following, viz.:—

1. That the Schedule be amended as follows:—

16. THE CLARENCE.

Embracing a portion of the pastoral district of The Clarence and a small portion of the pastoral district of New England; and bounded on the north by the northern watershed of the Clarence River and the range dividing the waters of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers, to the range dividing the waters of the Logan and other rivers from those of the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers, and thence by that range to the Great Dividing Range; on the west by the Great Dividing Range and a line bearing south, crossing the Timbarra or Northern Rocky River at a point where the banks close in abruptly, about five miles east of Frocester, to a line bearing east from the Bolivia Range, thence by a line east to its intersection with a line north by compass from Mount Werrikimbe; on the west by a line bearing south to the range forming the southern watershed of the Clarence River; on the south by that range, easterly, and a line bearing east, to the sea, near the Solitary Islands; and on the east by the sea to the north boundary aforesaid, but exclusive of the Electoral District of Grafton;—and that such Electorate return two Members to Parliament.

62. THE RICHMOND.

Embracing part of the pastoral district of The Clarence; and bounded on the north from Point Danger by part of the boundary dividing the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland, westerly—being the range dividing the waters of the Logan and other rivers from those of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers—to the range dividing the waters of the Richmond River from the Clarence River; thence by that range, by the northern watershed of the Clarence River to the sea; and on the east by the sea, northerly, to Point Danger aforesaid;—such Electorate to return one Member.

5. That the number of registered electors in the Electorate of "The Clarence," as proposed by your Petitioners, for the year 1876-77, is 2,099; and that the number of registered electors in the Electorate of "The Richmond," as proposed by your Petitioners, is 1,500.

6. Your Petitioners humbly pray that the Bill, with these alterations, and such others as your Honorable House may see fit, may pass into law and take effect as early as possible.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

For and on behalf of the Public Meeting,—

F. W. CHAPMAN,
Mayor and Chairman.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION FROM CERTAIN INHABITANTS OF LISMORE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 February, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Residents of Lismore and its neighbourhood, Richmond River,—
HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

That your Petitioners have learned that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House “to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections.”

That in such Bill it is proposed to subdivide the present Electorate of “The Clarence” into three separate Electorates, to be called respectively “The Clarence,” “Grafton,” and “The Richmond”; each such Electorate to return one Member to your Honorable House.

That your Petitioners have learned that a Petition is now in course of signature from certain electors and residents of the Clarence River, for presentation to your Honorable House, praying that the boundaries as set out in the Schedule of such Bill as the boundaries of the proposed Electorates of “The Clarence” and “The Richmond” may be altered, upon the ground that the boundaries as laid down in the proposed Bill now before your Honorable House do not equitably apportion to each of these Electorates the extent of country to which these districts have interests in common.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that no such alteration is required; that the boundaries are fairly and equitably apportioned, and that it would be a manifest injustice to your Petitioners if a portion of the proposed Electorate of “The Richmond” be cut off, to be added to that of “The Clarence,” as is evidently the object aimed at in the prayer of the Petition of the electors and residents of the Clarence River herein alluded to.

That your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the boundaries of the proposed Electorate of “The Richmond” be allowed to remain as set down in the Schedule of the Bill brought in by the Ministry, and now before your Honorable House under consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 233 signatures.]

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION FROM ROBERT BURNEY, J.P., CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC MEETING, PARKES.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 February, 1877.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

The Petition of the undersigned,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1st. That a Public Meeting was held at the Theatre Royal, Parkes, on the evening of Monday January 29th, 1877, when the following resolutions were passed, viz. :—

“1st. That this Meeting hail with pleasure the introduction into your Honorable Assembly of a Bill for the better representation of the people in Parliament, but feel that a great injustice will be done to the district of Parkes by its being included within the boundaries as set down for the Forbes Electorate.

“2nd. That, in the opinion of this Meeting, the district of Forbes, as delineated in the Electoral Bill, should be divided, making Parkes a separate district.

“3rd. That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in a Petition, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to the Legislative Assembly.”

2nd. That the interests of Forbes and Parkes are not identical, the former being peculiarly pastoral, while those of the latter are represented by mining and agriculture; your Petitioners therefore humbly submit that only direct representation can afford equal justice to the diversified opinions of the electors.

3rd. That the returns for the present year, as collected by the Police within the Parkes portion of the Police District of Forbes, give the number of electors as 932; this is irrespective of others residing within that part of the district geographically belonging to Parkes.

4th. That the gold field statistics for 1876 show that (notwithstanding a great falling off of the mining population) this district yielded some 8,000 ozs. more gold than any other district in the Colony, whilst the quantity of land taken up by *bonâ fide* selectors shows a large increase of permanent population.

6th. That the excellent nature of the land, and the capabilities for growing cereals and other useful products, together with its immense mineral resources (*vide* Warden's Report) justifies the conclusion that this district is one of increasing importance.

7th. That the town of Parkes since its establishment has suffered many disadvantages through want of direct representation, inasmuch as your Petitioners believe that, with a Member to watch their interest, they would ere this have obtained the privilege of a District Court, Lands Office, and other public institutions, the want of which is not only a pecuniary loss to the inhabitants, but time consumed in travelling a distance of 25 (and in instances 50) miles to Forbes.

8th. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Assembly will be pleased to divide the Electoral District of Forbes so as to make Parkes a separate Electoral District.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

ROBERT BURNEY, J.P.,
Chairman.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION FROM HUGH BAILLIE, CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC MEETING, COPMANHURST.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 7 February, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors and others resident in the Clarence River district,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That your Petitioners have learned that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House "to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections."

2. That in such Bill it is proposed to subdivide the present Electorate of "The Clarence" into three separate Electorates, to be called respectively "The Clarence," "Grafton," and "The Richmond," each such Electorate to return one Member to your Honorable House.

3. Your Petitioners would desire to point out to your Honorable House that the boundaries as set out in the Schedule of such Bill as the boundaries of the proposed Electorates of "The Clarence" and "The Richmond" do not equitably apportion to each of those Electorates the extent of country to which those districts have interests in common, and that two Members for these Electorates is not a fair proportion upon the average of representation proposed to be given to other and less important districts in the Colony; and further, that these districts are of such a character as to warrant even a larger proportion of representation than older and more settled districts, having in view the rapidly increasing population to the Colony, and their great commercial importance to the Colony.

4. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take into its consideration the advisability of making alterations in the Bill in the manner following, viz:—

1. That the Schedule be amended as follows:—

16. THE CLARENCE.

Embracing a portion of the pastoral district of the Clarence and a small portion of the pastoral district of New England; and bounded on the north by the northern watershed of the Clarence River and the range dividing the waters of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers to the range dividing the waters of the Logan and other rivers from those of the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed Rivers; and thence by that range to the Great Dividing Range; on the west by the Great Dividing Range and a line bearing south, crossing the Timbarra or Northern Rocky River, at a point where the banks close in abruptly, about 5 miles east of Frocester to a line bearing east from the Bolivia Range; thence by a line east to its intersection with a line north by compass from Mount Werrikimbe; on the west by a line bearing south to the range forming the southern watershed of the Clarence River; on the south by that range easterly and a line bearing east to the sea near the Solitary Islands; and on the east by the sea to the north boundary aforesaid; but exclusive of the Electoral District of Grafton; and that such Electorate return two Members to Parliament.

62. THE RICHMOND.

Embracing part of the pastoral district of the Clarence; and bounded on the north from Point Danger by part of the boundary dividing the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland westerly—being the range dividing the waters of the Logan and other rivers from those of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers—to the range dividing the waters of the Richmond River from the Clarence River; thence by that range by the northern watershed of the Clarence River to the sea; and on the east by the sea northerly to Point Danger aforesaid; such Electorate to return one Member.

5. That the number of registered electors in the Electorate of "The Clarence" as proposed by your Petitioners, for the year 1876-7, is 2,099, and that the numbers of registered electors in the Electorate of "The Richmond" as proposed by your Petitioners is 1,500.

6. Your Petitioners humbly pray that the Bill, with these alterations and such others as your Honorable House may see fit, may pass into law and take effect as early as possible.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Electors of Copmanhurst and the Upper Clarence,—

HUGH BAILLIE,
Chairman of Public Meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF ELECTORS OF WOODBURN, RICHMOND RIVER—IN FAVOUR OF.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 1 March, 1877.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors of Woodburn, and surrounding districts, Richmond River,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners are thoroughly satisfied with the boundaries assigned to the proposed Electorate of the "Richmond" in the Bill "to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Parliamentary Elections"—now before your Honorable House, and learn with regret that steps are being taken on the Clarence River to petition your Honorable House for an alteration of said boundaries, with the view of taking away a large number of electors from the proposed "Electorate of the Richmond" and adding them to the Clarence, thereby perpetrating an injustice on the electorate of the Richmond.

That your Petitioners consider it would be manifestly unfair to detach a number of Electors from the proposed Electorate of the Richmond and add them to the Clarence, thereby conferring upon the latter three times the facilities for enjoying the benefits accruing from direct representation; while the proposed Electorate of the Richmond is larger and the interest to be represented equally important.

That your Petitioners believe the ends of justice and fair representation would be better accomplished by allowing said boundaries to remain as they are than by adopting the alterations prayed for by the electors of the Clarence, and consider that two representatives for the Clarence and one for the Richmond is the most honest distribution of the representation that could be apportioned considering the relative importance of the said Electorate.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take these premises into favourable consideration, and administer justice to all concerned by adhering to the boundaries allotted to the Electorate of the Richmond River in the Bill now before your Honorable House.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 128 signatures.]

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF ELECTORS OF POLICE DISTRICT OF MOLONG.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 6 March, 1877.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors resident within the Police District of Molong,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners view with much dissatisfaction the political injustice of proposing to give two Members each to Wellington and Forbes, and one to the Bogan, thereby imperilling the political interests of your Petitioners, when the division could be made so much better by making the present Police District into an Electorate to be henceforth known as the Electorate of Molong.

That your Petitioners also wish to bring before the notice of your Honorable House the startling absurdity of dividing the Police District of Molong amongst three separate Electorates, viz., Forbes, The Bogan, and Wellington, especially when it is considered that the Electoral District of Forbes will comprise so large a portion of the Western Gold Fields, and that the interests of those political divisions are so diametrically opposed to each other.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit to your Honorable House that, under the divisions of the proposed Bill, electors residing and working within four miles from the town of Molong (in which place all their interests are centred), to wit, the settlers on the Garra and Redbank Creeks, would by such divisions be placed in the Electorate of Forbes, thereby placing the electors at one end in connection with other electors residing 160 miles away, which would be even as though your Petitioners were politically connected with Sydney; and further, the residents on the Yullundry, Burgoo, and Burrawang Creeks, and other places distant eight miles and upwards from the town of Molong, would be thus politically associated with the Electorate of the Bogan, which extends to the Castlereagh River, a distance of 150 miles from their homes on the other side.

That your Petitioners also respectfully submit that boundaries proposed by them (to wit) "The Police District of Molong" are clearly defined, and the sympathies of the residents therein are closely identified and associated with Molong instead of Electorates further west.

That your Petitioners finally submit that their numerical electoral strength (about 1,800 *bonâ fide* voters) and the importance of their town and district, lying as it does in the very heart of such magnificent country as that recently travelled over by Honorable Ministers, entitles your Petitioners to seek for and expect the favourable consideration of your Honorable House in the matter, which is of such vital political importance to your Petitioners.

"And your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will constitute the Police District of Molong a separate Electoral District."

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 300 signatures.]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

—
ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF ELECTORS AND OTHERS RESIDENT IN THE DISTRICT OF PATRICK'S PLAINS.)

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Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 6 March, 1877.
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To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors and others resident in the District of Patrick's Plains,—
 HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners have learned that a Bill has been introduced into your Honorable House "to amend and consolidate the law relating to Parliamentary Elections."

That by such Bill your Petitioners learn it is proposed to alter the present boundaries of the Electorates of Patrick's Plains and the Hunter so as to cut off portion of the former Electorate, comprising Glendon, Belford, &c., &c., and tuck it on to the latter.

That your Petitioners are residents of that portion of the Electorate of Patrick's Plains which it is proposed to cut off therefrom and add to that of the Hunter.

That your Petitioners respectfully beg to request that your Honorable House will not confirm such proposed alteration and would respectfully point out,—1st. That the present boundaries of the Electorate of Patrick's Plains are identical with those of the Police District of the same name and your Petitioners would respectfully urge the desirability in all cases of having the Electoral and Police Districts identical where such can be effectually maintained.

That the sympathies of your Petitioners are with the District of Patrick's Plains of which they have formed a portion for very many years.

For these many years past your Petitioners have been in the habit of looking upon Singleton (the chief town of Patrick's Plains) as their place of business in a commercial, legal, and political sense.

That the accident of Glendon Brook and Belford being on the boundaries of the present Electorate of the Hunter and of that one being a small Electorate cannot surely justify the proposed alteration being made against the desire of the residents and electors resident therein, who would be in the anomalous position of forming a portion of the Police District of Patrick's Plains and so have to transact the principal portion of their business therein while belonging to an entirely different Electorate.

That the proposed alteration is not only against the desires of the residents of that portion proposed to be cut off but must affect the whole Electorate itself, inasmuch as it reduces its area and the number of its Electors considerably without any commensurate gain thereto.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to allow the boundaries of the Electoral District of Patrick's Plains to remain as they are at the present time and not sanction the proposed alteration therein.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 118 signatures.]

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1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL.

(PETITION OF CHAIRMEN OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, AT TARCE AND WINGHAM, FOR INCREASED REPRESENTATION OF THE MANNING AND PORT MACQUARIE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 19 June, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Electors of the Hastings Electorate, residents of the Manning, in Public Meetings assembled at Tarce and at Wingham, on the 9th June, 1877,—

HUMBLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners feel it is of vital importance to the welfare and progress of Electorates to have adequate representation in the Parliament of the Country, and that your Honorable House is most desirous of passing an Electoral Bill which will provide sufficient representation for each Electorate in the Colony.

That your Petitioners regard with much gratification the declared intention of the Government to introduce a new Electoral Bill as soon as possible, and entertain the hope that the action of your Honorable House in affirming on two separate occasions that the Manning and Port Macquarie, united to form one of the proposed new Electorates, are entitled to two representatives, shall be confirmed in the new Bill.

That these districts contain a large and rapidly increasing population, and have at present more than two thousand electors enrolled; and that they are in every respect of sufficient importance to require two representatives in Parliament.

That your Petitioners cannot regard any Electoral Bill as either satisfactory or equitable which does not provide two Members for the Manning and Port Macquarie.

That your Petitioners earnestly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to take this Petition into favourable consideration, and grant two Members to represent the Manning and Port Macquarie.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES C. DUFF, J.P.,
Chairman of Meeting at Wingham.

T. W. DUGDALE, J.P.,
Chairman of Public Meeting at Tarce.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL (No. 2).

(NUMBER OF ELECTORS AS PER SCHEDULE A.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 18 July, 1877.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS as per Schedule "A" of Electoral Bill, 10th July, 1877.

No.	District.	No. of Electors.	No.	District.	No. of Electors.	No.	District.	No. of Electors.
1	Alexandria	1,400	24	The Gwydir	1,500	47	The Nepean	1,156
2	Argyle.....	2,431	25	Hartley	1,956	48	Newcastle	1,894
3	Balranald	1,925	26	The Hastings & Manning..	2,024	49	New England	2,600
4	Balmain	2,294	27	The Hawkesbury	1,992	50	Newtown	3,100
5	Bathurst.....	1,690	28	The Hume	3,149	51	Northumberland	4,250
6	The Bogan	2,900	29	The Hunter	1,494	52	Orange	2,487
7	Boorowa.....	1,595	30	The Lower Hunter	1,300	53	Paddington	2,094
8	Bourke	1,390	31	The Upper Hunter	3,286	54	Parramatta.....	1,142
9	Braidwood.....	1,695	32	Illawarra	1,436	55	Patrick's Plains.....	1,442
10	Camden and Camp- belltown.....	2,951	33	Inverell	1,700	56	Queanbeyan	1,347
11	Canterbury.....	3,500	34	Kiama	1,220	57	Redfern	2,886
12	Carcoar	2,529	35	The Lachlan	3,142	58	The Richmond	1,650
13	Clarendon	1,150	36	Liverpool Plains	4,500	59	Shoalhaven.....	1,552
14	The Clarence	2,897	37	The Macleay	1,241	60	East Sydney	10,517
15	Central Cumberland	1,460	38	East Macquarie	2,062	61	North Sydney	2,700
16	North Cumberland	3,100	39	West Macquarie	1,141	62	West Sydney.....	10,091
17	The Darling	1,200	40	East Maitland and Mor- peth	1,744	63	Tenterfield.....	1,200
18	Eden	2,240	41	West Maitland	1,092	64	The Tumut	2,226
19	Forbes	3,400	42	Monaro	2,388	65	University of Sydney	—
20	The Glebe	1,646	43	Mudgee	3,492	66	Wellington.....	2,493
21	Glen Innes.....	1,200	44	The Murray	2,542	67	The Williams & Pater- son	1,266
22	Goulburn	997	45	The Murrumbidgee	3,400	68	The Wollombi	1,073
23	Gulgong.....	1,250	46	The Namoi.....	1,200	69	Yass Plains	1,744

14th July, 1877.

G. LEWIS,
Surveyor General's Office.

E. G. WARD,
Registrar General.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL N^o. 2.

PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF JERILDERIE AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT, PRAYING THE HOUSE TO ALLOT A SECOND MEMBER FOR THE MURRAY.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 25 July, 1877.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Jerilderie and surrounding district,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That in the distribution of seats in the new Electoral Bill we find that the claims of the Murray district to a second representative have been entirely ignored.

A careful inspection of the Electoral Lists will show that we are entitled to a second Member, and in the face of the recent extensive settlement throughout the Murray Electorate there are large numbers whose names do not appear on the Electoral Roll at present, but who nevertheless will be entitled to vote at the next election.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the subject of our Petition into your favourable consideration and allot a second Member for the Murray Electorate.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 33 signatures.]

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL N^o. 2.

PETITION FROM JAMES F. WARD, CHAIRMAN OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF ELECTORS OF PARKES AND DISTRICT, PRAYING THAT PARKES MAY BE CONSTITUTED A SEPARATE ELECTORATE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 27 July, 1877.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Electors of Parkes and District, in Public Meeting assembled,—

SHOWETH:—

That your Petitioners, under the proposed Electoral Bill, will be unrepresented and to a great extent disfranchised for the following reasons:—

- First. That the number of electors residing solely within the Police District of Parkes are considerably above the number entitling such to a separate electorate, this, too, independent of the geographical area belonging to Parkes.
- Second. That the distance between Parkes and township of Forbes being some 25 (twenty-five) miles, the interests of the two places are in no wise identical, nor could they by any possibility be so combined as to advantage either township.
- Third. That this district not only possesses the attraction of its gold fields and vast mineral resources "scarcely as yet developed" but it is essentially an agricultural one, forming as it does the centre of a large *bonâ fide* free selecting community,—the excellent nature of its soil eminently fitting it for the growth of cereals and other useful products. Your Petitioners would adduce the fact that in this the second year of growing such there is over 2,000 (two thousand) acres of land under wheat within a radius of 10 (ten) miles of the township.
- Fourth. That Forbes, to which the town and district is appropriated, largely represents the squatting interest agriculture not having made the rapid strides as here, in proof of which may be cited that according to their own showing "although the district and township is much older" the area of land under wheat cultivation barely reaches 1,000 (one thousand) acres.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to take the above considerations into the careful deliberation of your Honorable House and grant to Parkes the privilege of discreet representation by the formation of a separate Electorate.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

JAMES F. WARD,
Chairman.

WILLIAM GEORGE BLADON,
Hon. Sec.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL N^o. 2.

(PETITION FROM THOMAS HODSON, CHAIRMAN OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF ELECTORS OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 3 August, 1877.

To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Electors of the Murrumbidgee District, in the Colony of New South Wales,—

SHOWETH:—

That your Petitioners regard with extreme dissatisfaction the boundaries of the Murrumbidgee Electorate, as set forth by the Electoral Bill introduced by Sir Henry Parkes, as such boundaries include the towns of Gundagai, Coramundra, and Jugiong, with their respective neighbourhoods, the interests of which are not identical with those of the town and district of Wagga Wagga.

That your Petitioners respectfully suggest the desirableness of making the Billabong Creek the eastern boundary of the Electorate north of the Murrumbidgee River as shown in the plan hereto annexed.

That a public meeting of the electors was duly convened and held at Wagga Wagga on the 23rd July instant, when it was carried unanimously that the resolutions before mentioned should be embodied in a Petition and be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting and presented to Parliament.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the boundary of the Murrumbidgee Electoral District, as set out in the schedule to the Electoral Bill now before Parliament, may be amended or altered so as that the district shall be bounded on the north-east by the south-western and northern boundaries of the Electoral District of Lachlan, south-easterly to the head of Billabong Creek, on the range forming the boundary between the counties of Clarendon and Bland; thence southerly by that creek to the Murrumbidgee River; and by that river downwards to the point of commencement.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Dated at Wagga Wagga this 25th July, 1877.

THOMAS HODSON, Chairman,
Mayor of Wagga Wagga.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ELECTORAL BILL (N^o. 2.)

(PETITION OF CERTAIN ELECTORS OF REDFERN.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 18 September, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Honorable House—The humble petition of the undersigned Electors of the proposed Electorate of Redfern respectfully sheweth that your Petitioners are of opinion that your Honorable House would greatly subserve the public interest by taking into its early consideration the expediency of legislating for two Members to represent the proposed Electorate of Redfern in the new Electoral Bill now before Parliament.

Your Petitioners are further of opinion that while the following Electorates of the Hawkesbury, the Hastings, and Hume, Eden, East Macquarie, Monaro, Argyle, Orange, Carcoar, the Murray, New England and Wellington, with some hundreds less than the proposed Electorate of Redfern, will have two Members, we, the undersigned, are of opinion that it would be an act of injustice to the electorate with its large number of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-six electors to be represented by only one Member.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the above petition into your earnest consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 65 signatures.]

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE ELECTORAL LAW.

(PETITION FROM THOMAS DALTON, CHAIRMAN OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT ORANGE.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 2 October, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Electors of Orange,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners are convinced that in consequence of the rapid settlement of the people in the Colony in this as well as the Intermediate and Pastoral Districts, anomalies have grown up in the representation of the Country to such an extent that an appeal to the electors under the present Electoral Act would not adequately elicit the views and feelings of the public.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that an Electoral Bill, which will amply provide for an equitable representation on the population basis, but having regard to the increase in the number of inhabitants likely to take place under the operation of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, will be passed during the present session of Parliament.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) THOMAS DALTON,

As Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Court House, at Orange,
on Monday, the seventeenth day of September, 1877.

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES..

THE ELECTORAL LAW.
(PETITION FROM ELECTORS OF FORBES DISTRICT.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 2 October, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Electors, Freeholders, and Householdors of the District of Forbes, in the Electorate of the Bogan,—

SHOWETH:—

That the electors of the present Bogan Electorate have, in common with a large proportion of electors in various parts of the Colony, been anxiously watching the progress of certain Electoral Bills introduced by successive Administrations, but which Bills have, in two notable instances, failed to pass into law, owing to a change of Government while they were under consideration; that to postpone the passing of an Electoral Bill, dividing certain of the larger Electorates, and giving to the increased population in many districts fair and equitable representation in Parliament, would be an act of great injustice to thousands of electors, who are at present virtually disfranchised.

That the electors of this district urge upon the Assembly, as a whole, the pressing necessity for a new Electoral Bill, and that it may be so fairly considered as to become law before the expiration of the present Parliament.

And lastly, that the sentiments of the above were expressed and embodied in resolutions adopted at a recent public meeting held in Forbes, and attended by a large and influential section of the community. And there is little doubt that they are the sentiments of a large proportion of electors elsewhere.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Assembly will favourably consider their desire, and as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 435 signatures.]

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE ELECTORAL LAW.

PETITION FROM R. T. B. GADEN, CHAIRMAN OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF INHABITANTS OF WELLINGTON.

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 4 October, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington,—

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That your Petitioners most respectfully desire to bring under your notice that, in view of the number of the electors residing in the Electorate of Wellington, particularly the District of Molong and Wellington, being inadequately represented, it is desirable that two Members may be appointed for that portion; and that as the District of Hill End has nothing in common with the other portion of the Electorate, either in trade or commerce, it being essentially a Mining District, your Petitioners desire that it may be disunited from such portion of the Electorate.

That in contemplating the early dissolution of the present Parliament, it is most desirable that a new Electoral Bill should be at once passed, giving a more equitable division of and an increased representation to this and other districts.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will not dissolve until a new Electoral Bill is passed.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed on behalf and by the request of the Petitioners, in compliance with a Resolution passed at a Public Meeting,—

R. T. B. GADEN,
Chairman.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE ELECTORAL LAW.

(PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT OF MOLONG.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 10 October, 1877.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of the Town and District of Molong,—

SHOWETH:—

That the present Ministry, in framing the new Electoral Bill now before your august Assembly, have neglected the town and district of Molong, by ignoring their political rights to a separate Electorate, and to fair, equitable, legitimate representation.

Your Petitioners believe that no Ministry can possess anything like an adequate knowledge of this locality, constitutional law, or political equity, that so openly attempts to ignore (as has been done in the new Electoral Bill in regard to Molong and the County of Ashburnham) the just rights of Molong—which is the capital of the County of Ashburnham, one of the largest and most important pastoral, agricultural, and mineral Counties in the Colony—to participate in the benefits accruing from a well-devised scheme of fair, honest, equitable representation.

Your Petitioners would further most respectfully submit, that no Electoral Bill can possibly meet the requirements of a free people exercising the rights of manhood suffrage, that attempts to ignore the fundamental principle of according at least "*one Member to each County*," whether the basis of representation consist of numbers, Hare's principle, District or County Members, or any other principle,—a County Member being a principle recognised by Imperial Parliament, and one that ought also to be recognised and have a statutory existence in these Colonies.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit that the time has arrived when the town and district of Molong is entitled to be constituted into a distinct and separate Electorate, seeing that the number of *bona fide* electors in the Police District or Molong portion of the Electoral Roll for the year 1876-7 now numbers over 1,750, whereas one or more Members are allotted, or intended to be allotted, to other districts in the new Electoral Bill (or re-distribution of seats) now before your Honorable House, which cannot lay the same claim to the number of electors as are to be found on the Molong Electoral Roll. The re-distribution of seats as intended by the Electoral Bill is such as no Legislative Assembly can either readily indorse or support, for the whole scheme is one evidently fraught with the most transparent injustice and inequalities, as the following portion of the Schedule will be amply sufficient to illustrate:—

No.	District.	Electors.	Member.	No.	District.	Electors.	Member
1.	Alexandria	1,400	..... 1	20.	Kiama	1,220	..... 1
2.	Balranald.....	1,925	..... 1	21.	The Macleay	1,241	..... 1
3.	Bathurst	1,690	..... 1	22.	West Macquarie.....	1,141	..... 1
4.	Boorowa	1,595	..... 1	23.	East Maitland and } Morpeth..... }	1,744	..... 1
5.	Bourke.....	1,390	..... 1	24.	West Maitland	1,092	..... 1
6.	Braidwood	1,695	..... 1	25.	The Namoi	1,200	..... 1
7.	Clarendon	1,150	..... 1	26.	The Nepean.....	1,156	..... 1
8.	Central Cumberland ...	1,450	..... 1	27.	Newcastle	1,894	..... 1
9.	The Darling.....	1,200	..... 1	28.	Parramatta	1,142	..... 1
10.	The Glebe	1,646	..... 1	29.	Patrick's Plains	1,442	..... 1
11.	Glen Innes	1,200	..... 1	30.	Queanbeyan	1,347	..... 1
12.	Goulburn.....	997	..... 1	31.	Richmond	1,650	..... 1
13.	Gulgong	1,250	..... 1	32.	Shoalhaven	1,552	..... 1
14.	The Gwydir.....	1,500	..... 1	33.	Tenterfield	1,260	..... 1
15.	Hartley	1,956	..... 1	34.	Sydney University	100	..... 1
16.	The Hunter.....	1,494	..... 1	35.	Williams and Paterson	1,266	..... 1
17.	The Lower Hunter.....	1,300	..... 1	36.	The Wollombi.....	1,073	..... 1
18.	Illawarra	1,436	..... 1	37.	Yass Plains	1,744	..... 1
19.	Inverell	1,700	..... 1				

In all, 37 Electorates, returning 37 Members.

By this table it is surely self-evident to your Honorable House that the district of Molong, with her *bona fide* 1,750 electors, is quite as much entitled to equitable representation as the 37 Electorates proposed in the new Electoral Bill, and which are nearly all, without exception, shown to contain a smaller number of electors than are to be found on the Electoral Roll for Molong, which is really a great piece of public injustice and hardship upon one of the most important districts in the Western interior.

Your Petitioners therefore respectfully protest against being tacked on to either Wellington, Orange, or Forbes; and further submit, that were your Honorable House to adopt the following approximate boundaries, or the present Police District, as the "Molong Electorate," it would not interfere with or affect the rights or privileges of any other Electorate in any way, viz.:—Starting from the top of the Canoblas; thence to Kangaroo; thence down the Bell River, or Beri Creek, onwards to Cardington; from thence to the south-western point of the Cudamble Mountains; from thence to the junction of Gulgothery and Burrawang Creek; from thence to the junction of Boldarudgery Creek to the Little River, and up the creek to Boldarudgery, to include Obley; from thence along the Corbong Road to the top of the Dividing Range, to the Parkes and Orange Road, between Dulladulladery, and over to Marga and Naugar; from thence, crossing the Narang Creek, to six miles south of Mogong and on to the Belabula River or Bradgery Lagoon, four miles east of, above Bungaroo; from thence along the top of the Panarra Range to the top of the Canoblas Mountain, the point of commencement.

Your Petitioners respectfully maintain that the district of Molong has never been accorded that fair, equal, adequate representation which the importance of her numerous local interests demands, there being no less than 1,800 selections taken up during the last five years, embracing an area of 150,000 acres of land, and contributing annually to the general revenue about from £25,000 to £30,000 for the sale of land alone.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the premises into your favourable consideration, and grant such relief as by your Honorable House may be deemed meet.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 70 signatures.]

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

AMERICAN CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

(LETTER FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL TO NEW SOUTH WALES EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ON CLOSING OF.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Director General, United States Centennial Commission, Philadelphia, to The
New South Wales Executive Commissioner.

International Exhibition, 1876,
United States Centennial Commission,
Philadelphia, 10 November, 1876.

Dear Sir,

The International Exhibition of 1876 closes to-day, and I avail myself of this means to congratulate you on its successful issue, and to thank you and your associates and exhibitors for the part you and they have taken to promote the interests of the enterprise.

The patience and wisdom which you have exercised in the execution of the trust confided to you by your Government have excited our admiration; your valuable contributions to the Exhibition have added largely to its attractions, and have afforded the people of this country much pleasure and information, which they will always remember with great gratification.

I thank you personally and officially, and on behalf of my assistants, for your kind co-operation in the administration of the foreign department, and for your interest in all of the affairs of the Exhibition.

I trust you will return to your home with only pleasant memories of the Exhibition.

I am, &c.,
A. T. GOSHORN,
Director General.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

(DESPATCH RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION FROM COLONIAL COMMISSIONERS AT.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G.

Sir,

Downing-street, 29 December, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing a letter from the Colonial Commissioners at the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, expressing their sense of the services rendered to them by the British Executive Department.

This letter has afforded the highest satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government, and I am charged to express their warm appreciation of the valuable labours of the Colonial Commissioners, which have so essentially contributed to the worthy representation of the British empire at the Exhibition.

In compliance with the request of the Commissioners, I have with much pleasure communicated to the Lord President of the Council their acknowledgments of the assistance rendered to them by those members of his Lordship's department who were employed at Philadelphia.

I have, &c.,
CARNARVON.

T. V. Lister, Esq., to The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir,

Foreign Office, 8 December, 1876.

I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, the accompanying letter, which has been received through Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, addressed to Lord Carnarvon by the Commissioners from the various British Colonies to the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, conveying to his Lordship their sense of the courtesy and assistance which they have received from the British Executive Commission, and their Secretary and staff, and the strong feeling of friendship which those Colonies entertain for the United Kingdom.

I am, &c.,
T. V. LISTER.

The Colonial Commissioners to The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

My Lord,

Philadelphia, 10 March, 1876.

We, the undersigned Colonial Commissioners at the International Exhibition in Philadelphia, desire before separating to convey to your Lordship our sense of indebtedness for many courtesies and much valuable aid received from the British Executive, and from their Secretary and staff, throughout the performance of our duties.

The attentions so shown to us have both facilitated our independent action and well sustained that perfect unanimity which so happily prevails in every portion of Her Majesty's dominions, and have thereby enabled us fittingly to manifest in this city to the people of this country and to its multitude of foreign visitors that whatever may have happened one hundred years ago the United Kingdom and her colonies are now firmly joined in the closest bonds of friendship.

And we beg that your Lordship will favour us by causing his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon to be duly informed of this record of our obligations, which we accompany with our hearty thanks.

We have, &c.,

EDWARD GOFF PENNY,	}	Canadian Commissioners.
D. McDOUGALL,		
AUGUSTUS MORRIS,	}	New South Wales.
R. W. CAMERON,		
R. W. FORBES,		
MARSHALL BURDEKIN,		
JOSEPH J. PHELPS,		
ANGUS MACKAY,		Special Commissioner for Queensland.
EDWARD Y. WEBB,		Commissioner for Bahamas, and acting for Commissioners of New Zealand and Jamaica.
A. C. C. COATES,		Commissioner for the Cape of Good Hope.
HENRY P. WELCH,		Commissioner for New Zealand.
REDMUND BARRY,		President of the Victorian Commission, per George Collins Levey, Secretary.
SAM DAVENPORT,		Special Commissioner for South Australia.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION COMMISSION.

(FINAL REPORT.)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 26 July, 1877.

Sir,

The Commissioners appointed by Letters Patent on the 27th of April, 1875, to devise and carry out the details necessary for the representation of New South Wales at the International Exhibition, held at Philadelphia in the year 1876, and of the Intercolonial Exhibition held at Melbourne in the year 1875, having completed their labours, have now the honor to submit this their final report.

The Commissioners held their first meeting on the 8th of May. Preliminary arrangements had been completed at the instance of the President to obtain the co-operation of the different steam navigation companies and departments of the Government, and the Commissioners were at once able to consider and determine upon the course which seemed to them best calculated to secure the representation of the arts and manufactures of New South Wales and the products of her soil and mines at the Intercolonial and International Exhibitions then to be held at Melbourne and Philadelphia respectively.

A prospectus giving all needful information to intending exhibitors was drawn up, and an appeal was made through the press to persons engaged in agricultural, pastoral, and mining pursuits, to contribute samples of their products; and the manufacturers of the Colony were invited to send articles illustrative of their industrial ability to the Exhibitions. Circulars, placards, forms of application for space, and other necessary documents, were furnished with the least possible delay to the various Agricultural Societies, Municipal Corporations, and Benches of Magistrates; and such officers of the Government employed in the interior, whose positions upon the gold fields, or in relation to pastoral occupation, enabled them to be specially serviceable, were also asked to give their assistance. Letters were likewise addressed directly to all the principal manufacturers and producers in the Colony and, where practicable, a personal canvass was instituted.

The interest awakened, however, was not commensurate with the number and urgency of the appeals made. In most cases self interest, is the chief incentive to manufacturers to take part in public Exhibitions, but there could be little reason to expect trade from sending goods to countries whose tariffs are inimical to competition from without, and it is not therefore remarkable that the manufacturers of the Colony should have been generally indifferent to a project, participation in which would involve them in labour and expense without the prospect of any adequate commercial advantage. Some, however, were willing to take part at their own cost in the representation of New South Wales at the Intercolonial and International Exhibitions; and the Commissioners highly appreciate that public spirit and co-operation which enabled them to make so good a display of the industrial development of the Colony at Philadelphia.

Upon a consideration of the relative importance of the two Exhibitions the Commissioners set apart a sum of £500 as the limit of their expenditure upon that to be held at Melbourne. Mr. P. A. Jennings and Mr. Joseph Thompson were deputed to represent the Commission and to act in behalf of exhibitors from this Colony. A catalogue of the articles sent to this Exhibition will be found among the documents which accompany this Report, and also a schedule of the prizes awarded to exhibitors. The large proportion of awards made in favour of exhibitors of wine and flour afforded satisfactory proof of the excellence of those commodities.

By the help of the Department of Mines and some individual exhibitors the Commissioners were able to send to Philadelphia a valuable and systematically arranged collection of characteristic fossils illustrative of the principal sedimentary formations of New South Wales; collections of tin, copper, iron, galena, antimony, and other ores; specimens of auriferous quartz and auriferous and stanniferous wash dirt, showing the per centage of gold and tin lost in existing processes of extraction; characteristic samples of gold from forty-six different localities in the Western, Southern, and Northern districts; coal, kerosene shale, and other minerals; also, tin, copper, and iron in a metallic state. The mineralogical collection was carefully examined by that large class of visitors to the Exhibition who are employed as miners or workers in metals; and, taken in connection with the mineral map and other information, statistical and descriptive, these exhibits formed an effective advertisement of the mineral wealth of New South Wales. Nearly one hundred and forty thousand copies of the map and essay were distributed. Additional publicity was given to the mineral resources of the Colony in the numerous articles which were published by the principal mining journals of America.

The Commissioners made great efforts to obtain a good collection of cereals; but the period of the year to which their preparations were necessarily limited was unfavourable, and the success which followed their endeavours was not so complete as they could have wished. Two samples of wheat, sent from the Orange district, were of a high order of merit, but they imperfectly represented the wheat production of New South Wales, while barley, oats, and some other cereals were not shown at all. Sir Wm. Macarthur contributed a good collection of farm seeds, and samples of maize grown in the Camden, Shoalhaven, and Clarence districts were regarded with particular interest by the agriculturists of a country whose annual production of corn exceeds 1,321,000,000 of bushels. The adaptability of the northern coast of New South Wales for the growth and manufacture of sugar was well exemplified by the exhibits of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, and Messrs. Chowne and Martin, of the Clarence River. The two exhibits of silk cocoons were regarded by the Japanese experts who judged in this particular department as of excellent quality, and the sample of Colonial tobacco-leaf was considered by the judges to be large and well grown, but defectively cured.

In response to an application by the President for the loan of specimens of timber deposited in the Kew Museum, Dr. Hooker permitted Sir Daniel Cooper to make a selection of the finest of those which were originally procured for the Exhibition of 1862, and these were supplemented by several specimens obtained by the Commissioners from the northern rivers, Mount Wilson, and Wingecarribee. These magnificent specimens of forest products were not surpassed by woods from other parts of the world, and they were admired as well for their large dimensions as for the beauty of their grain and richness of colour.

The pastoralists of the Colony responded very liberally to the applications of the Commissioners. Of the twenty-nine exhibitors premiums were awarded to twenty-four. The fullest opportunity was afforded to the woollen manufacturers of the United States and other countries to inspect the fleeces, and to obtain information respecting the capabilities of Australia for the production of fine wool. Samples, to which were affixed the names and addresses of the growers, were presented to some of the principal wool brokers, museums, and technological institutions of the United States and other countries. The sheep of the United States number about 36,000,000—considerably less than the number of the aggregate flocks of Australia, but they are mostly owned in small lots by agriculturalists, and sheep farming as it is carried on in Australia exists in but a few States, and then to a limited extent only. The representatives of this Colony at Philadelphia were fully alive to the importance of obtaining a freer market for Australian wool in the United States, but even had they not perceived that the time was inopportune for discussion of the tariff, they would still have felt that it would be impolitic and unbecoming on their part to assail the fiscal system of the country in which they were guests, and no action therefore was taken which could give a political complexion to the representation of the Colony. The present duties upon wool—(£2 1s. 8d. upon every 100 lbs., with 11 per cent. upon the declared value added upon wools worth 16d. or less per lb., and £2 10s. for every 100 lbs., with 10 per cent. upon the declared value added upon wools worth more than 16d. per lb.)—are mainly upheld by the owners of sheep, whose numerical and political influence is very great, but the manufacturers and trading classes who formerly supported the impost are now hopeful that these duties will soon be reduced one half, and eventually altogether repealed. The Commissioners are assured that the exhibition of fine wools from New South Wales has been influential in promoting the growth of opinion amongst manufacturers tending to this result.

The Commissioners thought it desirable to give special prominence to the wines of the Colony, and they have learnt that their contribution to the Exhibition in this respect was highly esteemed. When, however, they consider how slowly the popular taste in any community adapts itself to a particular beverage, the Commissioners are by no means sanguine that Australian wines will come into demand in America. The superiority of New South Wales wines to those produced in the States on the Pacific

slope

slope was admitted by the judges ; but the character of the best wines of Australia and California are not markedly dissimilar ; and it cannot be expected that Australian vigneron, having to pay freight and a high rate of duty, can compete in the Eastern States with supplies drawn from California. Our wine-growers doubtless perceive that the Australian markets still afford scope for expansive industry ; and it may not be out of place to suggest here that the large European population of India affords a more tempting field for future enterprise than the United States.

The great progress which has been made of late years in the manufacture of leather and cloth was shown by superior articles sent to Philadelphia ; and those who have had opportunities for comparison aver that the saddlery, rope, candles, brushware, stoneware, and some other commodities manufactured in New South Wales, were of equal excellence to similar goods sent from other countries to the Exhibition.

Mr. John Badgery has reported upon the live stock shown at Philadelphia and the pasturage of the United States ; and the letters of the Executive Commissioner and the Secretary, addressed to your Department, have so fully informed the Government of the part taken by New South Wales at the Exhibition that more particular reference here does not appear to be necessary.

The gross expenditure of the Commissioners in Sydney has been £4,029 19s. 10d. A large proportion of this amount was expended in the purchase of specimens and show-cases. The Commissioners at Philadelphia were able to make acceptable donations to the National Museum of the United States ; but most of the more expensively constructed show-cases and specimens of tin ores were returned to the Colony, and have been presented to the Department of Mines, the Sydney University, and the Trustees of the Australian Museum. The total expenditure of the Commissioners must, however, be reduced by a sum of £782, received by the Executive Commissioner at Philadelphia from the sale of exhibits, and accounted for by him to the Treasury direct, thus leaving the nett expenditure in the colony £3,247 19s. 10d.

The Commissioners recur with much satisfaction to the cordial reception given by the people of America to the representatives of this Colony, and to the hearty admiration, by the President of the Centennial Commission, of the co-operation of Australia in the great national celebration of the United States, and they accept with much pleasure the expression by Lord Carnarvon on behalf of the members of the Imperial Commission of "their warm appreciation of the valuable labours of the Colonial Commissioners which have so essentially contributed to the worthy representation of the British Empire."

The Commissioners have laboured to place before visitors to the International Exhibition fair specimens of the natural products of New South Wales, to show, as far as they were able, the progress which its people have made in manufacturing industries, and to distribute as widely as possible trustworthy information as to the ability of this country to afford a home for the surplus population of other lands. They hope, to use the words of Sir John Young, that they have in some measure succeeded in "drawing attention to not only the great staples which have hitherto constituted the riches of the country, but also to a number of articles and sources of wealth yet undeveloped ; but which, as time rolls on and population increases, will furnish the material and the reward for the exercise of intelligent and prosperous industry."

With this, their final Report, the Commissioners have the honor to transmit a balance sheet giving a synopsis of their receipts and expenditure, together with all books of accounts, vouchers, and other documents in their possession.

July 25, 1877.

JAMES MARTIN,
President.

BALANCE SHEET of the Philadelphia Exhibition Commissioners, in Account with the Colonial Treasurer.

Dr.			Cr.		
1875.		£ s. d.	1877.		£ s. d.
May 29	To Colonial Treasurer	1,000 0 0	July 11	By Purchase of exhibits	1,402 8 11
Nov. 26	" " "	2,000 0 0		" Purchase of show cases, packing cases, and material	474 17 3
1876.				" Salaries and labour	900 7 6
Feb. 10	" Refund by Grafton Committee	14 0 0		" Photographs: procuring, colouring, framing	121 6 0
"	" Colonial Treasurer	500 0 0		" Woods: procuring, cutting, polishing	101 4 6
April 1	" " "	100 0 0		" Cartage, lighterage, and freight	232 18 0
1877.				" Insurance	75 0 0
June 12	" Proceeds of goods sold	29 10 0		" Advertising	84 6 4
June 23	" " "	114 2 6		" Reuter's telegrams	67 10 0
July 7	" Colonial Treasurer	301 0 7		" Rent of store	90 0 0
				" Charges at Melbourne Exhibition	24 19 3
				" Prize Essay	52 10 0
				" Advance to Grafton Committee	25 0 0
				" Canvassing for exhibits—cab and boat hire	19 12 6
				" Payments to exhibitors for goods sold at Philadelphia	272 19 0
				" Compensation to exhibitors: non-return and breakage of exhibits	15 0 0
				" Postage	39 9 5
				" Stationery and sundries	30 11 2
				" Balance to Treasury	28 13 3
		£ 4,058 13 1		-	£ 4,058 13 1

Balance to Treasury, £28 13s. 3d.—G.T.

Examined and found correct.—G.T., July 17/77.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN, Chairman.

1876-7.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PARIS EXHIBITION OF 1878.

(LETTER FROM AGENT GENERAL RESPECTING.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Agent General to The Colonial Secretary.

London, 3, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.,
16 March, 1877.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of correspondence received to-day from the Secretary of the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition of 1878, with a printed list of the Members of the Royal Commission, and a translation of the General Regulations.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM FORSTER.

[Enclosures.]

Mr. P. C. Owen, C.B., to The Agent General.

Offices of the Royal Commission, Canada Buildings, King-street, Westminster,
London, S.W., 16 March, 1877.

Sir,

As you are probably already aware, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition of 1878, has appointed a Committee of the Royal Commissioners specially charged to report to His Royal Highness on the arrangements to be made to secure the proper representation of the Colonies.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, as Chairman of the Committee, having suggested for His Royal Highness' consideration, that copies of the correspondence which has passed between His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Secretary of State for the Colonies should be furnished to you for your information,—I am instructed by the Prince of Wales to transmit to you the same, from which you will perceive the steps taken to secure the object in view.

Should you receive any instructions from your Government, His Royal Highness has desired me to inform you that the same will be submitted to the Committee of Her Majesty's Commissioners, who will advise His Royal Highness as to any assistance it may be possible to render.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE OWEN,
Secretary.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to The Earl of Carnarvon.

My Lord,

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 23 January, 1877.

I beg, as President of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed printed document containing an extract from the London Gazette of the 23rd January, nominating a Royal Commission appointed by Her Majesty for advancing, so far as Great Britain, the Indian Empire, and the Colonies and Dependencies are concerned, the objects which the Paris Exhibition has in view.

I beg further to enclose, for your Lordship's information, the general summary of the French Regulations, showing the conditions under which the Exhibition will be administered; and Her Majesty's Commissioners would be glad if your Lordship would officially announce the part to be taken by Great Britain at the approaching Exhibition to the Governor-General of the Dominion and to the Governors and authorities of the Colonial Empire, and at the same time express the pleasure I shall feel in learning that the various Governments have determined to take a prominent part in making a suitable representation.

I have instructed Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., whom I have appointed Secretary, to place himself at your Lordship's disposal; and he will attend to all communications. I trust your Lordship will be good enough to accredit him to the various authorities requiring information respecting the Exhibition.

I am, &c.,
ALBERT EDWARD,
President of the Royal Commission for the
Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878.—ROYAL COMMISSION.

(London Gazette of the 23rd January, and of the 20th February, 1877.)

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., President.
 His Excellency Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris (The Lord Lyons, G.C.B.)
 The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., Lord President of the Council.
 The Duke of Manchester, K.P.
 The Duke of Sutherland, K.G.
 The Duke of Westminster, K.G.
 The Earl Spencer, K.G.
 The Earl Cadogan, Under Secretary of State for War.
 The Earl Granville, K.G.
 The Earl of Northbrook, G.C.S.I.
 The Lord Tenderden, C.B., Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
 The Lord De L'Isle and Dudley.
 The Honorable Edward Stanhope, M.P., Secretary to the Board of Trade.
 The Honorable Robert Henry Meade, Assistant Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.
 The Right Honorable Sir Alexander James E. Cockburn, Bart., G.C.B., Lord Chief Justice of England.
 The Right Honorable Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., F.R.S., Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 The Right Honorable Lyon Playfair, C.B., M.P., F.R.S.
 The Right Honorable The Lord Mayor of London for the time being.
 The Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the time being.
 The Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being.
 Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., K.T., M.P.
 Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart.
 Sir Nathaniel M. de Rothschild, Bart., M.P.
 Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., M.P.
 Sir John Rose, Bart., K.C.M.G.
 Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, Bart., G.C.B.
 Lieut.-General Sir Alfred H. Horsford, G.C.B.
 Major General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S.
 Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., President of the Royal Geographical Society, and the President for the time being.
 Sir Henry Thring, K.C.B., Parliamentary Counsel.
 The President of the Royal Academy, Sir Francis Grant.
 Sir Louis Mallet, C.B., Under Secretary of State for India.
 Sir Andrew Fairbairn.
 The President of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, Sir John Gilbert, R.A., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Society, Joseph Dalton Hooker, Esq., C.B., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal College of Physicians, James Risdon Bennett, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Prescott G. Hewett, Esq., F.R.S., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Agricultural Society, The Lord Skelmersdale, or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, G. R. Stephenson, Esq., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Charles Barry, Esq., F.S.A., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, S. S. Lloyd, Esq., M.P., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Agricultural Engineers' Association, Bernhard Samuelson, Esq., M.P., or the President for the time being.
 C. Rivers Wilson, Esq., C.B., Controller-General of the National Debt.
 Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Ellis, C.S.I.
 Lieut.-Colonel Robert J. Lloyd-Lindsay, V.C., M.P.
 Edmund Ashworth, Esq., President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
 Isaac Lowthian Bell, Esq., M.P., F.R.S.
 Hugh Birley, Esq., M.P.
 Joseph Chamberlain, Esq., M.P.
 William Holms, Esq., M.P.
 Frederick Leighton, Esq., R.A.
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P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, C.B.,
Secretary.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878.

BRIEF Summary of the Principal Regulations issued by the French Commission, specially affecting Foreign Exhibitors.

1. The Exhibition will open on the 1st of May, 1878, and will close on the 31st of October, 1878. Dates of opening and closing.
2. Goods will be admitted into the Exhibition from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 30th of March, 1878, both days inclusive. Admission and arrangement of goods.
3. Objects of great value may, by special arrangement, be received later than the 30th of March.
4. Goods must be in their places and all arrangements completed by the 15th of April. After this date the General Commissioner will dispose of any space not occupied, or only partially occupied.
5. There will be no charge for space.
6. The Exhibition precincts being constituted a bonded warehouse, there will be no duties to pay for any goods except such as are intended for consumption, and these will only be liable to the duties levied on similar products of the most favoured nation. Space gratis. No duties.
7. All objects exhibited will be protected against piracy of inventions or designs. Upon this subject exhibitors are referred to Appendix No. 11, to the General Regulations. Protection of inventions, etc.
8. The General Commission will take precautions for the safe preservation of all objects in the Exhibition, but will not be liable for loss or damage of any kind. Preservation of goods.
9. There will be no charge for flooring, except in the Machinery Gallery. Flooring.
10. A limited quantity of steam, gas, and motive power will be supplied free of charge. Supply of steam, etc.
11. The placing of heavy objects requiring special foundations or adjustment may, by special arrangement, begin at an earlier period than the 1st of January. Machinery.
12. Exhibitors are free to insure their goods. Insurance.
13. All costs of packing, transport, unpacking, fittings, placing and care of goods, storage of empty cases and return of goods, provision and placing of velariums or ceilings in the Exhibition, special earth-works, etc., in the Gardens, and all charges for decoration authorized by the General Commissioner, are to be borne by the Exhibitors. Expenses to be paid by Exhibitors.
14. The General Commission will not take charge of empty cases. Empty cases.
15. No modern work of art will be admissible if executed before the 1st of May, 1867. Works of art.
16. Noxious and explosive substances will be prohibited as usual, and the General Commissioner reserves the right of excluding any object which may seem to him to be inconsistent with the purpose or decorum of the Exhibition. Noxious substances.
17. There will be no constructions in the Gardens illustrating national dwelling-houses, etc. No national dwellings in park.
18. All goods will be exhibited under the name of the person who has signed the application for admission. Names on articles exhibited.
19. No article may be withdrawn before the close of the Exhibition without the special consent of the General Commissioner. Withdrawal of goods.
20. All goods must, under penalties, be removed before the 15th of December, 1878.
21. The General Commission informs all Exhibitors that the Chamber of Commerce of Paris will establish a General Agency for the reception, management, and return of goods. Agency for goods.
22. The General Commissioner will not correspond directly with Foreign Exhibitors. They must address all communications through the Commissions of their respective countries. Exhibitors to communicate through their Commissions.
23. If neither the exhibitor nor his agent be present to receive the packages on their arrival at the Exhibition, the carrier will be bound to take them back immediately. Goods to be received by exhibitor or agent.
24. There will be a General Catalogue, and Foreign Commissions may publish Catalogues of their own sections, but in their own language only. Catalogues.
25. Further regulations will be issued respecting the forwarding of goods, etc. Further regulations.
26. Objects exhibited will be distributed into the following Nine Groups:— Classification.
 1. Works of Art.
 2. Education and Instruction. Apparatus and Processes of the Liberal Arts.
 3. Furniture and Accessories.
 4. Textile Fabrics. Clothing and Accessories.
 5. Mining Industries. Raw and Manufactured Products.
 6. Apparatus and Processes used in the Mechanical Industries.
 7. Alimentary Products.
 8. Agriculture and Pisciculture.
 9. Horticulture.

Each of these groups is divided into classes according to the system of general classification.

While the Royal Commission will do all in its power generally to assist and advise British Exhibitors, it will be understood by Exhibitors that, in accordance with the precedents of previous International Exhibitions, they or their agents must be responsible for the packing, forwarding, unpacking, and reception of their goods, as well as for their safety during the continuance of the Exhibition.

All communications for the information of His Royal Highness the President should be addressed to Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., who has been nominated Secretary to the Royal Commission by His Royal Highness.

Offices of the Royal Commission,
Canada Buildings, King-street, Westminster, S.W.

NOTE.—Copies of both the General and the Special Regulations may be had on application.

Lord

Lord Carnarvon to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Sir,

Downing-street, 16 February, 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter which your Royal Highness has been pleased to address to me respecting the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, and I have to enclose copies of circular despatches which I have addressed to the different Colonial Governments intimating the interest which your Royal Highness has been pleased to express in the worthy representation of the Colonies at this Exhibition, together with my own hope that no effort will be wanting on their part to respond to the wishes of your Royal Highness.

I venture to express the satisfaction with which I have learned that your Royal Highness has been able to place at the disposal of the Colonial Governments the services of Mr. Owen, C.B., whose distinguished services in connection with undertakings of this description are so widely known.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

Circular (1).

Sir,

Downing-street, 16 February, 1877.

23rd January,
1877.

I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to address to me, expressing the pleasure which His Royal Highness will feel in learning that the Colonies have determined to take a prominent part at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

2. The distinguished success which crowned the labours of the Colonial Commissioners at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876, encourages me to hope that no effort will be wanting on the part of your Government to respond to the wishes of His Royal Highness.

3. The services of Mr. Owen, whom His Royal Highness has appointed Secretary to the Royal Commissioners, will be at the disposal of any Colonial Governments desiring to have recourse to them.

4. I request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

The Officer administering the Government of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Lord Carnarvon.

My Lord,

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 23 February, 1877.

1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copies of circular despatches which your Lordship has had the goodness to forward to the different Colonial Governments, intimating the interest which I take in the worthy representation of the Colonies at the forthcoming Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris next year.

2. I have now to request that your Lordship will take the earliest opportunity of communicating to those Governments the printed Regulations issued by the French Government, and that I may be apprised through your Lordship, and if possible by cable, of the intentions of the various Governments, and the amount of space that they consider can be profitably occupied in the Exhibition.

3. If I urge the necessity of immediate action, it is to enable me to arrange for the earliest possible transmission to the Colonial Governments of the plans of such space as it may be practicable to assign to them, and thereby to facilitate the necessary arrangements for occupying it.

4. I should explain that the space available for Great Britain and the Colonies has been allotted to the collective British Empire, and that it is essential that applications for space from different parts of the Empire should be made through the Imperial Executive. I shall use my best endeavours to promote the equitable distribution of the available space between the United Kingdom and the Colonies, in proportion to their several requirements. Beyond this I do not desire in any way to interfere with the independence of action of the Colonial Governments; but I have instructed Mr. Cunliffe Owen, as Secretary of the Royal Commission, to place his services, if required, entirely at their disposal. In offering this assistance, I particularly wish it to be understood that Mr. Owen will take no part, unless asked to do so, in the executive work of the Colonial Sections, which will belong to the Commissioners, whom I shall be happy to recognise as accredited by the various Governments.

5. I may add that, upon this occasion, it will not be possible to erect a separate house in the park, by which office accommodation could be provided for the various Colonial Commissioners, as was the case at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876.

I have, &c.,

ALBERT EDWARD.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to The Earl of Carnarvon.

My Lord,

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,
26 February, 1877.

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copies of circular despatches which your Lordship has had the goodness to forward to the different Colonial Governments, intimating the interest which I take in the worthy representation of the Colonies at the forthcoming Universal Exhibition, to be held in Paris next year.

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ALBERT EDWARD.

ROYAL COMMISSION FOR THE PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878.

TRANSLATION OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

With Appendices I, II, and IV. Appendix III has been omitted, as it concerns French Exhibitors only.

I.—GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ART. 1.—In accordance with the decrees issued by the Marshal President of the French Republic, on the proposition of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and of the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts, a Universal and International Exhibition will be opened at Paris on the 1st of May, 1878, and will close on the 31st of October following.

ART. 2.—This Exhibition will consist of works of art and of agricultural and industrial products of all nations.

It will be held in the Champ de Mars and on the heights of the Trocadéro, in buildings chiefly of temporary construction.

In front of the Palace of the Champ de Mars, and on the slopes of the Trocadéro, parks and gardens will be laid out for the reception of live animals and plants.

Certain products which it may be found impossible to display in the main buildings, will in some exceptional cases be exhibited in these parks and gardens, in buildings erected for the purpose.

ART. 3.—In conformity with the decrees mentioned in the first article of the present Regulations, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts will co-operate, each in his own department, in the general organization of the Universal Exhibition of 1878.

This Exhibition is placed under the responsibility and supreme direction of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. (Articles 3 and 6 of the law of the 29th of July, 1876.)

ART. 4.—The General Commissioner appointed by the decree dated 5th August, 1876, is charged with the preparation and execution of all plans relating to the construction, appropriation, and management of the Exhibition of 1878.

In accordance with the Articles 3 and 4 of the law of the 29th July, 1876, all these plans will have to receive the approval of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. In cases in which there may be reason for accepting private contracts, the Minister will previously take the advice of a special Commission.

ART. 5.—With regard to the French section, the General Commissioner will place himself in communication with the committees established in each department of the French Republic. The duties of these committees are:—

1. To make known throughout the department the rules concerning the organization of the Exhibition, and to distribute the forms of application for admission, as well as all other documents relative to the Exhibition.
2. To point out as soon as possible the principal artists, agriculturists, and manufacturers whose admission to the Universal Exhibition would appear to be particularly calculated to promote the success of the undertaking.
3. To encourage the exhibition of the agricultural and horticultural products of the department.
4. To encourage and to organize when necessary the collective exhibition of groups of similar products of the department, and to accredit to the General Commissioner the delegate charged with the representation of each collective exhibition.

ART. 6.—The General Commissioner will arrange with the proper authorities for organising the co-operation of Algiers and the French colonies in the Universal Exhibition.

ART. 7.—The foreign Commissions appointed at the request of the French Government are invited to enter as soon as possible into communication with the General Commissioner, or to appoint a delegate to represent them.

This delegate will be charged with the consideration of all questions which may concern his countrymen, and especially of matters relative to the distribution of the entire space amongst the various foreign countries, and to the fitting up of each national section in the buildings.

The General Commissioner will, therefore, not correspond directly with foreign exhibitors.

ART. 8.—The General Commissioner places at the disposal of foreign Commissions or their delegates, all information and plans which may be useful for their arrangements; he will inform them of the general conditions of circulation and public order to which they will have to conform.

Exchange of spaces between countries cannot take place without the intervention of the General Commissioner.

ART. 9.—In each section allotted to exhibitors of the same nation, the objects exhibited will be distributed into the following nine groups:—

1. Works of art.
2. Education and instruction.—Apparatus and processes of the liberal arts.

3. Furniture and accessories.
4. Textile fabrics, clothing and accessories.
5. Mining industries.—Raw and manufactured products.
6. Apparatus and processes used in the mechanical industries.
7. Alimentary products.
8. Agriculture and pisciculture.
9. Horticulture.

Each of these groups is divided into classes, according to the system of general classification annexed to these regulations. (Appendix No. 1.)

This document includes for each class a summary enumeration of the objects which it will comprise.

ART. 10.—The General Commissioner will undertake the compilation of a regular and complete catalogue of the products of all countries, showing their places in the buildings, parks, or gardens, as well as the names of the exhibitors.

Each nation will, however, have the right of producing at its own expense, but in its own language only, a special catalogue of the objects exhibited in its section.

ART. 11.—No work of art, nor any article whatever, exhibited in the buildings, parks, or gardens, may be drawn, copied, or reproduced in any manner whatsoever, without the permission of the exhibitor.

The General Commissioner reserves to himself the right of authorizing the production of general views.

ART. 12.—Within the limits of time, and under the conditions imposed by the law of 23rd May, 1868, regarding the protection of inventions capable of being patented and of designs, exhibitors will enjoy the rights and privileges granted by the said law. (Appendix No. 2.)

ART. 13.—No work of art, nor any article exhibited, may be withdrawn before the close of the Exhibition without a special permit from the General Commissioner.

ART. 14.—Neither French nor foreign exhibitors will have to pay rent for the space occupied by them in the Exhibition. The flooring will be provided in sound condition and ready for use within the whole of the main building in the Champ de Mars, with the exception of the gallery for machinery. But the flooring must not be altered, removed, or strengthened, for the convenience of arrangement, except with the consent of the General Commissioner, and at the expense of the exhibitors. The latter will likewise have to bear all the other expenses of fitting up and decoration in the buildings, parks, and gardens. These expenses will chiefly consist of the provision and placing of blinds or ceilings in the buildings, the special earthworks and plantations in the parks or gardens, at the approaches to and within the precincts of the special erections authorized by the General Commissioner.

II.—SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORKS OF ART.

ART. 15.—The works of art admissible to the Exhibition are those of French or foreign artists executed since the 1st of May, 1867.

ART. 16.—These works include the seven classes mentioned below:—

1. Paintings.
2. Drawings, water-colours, crayon drawings, miniatures, enamels, porcelain, designs for stained glass windows, with the exception of those which merely represent subjects of ornamentation.
3. Sculpture.
4. Die-sinking, and engraving on precious stones.
5. Architecture.
6. Engraving.
7. Lithography.

ART. 17.—The following are excluded:—

1. Copies, even those which reproduce a work in a different style or material from that of the original.
2. Unframed pictures or drawings.
3. Sculpture in unbaked clay.

ART. 18.—The duty of deciding upon the admission of works of art will devolve upon a special jury.

ART. 19.—The rules to be observed in making application for admission will be settled by future regulations. Other regulations will give information as to the despatch and reception of works of art.

ART. 20.—The number and the nature of the awards to be made will be decided later on, as well as the constitution of an international jury for awards.

ART. 21.—Special and suitable rooms will be reserved for the exhibition of such ancient pictures and works of art as may be admitted by a special jury.

III.—SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

ART. 22.—All agricultural and industrial products are admissible to the Exhibition, with the exception of those mentioned in the following article.

ART. 23.—All fulminating and explosive substances, and generally all substances that may be judged dangerous are excluded.

Spirits or alcohol, oils and essences, corrosive substances, and generally all substances which might spoil other articles or inconvenience the public, can only be received in solid and suitable vessels of small size.

Percussion caps, fireworks, chemical matches, and other similar objects, can only be received when made in imitation and deprived of all inflammable ingredients.

ART. 24.—Exhibitors of objects of a disagreeable nature, or such as may be prejudicial to health, will be bound at all times to conform to such precautionary measures as may be laid down for them.

ART. 25.—The General Commissioner reserves to himself the absolute right to cause the removal of any product, from whatever quarter it may come, if on account of its nature or appearance it seems to him to be detrimental to, or incompatible with, the object or the decorum of the Exhibition.

ART. 26.—The French applications for admission must be in accordance with the annexed form (Appendix No. 3). Those

Those from Paris and the Department of the Seine must be sent direct to the Sénateur Commissaire Général, Palais de l'Industrie, Porte No. 4.

Those from the departments will be collected by the Committees of the various departments, who will forward them to Paris.

All the French applications having thus been brought together in the Commissioner General's office will be submitted for examination to Committees of Admission established in Paris for each class, and whose decision is final.

It is essential that all applications should be sent in with the least possible delay.

Printed forms of application for admission will be placed gratuitously at the service of the public—

1. In Paris, at the Palais de l'Industrie, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, at the Tribunal and at the Chamber of Commerce.

2. In the departments at the offices of the Committees of the departments, and at such other places of distribution as the latter shall appoint.

ART. 27.—Manufacturers of apparatus requiring the use of water, gas, or steam, must state, either on applying for admission or through the foreign delegates, the quantity of water, gas, or steam, which they consider necessary.

Those who wish to show machinery in motion must state at what speed each of these machines is to be driven, and the motive power which it will require.

ART. 28.—Water, gas, and steam, and the motive power in the gallery for machinery, will be supplied gratuitously.

This motive power will be transmitted by a horizontal main shaft.

The furnishing of all counter shafting will be at the expense of exhibitors.

ART. 29.—An international jury of awards will be appointed. A sum of 1,500,000 francs, about £60,000, has been set apart for this purpose.

IV.—ADMINISTRATION AND POLICE.

ART. 30.—All goods must be exhibited under the name of the person who has signed the application for admission. This condition will be strictly enforced.

ART. 31.—Exhibitors are entitled to insert after their name or that of their firm, the names of their assistants of every class and grade who may have taken part in the production of the goods exhibited.

ART. 32.—Exhibitors are particularly requested to mark the trade price of the articles exhibited, so as to facilitate the judgment of the jury, as well as for the information of visitors.

ART. 33.—Objects sold cannot be taken away before the close of the Exhibition without a special permit from the General Commissioner.

ART. 34.—Every care will be taken to protect the articles exhibited from all injury; but the State will not in any way hold itself responsible for accidents, fire, loss, or damage which may happen to them, whatever may be the cause or the extent of the damage done.

Exhibitors, however, will have it entirely in their own power to insure their goods themselves at their own cost, if they think it advisable to take this precaution.

ART. 35.—A general supervision will be established for the prevention of robbery and embezzlement.

It will devolve entirely upon foreign Commissions to provide for the safe custody of their respective sections. The persons appointed by them to this duty will have to be approved by the General Commissioner. They will wear a special dress or distinctive badges; they will always have the power of calling to their aid the French agents and policemen, who will patrol the main passages, or be stationed at particular spots.

In the French section, the exhibitors of each class must arrange among themselves as to the organization of a staff of attendants independent of the general supervision established by the General Commission. Private agents of this description must be approved by the General Commissioner; they will wear badges bearing the number of the class to which they will be attached as watchmen.

ART. 36.—It must be expressly understood that the State declines all responsibility connected with any thefts or embezzlements which may be committed.

ART. 37.—In accordance with the decree issued on the 4th September, 1876 (Appendix No. 4) the Exhibition is constituted a bonded warehouse, consequently the goods exhibited are exempted from the duty and the examination of the *octroi* of Paris, as well as of the French custom-house.

ART. 38.—Future regulations will settle in due time the arrangements for the despatch, reception, and location of goods, the formation and working of the international jury of awards, as well as the rules for admission into the grounds and buildings of the Exhibition.

ART. 39.—All communications relating to the Exhibition must be addressed—

Au Sénateur, Commissaire Général
de l'Exposition Universelle
de 1878, à Paris.

Postage need not be paid within the jurisdiction of the French Post Office.

ART. 40.—Both Frenchmen and foreigners, in becoming exhibitors, declare by that very fact their compliance with these regulations.

Paris, 7th September, 1876.

Drawn up and presented—

The Senator, General Commissioner,
(Signed) J. B. KRANTZ.

Seen and approved—

The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce,
(Signed) TEISSERENC DE BORT.

APPENDIX No. 1.

SYSTEM OF GENERAL CLASSIFICATION.

FIRST GROUP.—WORKS OF ART.

CLASS 1.—OIL PAINTINGS.

Paintings on canvas, on panel, and on other grounds.

CLASS 2.—VARIOUS PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS.

Miniatures, water-colour paintings, pastels, and drawings of every kind; paintings on enamel, earthenware, and porcelain; cartoons for stained glass windows and frescoes.

CLASS 3.—SCULPTURE AND DIE SINKING.

Sculpture in high relief, bas-relief, chased and repoussé work. Medals, cameos, engraved stones. Niello work.

CLASS 4.—ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS AND MODELS.

Studies and details. Elevations and plans of buildings. Restorations based upon existing ruins or documents.

CLASS 5.—ENGRAVINGS AND LITHOGRAPHS.

Engravings, coloured engravings. Lithographs executed with pencil and with brush, chromo-lithographs.

SECOND GROUP.—EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION, APPARATUS AND PROCESSES OF THE LIBERAL ARTS.

CLASS 6.—EDUCATION OF CHILDREN, PRIMARY INSTRUCTION, INSTRUCTION OF ADULTS.

Plans and models of day nurseries (crèches), orphan asylums, infant schools and kinder gärten; system of management and furniture of such establishments; appliances for instruction suitable for the physical, moral, and intellectual training of the child previous to its entering school.

Plans and models of scholastic establishments for town and country; management and furniture for these establishments. Appliances for instruction: books, maps, apparatus, and models.

Plans and models of scholastic establishments for adult and professional instruction. System of management and furniture of these establishments. Appliances for adult and professional instruction.

Appliances for the elementary teaching of music, singing, foreign languages, book-keeping, political economy, practical agriculture and horticulture, technology, and drawing.

Appliances adapted to the instruction of the blind and of deaf mutes.

Works of pupils of both sexes.

Libraries and publications.

CLASS 7.—ORGANISATION AND APPLIANCES FOR SECONDARY INSTRUCTION.

Plans and models of establishments for secondary instruction, lyceums, grammar schools, colleges, industrial and commercial schools. Arrangement and furniture of such establishments.

Collections, classical works, maps, and globes.

Appliances for technological and scientific instruction, and for teaching the fine arts, drawing, music, and singing.

Apparatus and methods for instruction in gymnastics, fencing, and military exercises.

CLASS 8.—ORGANISATION, METHODS, AND APPLIANCES FOR SUPERIOR INSTRUCTION.

Plans and models of academies, universities, medical schools, practical schools, technical and practical schools, schools of agriculture, observatories, scientific museums, amphitheatres, lecture-rooms, laboratories for instruction and research.

Furniture and arrangement of such establishments.

Apparatus, collections, and appliances intended for higher instruction and scientific research.

Special exhibitions of learned, technical, agricultural, commercial, and industrial societies and institutions.

Scientific expeditions.

CLASS 9.—PRINTING, BOOKS.

Specimens of typography; autographic proofs; lithographic proofs, black or coloured; proofs of engravings.

New books and new editions of books already known; collections of works forming special libraries; periodical publications. Drawings, atlases, and albums.

CLASS 10.—STATIONERY, BOOK-BINDING, PAINTING, AND DRAWING MATERIALS.

Paper; card and pasteboard; inks; chalks; pencils; pastels; all things necessary for writing-desks and offices; inkstands; apparatus for weighing letters, &c.; copying presses.

Objects made of paper: lamp shades, lanterns, flower-pot covers.

Registers, copybooks, albums, and memorandum books; bindings, loose covers for books, cases, &c.

Various products used in water-colour painting and tinting; colours in cakes, pastels, bladders, tubes, and shells. Instruments and apparatus for the use of painters, draughtsmen, engravers, and modellers.

CLASS 11.—GENERAL APPLICATION OF THE ARTS OF DRAWING AND MODELLING.

Designs for industrial purposes: designs obtained, reproduced, or reduced by mechanical processes. Decorative paintings, lithographs, chromo-lithographs, or engravings for industrial purposes. Models and small articulated wooden models of figures, ornaments, &c.

Carvings. Cameos, seals, and various objects decorated with engraving. Objects modelled for industrial purposes produced by mechanical processes, reductions, photo-sculpture, &c. Casts.

CLASS 12.

CLASS 12.—PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOFS AND APPARATUS.

Photographs on paper, glass, woods, stuffs, and enamel. Heliographic engravings, lithographic proofs. Photo-lithographic proofs, photographic stereotypes, stereoscopic proofs, and stereoscopes. Enlarged photographs. Colour photographs.

Instruments, apparatus, and chemicals necessary for photography. Materials and appliances used in photographic studios.

CLASS 13.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Non-metallic wind instruments: with common mouth-pieces, with reeds with or without air reservoirs.

Metallic wind instruments, simple, with lengthening pieces, with slides, with piston, with keys; with reeds.

Wind instruments with key-boards: organs, accordions, &c.

Stringed instruments played with the fingers or with the bow, without keyboards.

Stringed instruments with keyboards: pianos, &c.

Instruments played by percussion or friction.

Automaton instruments, barrel organs, bird organs.

Separate parts of musical instruments and orchestral appliances.

CLASS 14.—MEDICINE, HYGIENE, AND PUBLIC RELIEF.

Appliances, instruments, and apparatus requisite for anatomical and histological works.

Plastic anatomical models.

Instruments of medical research.

Apparatus and instruments for dressing wounds and for simple surgery, general and local; anaesthetic apparatus.

Surgical instruments grouped according to their purposes; instruments for amputations, resection.

Special instruments, obstetrics, ovariectomy, urinary channels, ophthalmology, dentistry, &c.; electro-therapeutic apparatus.

Apparatus for plastic and mechanical prosthesis, orthopaedic apparatus.

Trusses.

Apparatus for restoring persons apparently drowned or suffocated.

Baths and hydro-therapeutic apparatus; gymnastical apparatus for medical and hygienic purposes.

Plans and models of hospitals, various asylums, houses of refuge, poor-houses, lunatic asylums.

Arrangements and furniture of such establishments. Various apparatus for infirm persons, invalids, and lunatics. Accessory objects for the medical, surgical, and pharmaceutical services in hospitals or infirmaries.

Chests and cases of instruments and medicines for military and naval surgeons. Means and apparatus for succouring the wounded on battle fields. Civil and military ambulances.

Appliances, instruments, apparatus, and all things requisite for veterinary surgery.

CLASS 15.—MATHEMATICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Apparatus and instruments used for mathematical purposes.

Apparatus and instruments illustrating practical geometry, land-surveying, topography, and geodesy; compasses, calculating machines, levels, mariners' compasses, barometers, &c.

Apparatus and instruments for measurement: verniers, micrometric screws, dividing machines, &c.; scales for scientific uses.

Optical instruments. Astronomical instruments. Physical and meteorological instruments, &c.

Instruments and apparatus requisite for laboratories and observatories.

Weights and measures of various countries. Coins and medals.

CLASS 16.—MAPS AND GEOGRAPHICAL AND COSMOGRAPHICAL APPARATUS.

Topographical, geographical, geological, hydrographical, and astronomical maps, atlases, &c.

Physical maps of every kind. Plans in relief.

Terrestrial and celestial globes and spheres. Statistical works and tables. Tables and ephemerides for the use of astronomers and sailors.

THIRD GROUP—FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES.

CLASS 17.—CHEAP AND FANCY FURNITURE.

Sideboards, book-cases, tables, dressing-tables, beds, sofas, couches, billiard-tables, &c.

CLASS 18.—UPHOLSTERERS' AND DECORATORS' WORK.

Bed furniture; stuffed chairs, canopies, curtains, tapestry, and other hangings.

Decorative furniture made of costly stones and substances. Composition ornaments and objects moulded in plaster, carton-pierre, papier-maché, &c. Frames. Paintings and decorations for churches.

CLASS 19.—CRYSTAL, GLASS, AND STAINED GLASS.

Drinking glasses of crystal, cut glass, plated and mounted crystal, &c. Table glass. Common glass, and bottles.

Window and mirror glass. Cast, enamelled, crackled, frosted, and tempered glass.

Glass, crystals for optical purposes, ornamental glass, &c.

Stained glass. Mirrors, looking-glasses, &c.

CLASS 20.—POTTERY.

Biscuit ware, hard and soft paste porcelains.

Fine earthenware with coloured glazing, &c. Earthenware biscuit. Terra cotta. Enamelled lava. Bricks and tiles. Stoneware.

CLASS 21.—CARPETS, TAPESTRY, AND OTHER STUFFS FOR FURNITURE.

Carpets, moquettes, tapestry, terry and velvet pile, &c. Felt carpets, matting, &c. India-rubber floorcloth, &c.

Furniture, stuffs of cotton, wool, or silk, plain or figured. Horse-hair fabrics and leather cloths, moleskins, &c. Leather for hangings, for covering furniture, &c. Oilcloths.

CLASS 22.—PAPERHANGINGS.

Printed paperhangings. Flock, marbled, veined paper, &c. Paper for covering, book-binding, &c. Artistic papers. Varnished and enamelled paper. Imitations of wood and of leather. Painted or printed blinds.

CLASS 23.—CUTLERY.

Knives, penknives, scissors, razors, &c. Cutlery of every description.

CLASS 24.—GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WORK.

Church plate, ornamental plate and table plate, gold and silver toilet articles, writing materials, &c. Electrotypes.

CLASS 25.—BRONZES AND VARIOUS ART CASTINGS, AND REPOUSSE WORK.

Statues and bas-reliefs in bronze, cast-iron, zinc, &c. Castings coated with other metals by galvanic action.

Repoussé work in copper, lead, zinc, &c.

CLASS 26.—CLOCKS AND WATCHES.

Separate parts of clocks of large or small size.

Watches, chronometers, pedometers; various time-keepers, &c. Time-pieces and clocks working by springs or weights, regulators, metronomes.

Astronomical clocks; marine chronometers; travelling clocks. Alarums, &c. Water clocks and sand glasses. Electric clocks. Turret and church clocks.

CLASS 27.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES FOR HEATING AND LIGHTING.

Fire-grates, fire-places, stoves, and hot-air stoves. Accessory objects for heating. Kitchen-ranges and apparatus for heating and cooking by gas.

Apparatus for heating by the circulation of hot water, steam, or heated air. Ventilating apparatus. Drying apparatus; drying stoves.

Enamellers' lamps, blow-pipes, portable forges.

Lamps for illuminating purposes, fed with various oils.

Accessory objects for lighting. Matches.

Apparatus and accessory objects for lighting by gas.

Lamps for the electric light. Apparatus for the use of the magnesium light, &c.

CLASS 28.—PERFUMERY.

Cosmetics and pomatums. Perfumed oils, essences, extracts, and scents, aromatic vinegar; almond paste; perfumed powders, pastilles, and scent-bags; perfumes for burning. Toilet soap.

CLASS 29.—LEATHER WORK, FANCY ARTICLES, AND BASKET WORK.

Dressing-cases, work-boxes, small articles of fancy furniture, liquor-cases, glove-boxes, caskets. Cases and bags, jewel-boxes. Purses, pocket-books, note-books, cigar-cases.

Turned, engine-turned, carved, or engraved articles in wood, ivory, tortoise-shell, &c. Snuff-boxes. Pipes.

Fancy toilet combs and brushes.

Lacquered ware.

Fancy basket-work; wicker work for bottles; articles in fine straw.

FOURTH GROUP.—TEXTILE FABRICS, CLOTHING, AND ACCESSORIES.

CLASS 30.—COTTON THREAD AND FABRICS.

Cotton, dressed and spun.

Pure cotton fabrics, plain and figured.

Mixed cotton fabrics.

Cotton velvet.

Cotton ribands and tapes.

CLASS 31.—THREAD AND FABRICS OF FLAX, HEMP, &c.

Flax, hemp, and other vegetable fibres spun.

Linen and drills. Cambric. Linen fabrics mixed with cotton or silk.

Fabrics made from vegetable fibres as substitutes for flax and hemp.

CLASS 32.—WORSTED YARN AND FABRICS.

Combed wool, worsted yarn.

Muslins de laine, Scotch cashmere, merinos, serges, &c.

Ribands and laces of wool, mixed with cotton or thread, silk, or floss silk. Hair tissues, pure or mixed.

CLASS 33.—WOOLLEN YARN AND FABRICS.

Carded wool and woollen yarn.

Cloth and other woollen fabrics.

Blankets. Felt of wool or hair for carpets, hats.

Shoes.

Woollen fabrics unmilled, or slightly milled; flannel, tartans, swansdown.

CLASS 34.—SILK AND SILK FABRICS.

Raw and thrown silk. Floss silk yarn.

Silk fabrics, pure, plain, figured, brocaded. Silk fabrics mixed with gold, silver, cotton, wool, thread.

Manufactures of floss silk, pure or mixed.

Velvet and plush.

Silk ribands, pure or mixed.

CLASS 35.—SHAWLS.

Woollen shawls, pure or mixed.

Cashmere shawls.

Silk shawls, &c.

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CLASS 36.—LACE, NET, EMBROIDERY, AND TRIMMINGS.

Thread or cotton lace made with the distaff, the needle, or the loom.
 Lace made of silk, worsted, or mohair.
 Gold and silver lace.
 Silk or cotton net, plain or figured.
 Tambour embroidery, crochet-work, &c. Gold, silver, and silk embroidery. Church embroidery.
 Embroidery; tapestry and other work done by the hand.
 Lace-work and trimmings of silk, floss silk, worsted, mohair, horsehair, thread, and cotton; laces.
 Lace-work and trimmings, real or imitation: lace-work for military uniforms.

CLASS 37.—HOSIERY AND UNDER-CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES OF CLOTHING.

Hosiery of cotton, thread, wool, cashmere, silk or floss-silk, pure or mixed. Elastic fabrics. Under-clothing for men, women, and children; baby linen. Flannel and other woollen garments.
 Stays, scarves, gloves, gaiters, garters, braces, fans, screens, umbrellas, parasols, walking-sticks, &c.

CLASS 38.—CLOTHING FOR BOTH SEXES.

Men's clothes; women's clothes. Waterproof clothing.
 Men and women's head-dresses; artificial flowers and feathers.
 Wigs and works in hair.
 Boots and shoes.
 Children's clothes.
 Clothing peculiar to various professions and trades.
 Native costumes of different countries.

CLASS 39.—JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS STONES.

Jewellery in precious metals (gold, platinum, silver, aluminium), chased, filigreed, set with precious stones, &c.
 Plated and imitation jewellery:
 Ornaments in jet, amber, coral, mother-of-pearl, steel, &c.
 Diamonds, precious stones, pearls and imitations.

CLASS 40.—PORTABLE WEAPONS, AND HUNTING AND SHOOTING EQUIPMENTS.

Defensive armour; cuirasses and helmets.
 Blunt weapons: maces, life-preservers.
 Side-arms: foils, swords, sabres, bayonets, lances, axes, hunting knives.
 Missile weapons: bows, cross-bows, slings.
 Fire-arms: guns, rifles, pistols, and revolvers.
 Accessory objects appertaining to every kind of small arms: powder-flasks, bullet-moulds, &c.
 Round, oblong, hollow, and explosive projectiles. Percussion caps, priming, cartridges.
 Hunting and sporting equipments.

CLASS 41.—TRAVELLING APPARATUS AND CAMP EQUIPAGE.

Trunks, valises, saddle-bags, &c. Dressing cases and travelling cases. Various objects. Travelling rugs, cushions, caps, travelling costumes, and boots, iron-shod sticks, grapnel-hooks, sun-shades, &c.
 Portable apparatus specially intended for scientific voyages and expeditions; travelling photographic apparatus and instruments for astronomical and meteorological observations; equipments and implements for geologists, mineralogists, naturalists, colonists, pioneers, &c.
 Tents and camp equipage. Beds, hammocks, folding chairs, &c.

CLASS 42.—TOYS.

Dolls and playthings; dolls and figures in wax.
 Games for the amusement of children and adults.
 Instructive games.

FIFTH GROUP.—MINING INDUSTRIES, RAW AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

CLASS 43.—MINING AND METALLURGY.

Collections and specimens of rocks, minerals, ores. Ornamental stones. Hard stones. Refractory substances. Earths and clays. Various mineral products. Raw sulphur. Rock salt; salt from salt springs.
 Mineral fuel, various kinds of coal, coal dust, and compressed coal. Asphalt and rock asphalt.
 Bitumen. Mineral tar. Petroleum, &c.
 Metals in a crude state: pig-iron, iron, steel, cast-steel, copper, lead, silver, zinc, &c. Alloys.
 Products of washing and refining precious metals, of gold-beating, &c.
 Electro-metallurgy; objects gilt, silvered, or coated with copper, steel, nickel, &c., by the galvanic process.
 Products of the working of metals: rough-castings, bells, wrought-iron, iron for special purposes, sheet-iron and tin plates, iron plates for casing ships and constructions, &c.
 Sheet-iron coated with zinc or lead; copper, lead, and zinc sheets, &c.
 Manufactured metals: blacksmiths' work, wheels and tires, unwelded pipes, chains, &c.
 Wire-drawing. Needles, pins, wire ropes, wire-work, and wire-gauze, perforated sheet iron.
 Hardware, edge-tools, ironmongery, copper, sheet-iron, tin-ware, &c.
 Other metal manufactures.

CLASS 44.—PRODUCTS OF THE CULTIVATION OF FORESTS AND OF THE TRADES APPERTAINING THERETO.

Specimens of different kinds of forest trees.
 Wood for cabinet work, for fire-wood, and for building. Timber for ship-building; staves; cleft timber shingles.
 Cork: bark for textile purposes. Tanning, colouring, odoriferous, and resinous substances.
 Products obtained from forests: charcoal and dried wood; raw potash; turnery; basket-work; straw-work; wooden shoes, &c.

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CLASS 45.—PRODUCTS OF HUNTING, SHOOTING, FISHING, AND SPONTANEOUS PRODUCTS.
MACHINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Collections and drawings of terrestrial and amphibious animals, of birds, eggs, fishes, of cetacea, of mollusca, and crustacea.

Products of hunting and shooting: furs and skins, hair, bristles, undressed feathers, down, horn, teeth, ivory, bone, tortoise-shell, musk, castoreum, and analogous products.

Products of fishing: train oil, spermaceti, &c. Whalebone, ambergris, shells of mollusca, pearls, mother-of-pearl, sepia, purple, coral, sponge.

Vegetable products of the earth, obtained without culture: mushrooms, truffles, wild fruit, lichens used as dyes, food, and fodder; fermented sap; Peruvian bark; useful barks and filaments; wax, resinous gums; india-rubber, gutta-percha, &c.

Traps and snares: fishing lines and hooks, harpoons, nets, bait, and fishing apparatus.

Apparatus and instruments for gathering the products obtained without culture.

CLASS 46.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS NOT USED FOR FOOD.

Textile materials; raw cotton, flax and hemp, scutched and unscutched; textile vegetable fibres of all kinds; wool, washed or unwashed; cocoons of the silkworm.

Various agricultural products used in manufactures, in pharmacy, and for household purposes; oleaginous plants; oil, wax, resin.

Tobacco in leaves or manufactured. German tinder. Tanning and dyeing substances.

Preserved fodder, and substances specially intended for feeding cattle.

CLASS 47.—CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.

Acids, alkalis, salts of all kinds. Sea-salt and products extracted from mother water.

Various products of chemistry: wax and fatty substances; soaps and candles; raw materials used in perfumery; resins, tar, and the products derived from them; essences and varnishes; various coating substances; blacking. Objects made of india-rubber and gutta-percha; dyes and colours.

Mineral waters and natural and artificial aerated waters. Raw materials used in pharmacy. Medicines, simple and made up.

CLASS 48.—CHEMICAL PROCESSES FOR BLEACHING, DYEING, PRINTING, AND DRESSING.

Specimens of threads and fabrics, bleached or dyed. Specimens of fabrics prepared for dyeing.

Specimens of printed or dyed linen, of printed cotton fabrics, pure or mixed. Specimens of printed worsted or woollen fabrics, pure or mixed, combed or carded.

Specimens of printed silk fabrics, pure or mixed.

Specimens of printed felt or cloth carpets. Oil-cloth.

CLASS 49.—LEATHER AND SKINS.

Raw materials used in the dressing of skins and leather.

Raw hides, salted hides. Tanned, curried, dressed, or dyed leather. Varnished leather.

Morocco and sheepskin; skins grained, shamoyed, tawed, dressed, or dyed. Prepared skins for glove-making. Skins and furs, dressed and dyed. Parchment.

Gutwork: strings for musical instruments, gold-beater's skin, sinews.

SIXTH GROUP.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN THE MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES.

CLASS 50.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES OF THE ART OF MINING AND METALLURGY.

Boring apparatus for artesian wells and wells of large diameters. Boring machines and apparatus for breaking down coal and cutting rocks. Apparatus for blasting by electricity.

Models, plans, and views of the mode of working in mines and quarries. Works for obtaining mineral waters. Machines and apparatus used for extracting ore, and for lowering and hoisting miners.

Machines for draining; pumps.

Ventilating apparatus; ventilators.

Safety lamps; lamps for electric light. Apparatus for saving life; parachutes; signals.

Apparatus for the mechanical dressing of ores and mineral fuel.

Apparatus for compressing fuel into cakes.

Apparatus for the carbonisation of fuel. Smelting furnaces. Smoke-consuming apparatus.

Apparatus used in metal works.

Special apparatus used in forges and foundries, electro-metallurgical apparatus.

Apparatus used in metal manufactures of all kinds.

CLASS 51.—AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND PROCESSES USED IN THE CULTIVATION OF FIELDS AND FORESTS.

Plans of culture, distribution, and management of crops. Apparatus and works for agricultural engineering, draining, irrigation, &c. Plans and models of farm buildings.

Tools, implements, machines, and apparatus used in husbandry, sowing and planting, harvesting, preparation and preservation of crops.

Various agricultural machines worked by horse power or by steam.

Carts and other rural means of transport.

Locomotives and horse gins.

Manures, organic or mineral.

Apparatus for the physical and chemical study of soils.

Plans of different systems of re-planting, managing, and cultivating forests.

Apparatus used in the cultivation of forests, and in the trades appertaining thereto.

Apparatus used in the manufacture of tobacco.

CLASS 52.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN AGRICULTURAL WORKS AND IN WORKS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Apparatus used in agricultural works: manufacture of artificial manures; of drain pipes; cheese factories, dairies; apparatus used in preparing flour, fecula, starches, oils; apparatus used in breweries, distilleries, sugar manufactories and refineries; workshops for the dressing of textile materials; silkworm nurseries, &c.

Apparatus used in the preparation of alimentary products, mechanical appliances for kneading and baking; apparatus used in making pastry and confectionery.

Apparatus

Apparatus for the manufacture of vermicelli, macaroni, &c. Machines for making sea biscuits. Chocolate machines. Apparatus for roasting coffee.

Apparatus for making ices and cool drinks; manufacture and preservation of ice.

CLASS 53.—APPARATUS USED IN CHEMISTRY, PHARMACY, AND TANNING.

Laboratory utensils and apparatus.

Apparatus and instruments used in assays for industrial and commercial purposes.

Processes and apparatus used in the manufacture of chemicals, soaps, and candles.

Processes and apparatus used in the manufacture of essences, varnishes, and articles made of india-rubber and gutta-percha.

Processes and apparatus used in gas-works.

Processes and apparatus used in bleaching.

Processes used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products.

Processes used in tanyards, and in leather-dressing.

Processes and apparatus used in glass-works and in china and earthenware manufactories.

CLASS 54.—MACHINES AND APPARATUS IN GENERAL.

Separate pieces of machinery; bearings, rollers, slide-bars, eccentrics, toothed wheels, connecting rods, cranks, parallel joints, belts, funicular apparatus, &c. Gearing, spring and catch work, &c. Regulators and governors.

Lubricators.

Machines for counting and registering. Dynamometers, steam gauges, weighing machines. Gauges for liquids and gas.

Machines used for moving heavy weights.

Hydraulic machines for raising water, &c.; norias (chain pumps), scoop wheels, hydraulic rams, &c.

Hydraulic engines, water-wheels, turbines, hydraulic lifts.

Accumulators and hydraulic presses.

Steam engines. Boilers, steam generators, and apparatus appertaining thereto.

Apparatus for condensing steam.

Machines set in motion by the evaporation of ether, chloroform, ammonia, or by a combination of gases.

Machines set in motion by gas, hot air, and compressed air.

Electro-magnetic machines. Windmills and panemones. Air-balloons.

CLASS 55.—MACHINE TOOLS.

Engines and tools for preparing wood for the workshop. Machines for making casks.

Machines for cutting cork. Lathes, boring and planing machines. Slotting, drilling, and shaping machines. Screw-cutting engines and riveting machines. Various kinds of tools used in machine workshops.

Tools, engines, and apparatus for pressing, crushing, working-up, sawing, polishing, &c. Special tools and engines used in various trades.

CLASS 56.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN SPINNING AND ROPE-MAKING.

Hand-spinning apparatus. Separate parts of spinning apparatus. Machines and apparatus used in the dressing and spinning of textile materials. Apparatus and processes for the subsidiary operations appertaining thereto: for drawing, winding, twisting, throwing, dressing. Apparatus for separating the qualities and numbering the thread.

Materials used in rope manufacture. Round, flat, tapering cables, cord and twine, wire ropes, cables with wire core, rope-matches, quick-matches, &c.

CLASS 57.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN WEAVING.

Apparatus used in the preparation of materials for weaving; warping mills, spooling (winding) machines. Card-making for the jacquard looms.

Hand looms and mechanical looms for the manufacture of plain fabrics. Looms for the manufacture of figured and brocaded stuffs: damask looms, electric looms.

Looms for the manufacture of carpets and tapestry.

Mesh weaving looms for the manufacture of hosiery and net. Apparatus for making lace. Apparatus used in the manufacture of lace-work.

High warp looms and different modes of preparing the bobbins for weaving. Accessory apparatus: machines for fulling, calendering, figuring, watering, measuring, folding, &c.

CLASS 58.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES FOR SEWING AND FOR MAKING-UP CLOTHING.

Ordinary implements used by tailors and seamstresses. Sewing, quilting, hemming, and embroidery machines.

Implements for cutting out materials and leather for making garments and shoes.

Machines for making, nailing, and screwing boots and shoes.

Machines for the application of india-rubber.

CLASS 59.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE AND OBJECTS FOR DWELLINGS.

Machines for cutting veneers. Turning webs, saw frames, &c.

Machines for cutting the mouldings and beadings of frames, the squares of inlaid floors, furniture, &c. Lathes and other apparatus used in carpentering and cabinet-making.

Machines for stamping and burnishing. Machines and apparatus for working stucco, papier-maché, ivory, bone, and horn.

Machines for pointing, carving, and reducing statues; for engraving, engine-turning, &c.

Machines for making bricks and tiles; machines for making artificial stones.

Machines for sawing and polishing hard stones, marbles, &c.

CLASS 60.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES USED IN PAPERMAKING, DYEING, AND PRINTING.

Materials and products of the manufacture of pulps for making paper, of wood, straw, alpha, &c.

Processes and products of the bleaching of wood fibre.

Apparatus for making paper by hand and by machinery. Apparatus for pressing, glazing, watering, embossing and ruling paper. Machines for cutting out, paring, stamping paper, &c. Apparatus

Apparatus for bleaching and dyeing, and for the preparation of paper and tissues.
 Apparatus for printing paper-hangings and tissues. Machines for engraving cylinders for printing.
 Materials, apparatus, and products of type-founding, stereotypes, &c.
 Machines and apparatus used in typography, stereotyping, copper-plate printing, autography, lithography, chalcography, paniconography, chromo-lithography, &c. Machines for setting up and sorting types. Printing of bank notes, postage stamps, &c.

CLASS 61.—MACHINES, INSTRUMENTS, AND PROCESSES USED IN VARIOUS WORKS.

Coining-presses.
 Machines for making buttons, pens, pins, envelopes; packing machines, brush-making machines, machines for making cards, capsules; for affixing lead seals to merchandise; for corking bottles, &c.
 Tools for, and processes of, making clocks, toys, marqueterie, baskets, &c.
 Machines for binding books. Writing machines.

CLASS 62.—CARRIAGES AND WHEELWRIGHTS' WORK.

Separate parts of wheels and carriages: wheels, tires, axles, axle-boxes, ironwork, &c. Springs and various methods of hanging carriages.
 Different systems of harnessing. Breaks.
 Wheelwrights' work: waggons, tumbrils, drays, and other vehicles for special purposes.
 Carriages: public, state, and private carriages; sedan chairs, litters, sledges, &c.; velocipedes.

CLASS 63.—HARNES AND SADDLERY.

Various articles used for carriage horses and saddle horses: pack-saddles, saddles, bridles and harness for saddle horses, beasts of burden, and draught horses; stirrups, spurs, whips.

CLASS 64.—RAILWAY APPARATUS.

Separate parts: springs, buffers, breaks.
 Permanent way: rails, chairs, crossings, switches, fish-plates, turn-tables; buffers, feeding cranes, and tanks; optical and acoustic signals.
 Permanent way for tramways.
 Rolling stock: waggons for passengers, for carrying earth, goods, cattle; locomotives, tenders.
 Self-moving carriages; locomotives for roads.
 Special tools and machines for the maintenance, repair, and construction of railways.
 Apparatus for inclined planes and self-acting planes: apparatus and engines for atmospheric railways; models of engines, of systems of traction, of apparatus appertaining to railways.
 Models, plans, and drawings of platforms, stations, and engine-houses, and other buildings necessary for the working of railways.

CLASS 65.—TELEGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND PROCESSES.

Appliances for telegraphs based on the transmission of light, sound, &c.
 Apparatus for the electric telegraph, posts, wires, stretchers, &c.
 Batteries and apparatus for sending and receiving messages.
 Bells and electric signals.
 Telegraphs for military purposes. Objects appertaining to telegraphy; lightning-conductors, commutators, prepared paper for printing messages and for sending autographic messages.
 Special apparatus for pneumatic telegraphy.

CLASS 66.—APPARATUS AND PROCESSES OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ARCHITECTURE.

Building materials: stone, wood, metals; ornamental stone; lime, mortar, cements, artificial stone and concrete; roofing tiles, bricks, paving tiles: slates, pasteboard, and felt for roofing.
 Apparatus and products of processes used in the preservation of wood. Apparatus and instruments for testing building materials.
 Apparatus for earthworks, excavators. Apparatus used in building yards. Tools and processes used by stonemasons and cutters, masons, carpenters, tilers, blacksmiths, joiners, glaziers, plumbers, house painters, &c.
 Locksmiths' work; locks, padlocks, railings, balconies, banisters, &c.
 Apparatus and engines used in making foundations; pile-drivers and pile work, screw piles, pumps, pneumatic apparatus, dredging machines, &c. Apparatus used in hydraulic works connected with harbours, canals, rivers.
 Apparatus used in the supply of water and of gas. Apparatus used in the maintenance of roads, plantations, and public walks.
 Models, plans, and drawings of public works; bridges, viaducts, aqueducts, drains, canal bridges, dams, weirs, &c.
 Lighthouses. Public buildings for special purposes; buildings for civil purposes; mansions and houses for letting; workmen's towns, industrial dwellings, &c.

CLASS 67.—NAVIGATION AND LIFE-SAVING.

Drawings and models of slips, graving docks, floating docks, &c.
 Drawings and models of vessels of all kinds, sea-going and for rivers. Models of the systems of ship-building adopted in the navy.
 Boats and barges.
 Materials for the rigging of ships.
 Flags and signals. Apparatus for the prevention of collisions at sea. Buoys, beacons, &c.
 Apparatus for swimming, diving, and life-saving exhibited in action; floats, swimming belts, &c.
 Diving belts, cork jackets, nautilus life-belts, &c. Submarine boats; apparatus for saving life at sea, rocket apparatus, life-boats, &c. Apparatus of all kinds used for saving life from fires and other accidents.
 Pleasure boats, yachts, &c.

CLASS 68.—MATERIALS AND APPARATUS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

Military engineering and fortifications.
 Artillery, gun-carriages, and weapons and projectiles of every kind.
 Military equipment, clothing, and encampments.
 Military transport service.
 Military topography and geography.

SEVENTH GROUP.—ALIMENTARY PRODUCTS.

CLASS 69.—CEREALS, FARINACEOUS PRODUCTS, AND PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM THEM.

Wheat, rye, barley, rice, maize, millet, and other cereals in grain and in flour.
 Grain without husk, and groats.
 Fecula from potatoes, rice, lentils, &c., gluten.
 Tapioca, sago, arrowroot, cassava, and other fecula, compound farinaceous products, &c.
 Italian pastes, semolina, vermicelli, macaroni.
 Alimentary preparations as substitutes for bread, home-made paste, &c.

CLASS 70.—BREAD AND PASTRY.

Various kinds of bread, with or without yeast, fancy bread and bread in shapes, compressed bread for travelling, military campaigns, &c.—(See biscuits.)
 Pastry of various kinds peculiar to each country. Gingerbread and dry cakes, capable of being preserved.

CLASS 71.—FATTY SUBSTANCES USED AS FOOD. MILK AND EGGS.

Fatty substances and oils good for food.
 Fresh and preserved milk; fresh and salt butter; cheese.
 Eggs of all kinds.

CLASS 72.—MEAT AND FISH.

Salt meat of all kinds. Meats preserved by various processes. Meat and soup cakes. Hams and prepared meats.
 Poultry and game.
 Salt fish, fish in barrels: cod, herrings, &c.; fish preserved in oil: sardines, tunny, &c.
 Crustacea and shell-fish: lobsters, shrimps, oysters, potted oysters, anchovies, &c.

CLASS 73.—VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Tubers: potatoes, &c.
 Dry farinaceous vegetables: beans, lentils, &c.
 Green vegetables for cooking: cabbages, &c.
 Vegetable roots; carrots, turnips, &c.
 Vegetables used for flavouring: onions, garlic, &c.
 Salads, cucumbers, gourds: pumpkins, melons, &c.
 Vegetables preserved by various processes.
 Fresh fruit; dried and prepared fruits: prunes, figs, raisins, &c.
 Fruits preserved without sugar.

CLASS 74.—CONDIMENTS AND STIMULANTS, SUGAR AND CONFECTIONERY.

Spices, pepper, cinnamon, allspice, &c.
 Table salt.
 Vinegar.
 Compound condiments and stimulants: mustard, kari, English sauces, &c.
 Tea, coffee, and other aromatic beverages, chicory and sweet acorn coffee.
 Chocolate.
 Sugar for household purposes: grape sugar, sugar of milk.
 Confectionery: sugar plums, bonbons, nougats, angelica, aniseed, &c., preserves and jellies.
 Dried and preserved fruits: cedrats, lemons, oranges, pineapples.
 Fruits preserved in brandy.
 Syrups and liqueurs.

CLASS 75.—FERMENTED DRINKS.

Vin ordinaire, red and white.
 Sweet wines and still wines.
 Sparkling wines.
 Cider, perry, and other beverages made from cereals.
 Fermented drinks made from vegetable sap, from milk, and sweet substances of all kinds.
 Brandies and alcohols.
 Spirits: gin, rum, tafia, kirsch, &c.

EIGHTH GROUP.—AGRICULTURE AND PISCICULTURE.

CLASS 76.—SPECIMENS OF FARM BUILDINGS AND AGRICULTURAL WORKS.

Examples of the farm buildings of various countries.
 Examples of stables, cattle-sheds, sheepfolds, pig-sties, and of premises for rearing and fattening such animals.
 Utensils used in stables, cattle-sheds, kennels, &c.
 Apparatus for preparing the food of animals.
 Agricultural machinery in motion: steam ploughs, reaping and mowing machines, hay-making machines, threshing machines, &c.
 Specimens of agricultural works: distilleries, sugar-mills, sugar refineries, breweries, works for the preparation of flour, fecula, starch; silkworm nurseries, &c.
 Presses for wine, cider, oil.

CLASS.

CLASS 77.—HORSES, DONKEYS, MULES, &c.

Animals exhibited as characteristic specimens of the breeds of each country.

CLASS 78.—OXEN, BUFFALOES, &c.

Animals exhibited as characteristic specimens of the breeds of each country.

CLASS 79.—SHEEP, GOATS.

Animals exhibited as characteristic specimens of the breeds of each country.

CLASS 80.—PIGS, RABBITS, &c.

Animals exhibited as characteristic specimens of the breeds of each country.

CLASS 81.—POULTRY.

Animals exhibited as characteristic specimens of the breeds of each country.
Examples of poultry-houses, pigeon-houses, pheasantries.
Apparatus for artificial hatching.

CLASS 82.—DOGS.

Shepherds' dogs.
Watch dogs.
Sporting dogs.
Pet dogs.
Examples of kennels and apparatus used in training.

CLASS 83.—USEFUL INSECTS AND NOXIOUS INSECTS.

Bees, silkworms, and other varieties of the bombyx tribe.
Cochineal insects.
Apparatus used in the culture of bees and silkworms.
Apparatus and processes used for the destruction of noxious insects.

CLASS 84.—FISH, CRUSTACEA, AND MOLLUSCA.

Useful aquatic animals exhibited alive.
Aquariums. Processes used in pisciculture.
Apparatus used in the culture of fish, shell-fish, and leeches.

NINTH GROUP.—HORTICULTURE.

CLASS 85.—CONSERVATORIES AND HORTICULTURAL APPARATUS.

Gardeners', nurserymen's, and horticulturists' tools.
Apparatus for watering and keeping turf in order, &c.
Large conservatories, and apparatus appertaining thereto. Room and window conservatories.
Aquariums for aquatic plants.
Fountains and other means for ornamenting gardens.

CLASS 86.—FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.

Species of plants and examples of culture exhibiting the characteristic types of the gardens and dwellings of each country.

CLASS 87.—VEGETABLES.

Species of plants and examples of culture exhibiting the characteristic types of the kitchen gardens of each country.

CLASS 88.—FRUIT AND FRUIT TREES.

Species of plants and specimens of products exhibiting the characteristic types of the orchards of each country.

CLASS 89.—SEEDS AND SAPLINGS OF FOREST TREES.

Species of plants and specimens of products illustrating the processes followed in each country for planting forests.

CLASS 90.—PLANTS FOR CONSERVATORIES.

Illustrations of the mode of culture adopted in various countries, with a view either to pleasure or to utility.

Drawn up and presented,
The Senator, General Commissioner,
(Signed) J. B. KRANTZ.

Seen and approved,
The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce,
(Signed) TEISSERENC DE BORT.

APPENDIX No. 2.

LAW of the 23rd of May, 1868, relating to the protection of Inventions capable of being patented, and of Designs for Fabrics admitted to Public Exhibitions authorized by the Administration throughout the Empire.

ART. 1.—Every Frenchman or foreigner, being the author either of a discovery or an invention which, according to the terms of the law of the 5th of July, 1844, is capable of being patented, or of patterns for fabrics (which must be registered in conformity with the law of the 18th of March, 1806), or his representative, can (if they are admitted to a public exhibition authorized by the administration) require the prefect or sub-prefect of the department or arrondissement (in which such exhibition is opened) to deliver to him a certificate describing the article deposited.

ART. 2.—This certificate will ensure to the person who obtains it the same rights as would be conferred on him by a patent or by a legal registration of a pattern for fabrics, to date from the day of admission

admission to the end of the third month following the close of the Exhibition, without prejudice to the patent which the exhibitor may take out, or to the registration he may effect, before the expiration of this period.

ART. 3.—The application for this certificate must be made at the latest within the first month from the opening of the Exhibition.

It must be addressed to the prefecture or sub-prefecture, and be accompanied by an exact description of the object to be protected, and, if necessary, by a plan or drawing of the object itself.

All applications, as well as the decisions arrived at by the prefect or by the sub-prefect, will be entered in a special register, which will ultimately be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Commerce, and Public Works, and will be communicated, without expense, to any applicant.

The certificate will be granted gratuitously.

APPENDIX No. 4.

DECRÉE issued upon the Report of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, settling the Regulations under which Foreign Goods, sent to the Universal Exhibition of 1878 at Paris, will be placed.

The PRESIDENT of the FRENCH REPUBLIC considering the law of the 29th of July, 1876, authorizing the opening at Paris of an International Exhibition in 1878, and the Article 34 of the law of the 17th December, 1814, and the Article 4 of the law of the 5th of July, 1836, upon the report of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and of the Minister of Finance,

Decrees :

ART. 1.—The sites intended for the Universal Exhibition of 1878 shall be constituted a bonded warehouse.

ART. 2.—Articles intended for the Universal Exhibition will be despatched direct to the palace of the Exhibition, under the conditions of international or ordinary transit at the option of the persons concerned, by all offices open for such transit, and will be exempt from the statistic duty.

Transmission by international transit will be made without search. Transmission by ordinary transit will only necessitate a summary search, and the Custom House seals will be affixed gratuitously.

ART. 3.—Goods admitted to the Universal Exhibition, and delivered for consumption, will be subject only, whatever their origin, to the duties applicable to similar products of the most favoured nation.

ART. 4.—The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and the Minister of Finance, are charged, each in his own department, with the execution of this decree.

Given at Versailles, the 4th of September, 1876, by the President of the Republic.

(Signed) MARSHAL DE MACMAHON, DUC DE MAGENTA.

The Minister of Agriculture and Commerce,

(Signed) TEISSERENC DE BORT.

The Minister of Finance,

(Signed) LEON SAY.

Lord Carnarvon to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 March, 1877.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, dated the 26th February, with which Your Royal Highness has honored me, enclosing the printed Regulations issued by the French Government, relating to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878; and I have the honor to enclose copies of two circular despatches which I have addressed to the various Colonial Governments, requesting, in compliance with the wishes of Your Royal Highness, that I may be informed by telegraph of the amount of space likely to be required by the several Colonies.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

Circular (1).

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 March, 1877.

With reference to my circular despatch of the 16th of February, I have the honor to transmit ^{26th February,} to you the accompanying copy of a letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, enclosing the ^{1877.} printed Regulations issued by the French Government relating to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

I have to request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers, and that, in compliance with the wishes of His Royal Highness, I may be informed by telegraph of the amount of space likely to be required for the Colony under your Government.

I have, &c.,

CARNARVON.

The Officer administering the Government of

1876-7.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON THE
ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL;

TOGETHER WITH THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

AND
MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

ORDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BE PRINTED,
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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 7. THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1876.

7. ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to notice,—

- (1.) That the Orange Gas-light Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES, No. 11. THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1877.

ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL:—Mr. Nelson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 21st December, 1876.
Ordered to be printed.

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ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, to whom was referred for consideration and report, on 21st January, 1877,—“*the Orange Gas-light Bill,*”—beg to report to your Honorable House,—

That they have examined the witness named in the margin* (whose evidence ^{*John Creagh, Esq.} will be found appended hereto), and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee they proceeded to consider the several clauses of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any Amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill without Amendment.

H. L. NELSON,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 11th January, 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

ORANGE GAS-LIGHT BILL.

THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. FARNELL, | MR. NELSON,
MR. W. H. SUTTON.

H. L. NELSON, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Septimus A. Stephen, Esq., appeared as Solicitor on behalf of the Promoters of the Bill.

John Creagh, Esq., examined by Mr. Stephen:—

1. You are a Solicitor and Managing Clerk to Mr. Maclaren, Solicitor, of Orange? Yes, and Secretary to the Orange Gas-light Company.
2. There has been a Company formed in Orange for the purpose of lighting Orange with gas? Yes, and registered under the Company's Act.
3. Is that Company prepared to carry out the work at once? Yes; they have all the plant, and have let all the contracts.
4. Has the Municipal Council of the Borough of Orange any objection to this Bill? No, they have given their consent.
5. Will you look at that paper (*handing a printed paper to the witness*)—is that a copy of the Bill? It is.
6. Is that the seal of the Borough attached to it? It is, and it bears also the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk, giving the consent of the Council to the Bill. (*The Bill was handed in.*)
7. It is an exact copy of the Bathurst Bill, with the exception of the substitution of "Orange" for "Bathurst," and of altering the name of an individual for that of a Company, and the definition of the suburbs? There is nothing in this Bill to prevent any other person from obtaining a similar Act.
8. *Mr. Sutton.*] Is there anything in this Bill as to the quality of the gas to be supplied? No, and there is nothing to compel people to take it.
9. *Mr. Farnell.*] What is the capital of the Company? £5,000.
10. Have all the shares been paid up? 882 have been taken up.
11. At what price? They are £5 shares.
12. How much has been paid up? £2 5s.
13. This Bill, I suppose, is limited to the Municipality of Orange? There is a definition in the interpretation clause, No. 9. The expression "town and suburbs of Orange shall comprise all that district which is included within a radius of three miles from the intersection of the north side of Summer-street with the east side of Sale-street in the said town." I may mention that in the Bathurst Act it is seven miles from the centre of the Market Place.
14. You propose by this Bill to take power to convey gas beyond the limits of Orange? Yes.

J. Creagh,
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1876-7.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 5. TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1876.

24. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That the Bassett Darley Estates Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Moses, Mr. Davies, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Terry, Mr. W. C. Browne, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 15. THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1877.

3. THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th December, 1876.
- Ordered to be printed.

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 THE BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL.

 REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on the 19th December, 1876,—“*the Bassett Darley Estates Bill*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House :—

That they have examined the witnesses named in the margin* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto), and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the several Clauses and Schedules of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any Amendment.

*G. P. Slade, Esq.
Alexander
Stuart, Esq.

And your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill without Amendment.

JAMES S. FARNELL,

Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,

Sydney, 17th January, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY, 1877.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Farnell.

In the absence of a Quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Jacob,

Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Farnell called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill *referred*, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Present :—G. P. Slade, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

G. P. Slade, Esq., examined.

Witness *produced* the following documents referred to in the Preamble, viz. :—

Office copy of the Will of Darcy Wentworth.

Certificate of Marriage of Katherine Wentworth with Benjamin Darley.

Certificate of Birth of Benjamin Wentworth Darley.

Marriage Settlement (indenture) between Mrs. Darley and William Thomas Bassett.

Deed appointing new Trustees.

Partition of Property Deed.

Dis-entailing Deed.

Alexander Stuart, Esq., called in and examined.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Solicitor called in and informed.

Clauses 1 to 18 read and agreed to.

Schedules read and agreed to.

Chairman to report the Bill without Amendment to the House.

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

BASSETT DARLEY ESTATES BILL.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. ABBOTT,
MR. FARNELL,MR. JACOB,
MR. W. H. SUTTON.

JAMES SQUIRE FARNELL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

George Penkivil Slade, Esq., called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] I understand you are Solicitor for the Promoters of the Bill? I am.
2. Will you give the Committee any information you possess having reference to the Bill? I produce an office copy of the will of Darcy Wentworth, dated 5th July, 1827, which occupies the recitals of the Bill down to folio 20 on the third page. [*Copy of will produced.*] The will of Darcy Wentworth dealt with a variety of properties; amongst others it dealt with properties which were given to W. C. Wentworth, the eldest son; secondly, the Illawarra lands mentioned in the second schedule of the Bill, and which were given to Martha, Sophia, Robert, Mary-Ann, and Katherine Wentworth; and thirdly, with the lands which are described in the first schedule of the Bill, which were given to Katherine and her issue. The only reason for referring in any way to the trusts of the lands given to W. C. Wentworth, the eldest son, is that all the other properties were given by reference to the same trust—that is, having once declared the character of the trust the testator intended to apply to all his children, he declared all the other trusts to have reference to the first. It therefore became necessary to load the titles with trusts which really do not appear in them. The effect of the will of Darcy Wentworth was to give his children an estate for life, with the remainder in entail in favour of their issue. I say the effect was that advisedly, because I shall presently have to notice a misapprehension which the members of the family and their legal advisers were under for many years, until they were put right by the Privy Council. I have here merely to remark that, according to the recital, it will be found that the Illawarra lands, those mentioned in the second schedule, were given to Martha, Robert, Sophia, Mary-Ann, and Katherine Wentworth respectively for their lives, the remainder to their issue in entail. In other words, each one of the members of the family here mentioned takes a life interest only in a fifth part of the Illawarra lands mentioned in the second schedule of the Bill; the remainder goes to their issue. Then, as to the lands described in the first schedule, they were given to Katherine Wentworth, afterwards Mrs. Darley, for her life, with the remainder in entail to her eldest son. That is in point of fact the effect of the will, the office copy of which I now lay before the Committee. I propose now to prove the death of Darcy Wentworth, and the probate of his will. Evidence of these facts are shown at the foot of the office copy of the will. Darcy Wentworth died on the 7th day of July, 1827, and probate of his will was issued on the 22nd May, 1828, to the executors therein named. The next fact that has been recited here has been to some extent introduced by me already. Perhaps I might here shortly state, what will be familiar to one member of the Committee present, that is, that about seventeen or eighteen years ago an impression was prevalent amongst the Wentworth family that each one of them took an estate entail, supposed to be an estate for life. Mr. Robert Towns, amongst others, was under that impression, and he submitted the question to the Primary Judge of the Colony, in the case *Towns v. Ellison*. It afterwards went to appeal here, and subsequently

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subsequently went home to the Privy Council. I have in my possession here the decision of the Privy Council. The decision of the Privy Council was substantially this—it was of a twofold character, but only one part of it is material to the question at issue; it was, that so far from each member having an estate tail, which would enable them, under the statute introduced for that purpose, to deal with it as their own, each took a life estate; and in case of issue the eldest son took the estate tail. The decision was naturally a disappointment to all the members of the family who had acted under a wrong impression. Amongst others who acted under this wrong impression was Mrs. Darley. On her marriage with Mr. Darley she executed certain deeds purporting to deal with the whole estate; but inasmuch as in 1858 the Privy Council determined that she had no such power, the deeds which dealt with the reversion became immaterial. I do not propose to trouble the Committee with these deeds, but only to prove the marriage of Benjamin Darley with Katherine Wentworth, by the production of the marriage certificate. [*Certificate produced.*] That certificate shows that they were married on the 6th February, 1847. I now propose to prove that Benjamin Wentworth Darley was the eldest son of that marriage, and that he was born on the 21st of May, 1854, by the production of a certificate to that effect. [*Certificate produced.*] I now propose to prove the death of Benjamin Darley on the 22nd of June, 1864, by the production of a certificate to that effect. In addition to proving that fact, the certificate goes on to show that Benjamin Wentworth Darley was not only the only son, but the eldest son. [*Certificate produced.*] I now produce an indenture containing a recital of a marriage settlement between Mrs. Darley, widow of Benjamin Darley, deceased, and William Thomas Bassett, dated 21st November, 1867, and dealing with the property therein mentioned in the manner recited in the Bill. [*Indenture produced.*] This settlement was prepared in England, and by persons in comparative ignorance of the special details of the title; but substantially it dealt with all the interest of Mrs. Bassett, whatever it was, under the will of her father Darcy Wentworth. The trusts are correctly set forth on the fifth page of the preamble, being trusts for the sole and separate use of Mrs. Katherine Darley for her life. The trusts proceed to use this language, which becomes very material, and which, in point of fact, affirms the necessity for this Bill. The trust is expressed to be without anticipation. So that under this settlement she put in whatever property she took under her father's will, and restrained herself from anticipating that interest. If I have carried the Committee with me, you will have observed that all she could do was to give a life interest, although she endeavoured to do more. But, in effect, she could only settle her life interest, and she restrained herself from anticipating that life interest. I produce a deed dated the 11th January, 1869, being the appointment of new trustees, and here we get the Promoters of the Bill introduced for the first time, namely, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Osborne. [*Deed produced.*] I must now take you for a moment to another branch of the title, which will afterwards coalesce in the final document, and I produce the partition deed, dated the 22nd September, 1851, being a partition of the Illawarra estates. [*Partition deed produced.*] That deed is correctly recited in the Bill, and endeavours to perform a partition in specie of the Illawarra estates, which were given to the five children of Darcy Wentworth, previously named—Martha, Sophia, Mary-Ann, Robert, and Katherine. I produce the next recited deed in the preamble, the disentailing deed. [*Deed produced.*] You will remember that Mrs. Bassett was entitled to a life interest in the lands mentioned in the first schedule, and the remainder to her eldest son in tail. You will also remember she was entitled to one-fifth of the interest in the lands mentioned in the second schedule, with the remainder to her second son in tail. The eldest son attained the age of 21 years on the 21st May, 1875, as shown by the production of the baptismal certificate already produced, and he thereupon executed a disentailing deed, which I now produce, not only of his reversionary interest in its entirety of the lands described in the first schedule, but also of his interest of one-fifth in the lands mentioned in the second schedule of the Bill. [*Deed produced.*] By that disentailing deed he was duly, and in fact made himself, competent to deal with the lands mentioned in the first schedule, and with the reversionary lands mentioned in the second schedule, in fee simple. So that I have now brought the Committee down to this fact,—there is Mrs. Bassett entitled to a life interest in all these properties, subject to restraint against anticipation, and her son, Benjamin Wentworth Darley, entitled to the absolute fee simple, dependent only upon the happening of her death. If, therefore, Mrs. Darley had not inconsiderately restrained her power of anticipation of her life estate, it is perfectly apparent that there would have been no necessity to resort to the Legislature for a perfect title of these lands; but having restrained her power of anticipation, she is prevented from concurring with her son in the disposal of the whole property, as there is no power in her marriage settlement to trustees to sell the interest which was put in settlement. It has, therefore, become necessary for us to appeal to the Legislature, on the grounds recited in the Bill. It is manifestly for the advantage of all parties interested that this Bill should pass. Parliamentary Committees which I have previously had the honor of appearing before have generally required some evidence of a *cestuique* trust, that the persons interested consent to the Bill which affects their interest, and I therefore took the precaution of sending to England a copy of the proposed Bill, and getting Benjamin Wentworth Darley and Mrs. Katherine Bassett to sign at the foot of the copy of the proposed Bill their assent. They did sign their assent, in these words—“We, the undersigned, Katherine Bassett and Benjamin Wentworth Darley, do hereby testify our consent to and approbation of the Bill of which a draft is contained in this and the foregoing eleven pages; and we hereby severally request that Messieurs Alexander Stuart and George Osborne will forthwith promote the said Bill in the Parliament of New South Wales, in the same or some analogous form; and in so doing we authorize them to make assent, or submit to such alterations or amendments as may seem meet either to them in making or to the House in dictating such alterations and amendments, so long as the general spirit and intention of the said draft Bill is kept in view and carried out. Dated this sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six—Benjamin Wentworth Darley, Katherine Bassett, witnesses. Walter Edward Moore, solicitor, 21, College Hill, London, E.C.” That is signed, as the Committee will see, by the only persons who can be interested in the property. I believe I have now, as succinctly as possible, shown you exactly the true state of the title, and also that the only reason for applying to the Legislature is that of Mrs. Bassett having restrained her right to anticipate or alienate. The only other point remaining untouched is, that it is for the benefit of the parties interested that this Bill should pass, and to prove that it is to their interest, I propose to call Mr. Alexander Stuart, one of the trustees.

3. *Chairman.*] As I understand it, these parties who are interested cannot beneficially deal with the property unless they possess the powers which this Bill proposes to give them? Not quite so. Mr. Benjamin Wentworth Darley is quite in a position to deal with the reversion expectant upon his mother's death

death; but they cannot deal with the property as a whole—cannot give present possession without the concurrence of Mrs. Darley, and without her giving her life interest. And that she is restrained from doing by the introduction of a clause in the deed by persons in England—persons who were not familiar with the question.

G. P. Slade,
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4. The office copy of the will which you have put in has, I presume, been attested as being correct? It proceeds from the Court.

The Honorable Alexander Stuart, Esq., called in and examined:—

5. *Chairman.*] You are I understand one of the trustees of the deed under Mr. Bassett's marriage settlement? I am.

The Hon.
Alex. Stuart,
Esq.

6. *Mr. Slade.*] And you are also one of the Promoters of the Bill? I am.

7. You know the properties mentioned in the first and second schedules? Yes.

8. Are they at present in a fully productive state? No, they are in a very unproductive state, because we can neither sell them nor give a lengthened lease of them.

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9. The most important part of the property in question is that at Manly Beach, consisting of 130 acres? Yes, the land between what is called the Corso at Manly Beach, and the strip belonging to the Roman Catholic Archbishop; it lies between that and the Quarantine ground.

10. Is there any mode of making this property, as representative of the rest, fructify for the benefit of the life tenant, except by sale or long lease? No; except by one or the other. It is only valuable for building purposes, and no one of course would build on land unless they had a freehold or a long lease of it. Parts of the land are let at a mere nominal rental. The consequence is that nothing is on it but old rickety wooden buildings.

11. The whole of the property described in the first schedule is producing quite a nominal rent, compared with what it would produce if it were realised? It produces a nominal rental of about £50 a year.

12. You are aware that the clauses of the Bill contemplate dealing with the proceeds of the sale in some way for the benefit of the same parties? Yes, subject to the same trust.

13. Is it your opinion that the trustees under the settlement, of which you are one, should have power to dispose of the share of Mrs. Bassett and Benjamin Wentworth Darley? As I said, the Manly Beach property produces about £50 a year now, and I think if we had power to let it under a long lease, or sell it and reinvest the money, it would produce from £1,200 to £1,500 a year.

14. In a more or less degree the same reasons would apply to the one-fifth interest in the Illawarra lands? Not to so great an extent. The one is town or suburban property, the other is agricultural.

15. *Chairman.*] What is about the income derived from properties other than the Manly Beach property? The Manly Beach property gives about £50 a year; what is called Wentworth's 380 acre grant, about two and a half miles from Manly Beach, gives £30 a year; the 700-acre grant gives about £50 a year; the Barranjoey property brings in about £30 a year; the Duck River property produces about £100 a year; and the fifth of the Illawarra property produces about £700 or £800 a year. The latter property is the only one that is fairly productive, because it contains good dairy land, which is readily let.

16. *Mr. Slade.*] You are aware that there is an effort on foot to effect a valid partition of the Illawarra lands? There was a partition many years ago, but I understand it was not legally effective.

17. The power which this Bill proposes to confer upon the trustees to make a perfect title of Mrs. Darley's life interest, accompanied with other facts, will conspire to make the partition valid? Yes.

18. It is desirable therefore that the Bill should comprehend Mrs. Bassett's one-fifth share in the Illawarra lands, for the purpose of consummating a deed of gift, which has been for many years imperfect, and of which that one-fifth share forms an ingredient? Yes.

19. *Chairman.*] Does the other trustee join in this Bill? He does.

20. You are the acting trustee? I am the acting trustee; but in any sale the other trustee must also be a party.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL ;

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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VOTES No. 20. TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1877.

16. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lucas, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Davies, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 28. TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1877.

4. MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Driver, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th January, 1877.
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MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, to whom was referred, for consideration and report, on the 30th January, 1877,—“*The Macquarie Coal Company's Railway Bill*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House :—

That they have examined the Witnesses named in the List,* (whose evidence See List, page 4. will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the several Clauses of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any Amendment.

And your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill without Amendment.

RD. DRIVER,
Chairman.

No. 2 Committee Room,
Sydney, 8th February, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Driver,	|	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	|	Mr. McElhone.

Mr. Driver called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill *referred*, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Present :—G. C. Davis, Esq. (*Counsel for the Promoters of the Bill*).

Francis H. Grundy, Esq., called in and examined.

Witness *handed in* Plan of the proposed Line of Railway referred to in the Preamble, which was ordered to be appended. (*See Appendix.*)

Witness withdrew.

Mr. James Fletcher called in and examined.

Plans *produced* of the proposed line of Railway referred to in the Preamble.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Counsel called in and informed.

Clause 1 to 35 read and *agreed to*.

Chairman to report to the House.

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TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

MACQUARIE COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. DRIVER,
MR. FARNELL,

MR. HILL,
MR. McELHONE.

RICHARD DRIVER, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Mr. G. C. Davis, instructed by Mr. B. Holdsworth, appeared as Counsel for the Promoters of the Bill.

Francis Henry Grundy, Esq., C.E., called in and examined:—

1. *Mr. Davis.*] You are a civil engineer? Yes.
2. Was the plan now before you prepared by you? Yes. (*Plan handed in, see Appendix.*)
3. Is there any means of obtaining the shipment of coal obtained on the promoters' land, except in Catherine Hill Bay, and at the point where the new Wallsend Coal Company's jetty now is? I should say decidedly there is none, so far as I have travelled the coast, within three or four miles either way, and I have heard of no suggested place nearer than Mr. Hargraves', which is ten or twelve miles off. Even that I have not seen, but I have been told it could not be used.
4. They could not come out either by means of Lake Macquarie or elsewhere? At present it is quite impossible to come out by Lake Macquarie; and there is no elsewhere.
5. Would the line shown in red on the plan from the jetty A, round the coast, and so back to the points B and D, be a good and available line of railway for the purpose mentioned? Yes; in fact the only one that could be got. After three or four weeks devoted to the special study of the matter, these were the lines I reported upon as being the lines that should be taken.
6. With the exception of the line C J A, the only available line would be from D or B by X to A? Yes, there are only two ways to get to this jetty, through the land of Hale and others, that is by C J A, or by D X A.
7. Would the line D X A materially interfere with the working of the New Wallsend Company's Coal? No, not at all.
8. They tunnel for coal, do they not, and their tunnel mouth is opposite the shore end of the jetty shown by the letter A on the plan? Yes. This line of tramway would travel upon the shore; their coal seam is entirely away from the shore.
9. So that the tramway proposed by you would not put them off in any way whatever from the approach to the jetty? No.
10. With the exception of the point where that jetty is placed, shown on the plan by the letter A, is there any place in Catherine Hill Bay on which the promoters of this Bill could establish a wharf or jetty, for the purpose of shipping their coal, that would be safe from the wind and sea? No, none whatever, excepting within a few feet perhaps on either side; for this reason, that to the southward of this jetty the water is not sufficiently deep, and to the northward there is no shelter from the Pacific gales.
11. So that, in effect, to enable the promoters to ship their coal, it will be necessary either that they should have the use of the new Wallsend Coal Company's jetty, or be entitled to make a jetty alongside of it? Yes, they should have the use of this jetty, I should say. There is an objection to a jetty being even alongside of it, because the water shoals very rapidly on the side on which shelter could be obtained.

F. H. Grundy,
Esq.

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- F. H. Grundy, Esq.
8 Feb., 1877.
12. The line of railway shown by you on this plan interferes in no way with any other person's property? No; and not even with that of Hale and others (the New Wallsend Company), excepting this bit (*pointed out on plan*).
13. *Chairman.*] Are you aware by what authority the jetty you have spoken of has been erected? No, I am not; it was there before I saw the place.
14. *Mr. Farnell.*] You do not know whether the persons who erected it got permission from the Government? No.
15. *Chairman.*] You are aware of the objects of the present Bill? Yes.
16. Can the promoters of this Bill carry out their undertaking without it? I do not think so, unless at an exorbitant and fatal expense. If they are refused all occupation of this jetty, or its immediate absolute neighbourhood, the objects of the Company cannot be carried out.
17. *Mr. Hill.*] Could that jetty be used by two Companies? Yes.
18. *Chairman.*] You think it is absolutely necessary to authorize the construction of this railway? I do. That was my opinion, formed three years ago, after studying the question for three or four weeks.
19. *Mr. Farnell.*] Were Hale and Company working their coal mine when you were there? Yes, it was in full work three years ago.
20. A great deal of this jetty which they have erected runs into the sea, does it not? As a matter of fact most of it runs out into the sea.
21. It is a fact that the jetty is not wholly on their own land? No, it is on Her Majesty's waters.
22. What is the length of the jetty? It appears to be about 70 feet according to the scale of this plan; but I should have said 100 feet, from memory.
23. *Mr. Hill.*] Did you examine the jetty carefully while you were there? No; I examined it from professional custom, but I had no instructions.
24. You do not know whether the jetty is of a permanent character? It is made on the floating principle, which supports itself. The piles are not driven. For a cheap system it is perhaps the best.
25. *Mr. Farnell.*] The boundary of Hale and Company's land is high-water-mark? I presume so.
26. The land shown on your plan within the blue line is Hale and Company's land? Yes.

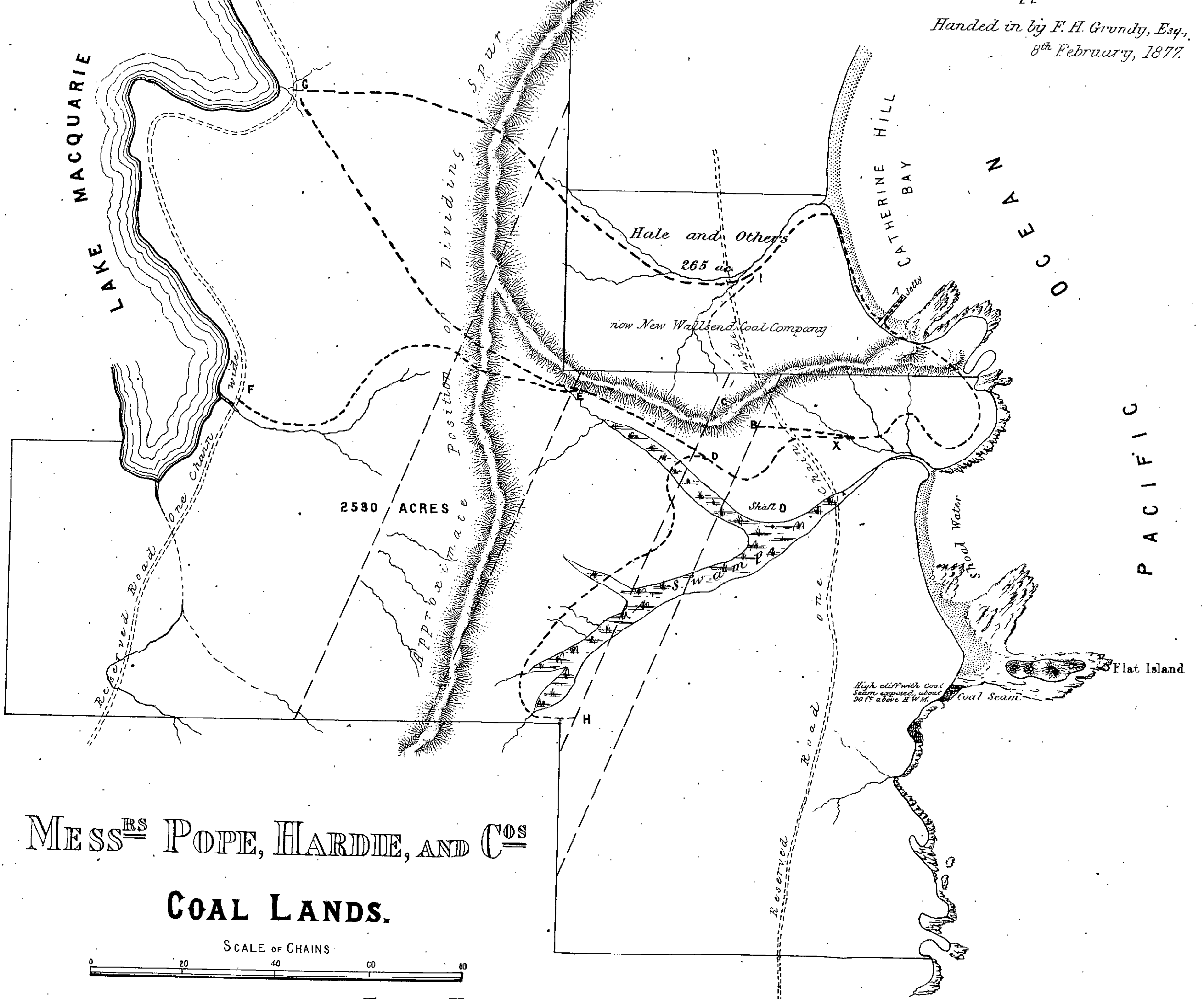
James Fletcher, Esq., called in and examined:—

- J. Fletcher, Esq.
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27. *Mr. Davis.*] You are a colliery manager? Yes.
28. You know the coal lands of Messrs. Hardie & Company, the promoters of the present Bill? I do.
29. Do you know where the proposed shaft is on their land? Yes.
30. It is shown on this plan, is it not, about where the letter D is? No, not exactly on that spot.
31. Will you point it out? (*The witness pointed to a spot which, at the request of Mr. Davis, he marked O on the plan.*)
32. Is it good coal which is raised from that shaft? We have found a good seam of coal in a bore, and it is proposed to sink this shaft to work it.
33. Is it a good class of coal? Yes, a good quality of coal.
34. You have seen this plan of Mr. Grundy's, on which there is a proposed line of railway shown round by the coast to the jetty A? Yes.
35. In your opinion, is that the only means by which this Company could get their coal to a place of shipment? That is my opinion.
36. So that unless this Bill is passed, and the promoters have the authority conferred by it, it will be impossible for them to work this coal field? It would be impossible to work it.
37. With reference to the place of shipment, where, in your opinion, is the proper place of shipment, taking into consideration the lay of the coast? The only place where they could possibly ship this coal is at Catherine Hill Bay at the present jetty, where the New Wallsend Company ship theirs.
38. Would the line of railway proposed, running from D by X, and so round the coast to A, in any way interfere with the New Wallsend Coal Company in carrying on their works? Not in the slightest.
39. Would the use of the jetty now there, which I understand to have been constructed by that Company—would the use of it by the promoters of this Bill interfere with the working of the mine of the New Wallsend Company, or with the shipping of their coal? I think all the coal required to be shipped by both Companies could be shipped there without interfering with each other.
40. Would the jetty require any additions? In all probability it would be required to be lengthened a little.
41. What would be the object of lengthening it? To give room to put up two shoots, so that coal could be shipped at both hatchways without shifting vessels backwards and forwards.
42. And to get deeper water? Yes.
43. And at the same time to be within the protection of the headland? Yes.
44. Do you think it will be a good thing to work that coal field? Yes; there are from eight to ten millions of tons that can be worked from that field, and unless shipped there it cannot be shipped at all.
45. *Chairman.*] Is this land near Lake Macquarie? The portion proposed to be worked is a considerable distance from Lake Macquarie.
46. Is it near the water? Yes, within 3 or 4 miles.
47. Have any coal mines been established on this land—Hardie & Company's land? We are now busy sinking a shaft; we have not worked any coal mine there yet.
48. Have coal mines recently been opened there? The promoters of this Bill are opening a coal mine there now.
49. Are they the persons trading under the name of the "Macquarie Coal Company"? Yes.
50. *Mr. Hill.*] Do you mean to say that if it were not for Catherine Hill Bay there would be no possibility of working this field? It would be practically shut out from the market. A very large mountain intervenes between the ocean and Lake Macquarie, and the expense of making a railway over there would be such as to prevent them doing it for practical purposes.
51. Is this wharf well built? I cannot say it is very permanent.
52. What would be the cost of such a wharf? I should think the whole structure could be put up for something like £300.
53. What is the depth of water? I think from 14 to 15 feet.
54. The jetty could be lengthened? Yes.

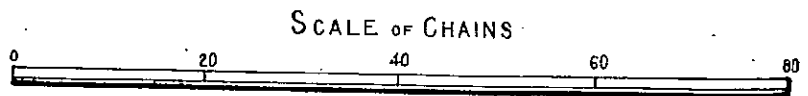
55. By piles? I do not think they would require to drive piles; they have merely put them down without shoeing or driving. J. Fletcher, Esq.
56. Is there no position where your promoters could build a jetty independently of the one already built? No; if they went further north they would lose the protection of the headland, and if between the present jetty and the headland there would not be sufficient depth of water for a vessel to lie. 8 Feb., 1877.
57. Then there is no other place? No.
58. *Mr. Farnell.*] What is the distance of the mine you are now opening from Newcastle? I should think about 18 or 20 miles.
59. Then the expense of hauling this coal to Newcastle would be too great? Yes, they could not work it.
60. You have heard, I presume, of an attempt to establish a port for the shipment of coal at Mr. Hargraves' property? Yes.
61. Have you heard any report in reference to the suitability of this place? I have not, but even if a port were established there, it would be of little or no value to the working of this coal here, because the distance is too great.
62. What is the distance? About 10 miles.
63. *Mr. McElhone.*] Over very rough country? Yes.
64. Is it not also very rough country between this land and Newcastle? Yes.
65. Have you any idea what it would cost to make a railway from there to Newcastle? I should think, with the necessary cuttings and tunnels, it would cost from ten to twelve thousand pounds a mile.
66. *Chairman.*] Do you think the opening of these mines likely to prove beneficial to the Colony? Yes, I think so.

[Plan.]

Handed in by F. H. Grundy, Esq.,
8th February, 1877.



MESSRS POPE, HARDIE, AND CO'S
COAL LANDS.



(Signed) Francis H. Grundy, C.E.

185, Pitt Street, Sydney,
12th June, 1874.

Note: The Railways, coloured Red on Original Plan, are shown thus - - - - -

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL;

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VOTES, No. 27. FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1877.

3. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES, No. 31. FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1877.

8. THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th February, 1877.
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THROSBY'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

 REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, to whom was referred for consideration and report, on the 9th February, 1877,—“*Throsby's Leasing Act Amendment Bill*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House,—

That they have examined the Witness named in the margin* (whose W. W. Billyard Esq. evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee they proceeded to consider the clauses and Schedule of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill without amendment.

CHAS. E. PILCHER,

Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,

Sydney, 14th February, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Rouse.

Mr. Farnell called to the Chair *pro tem*.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pilcher was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Committee deliberated.

Re-assembling of the Committee to be arranged by the Chairman.

[Adjourned.]

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Farnell, | Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Rouse.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Farnell called to the Chair *pro tem*.

Present :—W. W. Billyard, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

W. W. Billyard, Esq., examined.

Witness *produced* Leases referred to in the Preamble.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Solicitor called in and informed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Schedule read and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill, without amendment, to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

THROSBY'S LEASING ACT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. FARNELL,
MR. FITZPATRICK,

MR. F. SUTTON,
MR. W. H. SUTTON, JUNR.

JAMES SQUIRE FARNELL, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

William Whaley Billyard, Esquire, Solicitor for the Bill, examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Will you be kind enough to explain the circumstances which have led to the introduction of this Bill? The facts are correctly set forth in the preamble. An Act was passed to enable Elizabeth Throsby and other persons interested under the will of the late Charles Throsby to grant leases of certain lands near Mossvale, and that Act recited that certain leases therein referred to had been signed by Mrs. Throsby and the surviving sons of the late Charles Throsby; whereas, in point of fact, one of the sons, Nicholas Herbert Throsby, was in England at the time, and I signed the leases as his agent, and another of the sons, Archer Broughton Throsby, was in Fiji, and had, previously to going there, conveyed all his property to his brother, Oliver Throsby, and myself, and therefore we signed in his stead. The necessity for this Bill arises from the circumstance that the leases were not signed by these two sons of the late Charles Throsby. But Nicholas Herbert Throsby has signed this confirmation:—

WHEREAS on the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, William Whaley Billyard, of Hunter-street, in the City of Sydney, solicitor, was my agent, and had full power and authority for me and in my name to execute the within written lease: Now I do hereby ratify and confirm the execution of the said lease by me, by my agent the said William Whaley Billyard: And I confirm the said lease in all respects, as if the same had been duly executed by me under my proper hand and seal on the said eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this eleventh day of August, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Nicholas }
Herbert Throsby, in the presence of,— }
T. S. JONES, Sydney.

(L.S.) N. HERBERT THROSBY.

Mrs. Throsby and Patrick Hill Throsby have also on both leases signed the following:—

I, the undersigned, Elizabeth Throsby, being the tenant for life, with the concurrence of the undersigned, Patrick Hill Throsby, being the person next entitled to a life estate of and in the lands and hereditaments comprised in the within written indenture of lease, do in pursuance of the provisions contained in "the Throsby's Leasing Act," hereby ratify and confirm the within written indenture of lease. As witness our hands and seals, this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said }
Elizabeth Throsby, in the presence of,— }
S. F. BILLYARD, Clerk to W. W. Billyard, 32, Hunter-street, Sydney.

(L.S.) ELIZABETH THROSBY.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said Patrick }
Hill Throsby, in the presence of,— }
WALTER WOODD.

(L.S.) P. H. THROSBY.

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W. W.
Billyard,
Esq.
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And Archer Broughton Throsby has also confirmed the lease as follows:—

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether William Whaley Billyard and Oliver Spencer Throsby, parties to the within written lease, had on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, power to demise my share and interest in the within lands: Now I do hereby ratify and confirm the said lease in all respects as if the same had been duly executed by me under my proper hand and seal on the said first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this cloventh day of August, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by Archer Broughton }
Throsby, in the presence of,—)

(L.S.) ARCHER B. THROSBY.

T. S. JONES, Sydney.

As stated in the preamble of the Bill these leases have been assigned, since the passing of the Act before referred to, to John Cullen, of Moss Vale, innkeeper, who bought the property for £2,110 12s. I produce the leases to Mr. Martin Larkin, and the assignment by the parties interested under Mr. Larkin's leases to Mr. Cullen. [*Deeds produced.*] These leases are set out in the schedule to the Bill. Since these proceedings doubts have arisen as to the validity of these leases and the assignment of them, by reason of the said leases not having been executed by the whole of the sons of the said Charles Throsby at the time of granting the same, and notwithstanding the fact that they have been subsequently confirmed by them. To set at rest these doubts this Bill is thought to be necessary.

2. Do we understand that there was a mis-recital in what is known as "Throsby's Leasing Act"? Yes.
3. And the Bill you now propose is to cure the difficulty that has arisen in consequence? Yes.
4. You want now to legalize by this Bill the confirmation of these leases, endorsed on the back of the leases, and signed by the two sons of the late Charles Throsby, who did not, at the time they were granted, sign the said leases? Exactly.
5. If they had signed originally there would have been no necessity for this Bill? No.
6. *Mr. Fitzpatrick.*] If this Bill passes, it is merely to render valid the leases to Mr. Larkin? Yes, and the assignment of them to Mr. Cullen.
7. Does this Bill injuriously affect, or affect at all, the interest of any absent person? No.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE
LANDS TRANSFER BILL ;

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VOTES No. 20. TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1877.

21. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Lands Transfer Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cohen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 34. THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1877.

6. BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—Mr. Stuart, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th January, 1877.
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BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS TRANSFER BILL.

 REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on the 30th January, 1877,—“*The Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Lands Transfer Bill*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House;—

That they have examined the Witnesses named in the List* (whose *See List, page 4. evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble, as *verbally* amended, having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they carefully considered the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to insert a new clause.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them, with an amended Preamble.

ALEX. STUART,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 21st February, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBER PRESENT :—

Mr. Stuart.

In the absence of a Quorum the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. T. G. Dangar.
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. F. B. Suttor.	

Mr. Stuart called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Present :—William Barker, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*.)

William Barker, Esq., examined.

Robert Atkins, Esq. (*Secretary to the Bishop of Sydney*), called in and examined.

Witness *produced* copies of the following documents :—

Instrument of Surrender by the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle of a portion of their respective Dioceses.

Mandate from the Queen to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the creation of the Bishop of Bathurst.

Instrument of Surrender by the Bishop of Grafton of a portion of his Diocese.

Mandate from the Queen to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the creation of the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale.

Notarial Act, on the creation of the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale.

Room cleared.

Preamble read and *verbally** amended.

Question,—“That this Preamble, as amended, stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Solicitor called in and informed.

Clauses 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

New clause to stand as clause 3† read and agreed to.

Chairman to report the Bill with amendments and an amended Preamble to the House.

* *Vide* Schedule of Amendments.

† *See* Schedule of Amendments.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS.

- Page 2, Preamble, line 14. *Insert* “being the boundary dividing the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland,” after “latitude.”
- Page 2, Preamble, line 26. *Insert* “water” before “shed.”
- ” 3, ” line 2. *Insert* “as hereinbefore defined and described” after “Armidale.”
- ” 3, ” line 7. *Insert* “respectively” after “Newcastle.”
- Page 3. *Insert* the following new clause to stand as clause 3 :—“This Act may be cited as the Bathurst and Grafton and Armidale Bishops Act of 1877.”

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TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

BATHURST AND GRAFTON AND ARMIDALE LANDS
TRANSFER BILL.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. ABBOTT,	MR. F. B. SUTTOR,
MR. COHEN,	MR. W. H. SUTTOR, JUNR.,
MR. T. G. DANGAR,	MR. STUART,
MR. TERRY.	

THE HON. ALEX. STUART, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

William Barker, Esq., appeared as Solicitor for the Bill.

William Barker, Esq., Solicitor for the Bill, examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] Will you state, as succinctly as you can, the present position of the law with regard to the lands referred to in this Bill, and what relief it is that is sought? Originally, when the Church Temporalities Act (8 Wm. IV, No. 5) was passed, there was but one diocese—the Diocese of Australia, which comprised the Colonies of New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land, and Western Australia, and the Bishop was incorporated by the name of the Bishop of Australia. The Church Temporalities Act was passed in the year 1837, and it speaks of the Bishop of Australia only, there then being but one diocese and one Bishop in the Australian Colonies. Afterwards it was found expedient, because of the great extent of the Diocese of Australia, to reduce it, and Van Diemen's Land was separated from it, which was erected into a separate diocese by the name of the Diocese of Tasmania; and in the year 1847 Letters Patent of the Bishop of Australia were revoked, and the sees of Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, and Adelaide were founded, and Bishops appointed thereto. The boundaries of the Bishoprics of Sydney and Newcastle were defined by the Letters Patent to be as described in the preamble to the Bill now before the Committee. In the year 1858 doubts arose respecting the vesting of certain lands which had been vested in the Bishop of Australia by his corporate name, and also whether the Church Temporalities Act, in which the Bishop of Australia only is mentioned, could be taken to apply to the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle; and in order to remove such doubts it became necessary for the Bishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Newcastle to apply to the Legislature for an Act, which was passed on the 27th August, 1858, by which the lands are vested in the Bishop of the diocese in which they are situated, and it was enacted that all Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned should be taken to mean the Bishop of the diocese. Subsequently, in 1863, the diocese of Sydney was further reduced by the Queen, by letters bearing date the 14th day of March, 1863, under which the see of Goulburn was established. When the diocese of Goulburn was formed, it became necessary for the Bishop of Goulburn to apply for an Act to place him in the same position in which the Bishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Newcastle had been placed by the Act passed in 1858. Accordingly an Act was passed on the 6th December, 1866, which had for its object the placing of the Bishop of Goulburn in the same position as the other Bishops had been placed by the Act passed in 1858, and to

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give to him the same powers under the Church Act that had been already given to the Bishop of Australia. The Act is entitled "*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.*"

2. You mean with regard to land, I presume? Not only with regard to land but with regard to all other matters for which the Church Act provides. The Bishop of Australia was the only Bishop recognized by the Church Act, and by express provision the Acts in force, in which the Bishop of Australia was mentioned, were made to extend to the Bishop of Goulburn as I have just explained. Subsequently it became necessary to establish other dioceses and to appoint other Bishops, in the manner mentioned in the preamble of the Bill before the Committee. In order to establish the Bishopric of Bathurst the Bishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Newcastle surrendered portions of the territory comprised in their respective Letters Patent, and the portions ceded were erected into a new diocese by the name of the Diocese of Bathurst, the boundaries of such diocese being as set forth in the preamble, and the Bishop of Newcastle surrendered a portion of his diocese as defined by his Letters Patent for the purpose of establishing the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, the boundaries of such diocese being as described in the preamble, and Bishops have been duly consecrated and appointed to these new dioceses as mentioned, and the object of the Bill now before the Committee is to place the Bishop of Bathurst and the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale in precisely the same position in their respective dioceses as regards Church lands and the extension of the operation of the Acts in which the Bishop of Australia is mentioned, as the Bishops of Sydney, Newcastle, and Goulburn were placed by the Acts to which I have already referred. I may inform the Committee that the recitals in the preamble are in accordance with the recitals in the two Acts that have already been passed, so far as the recitals in those Acts extend and the other recitals are in accordance with the facts and the documents referred to. The difference between the position of the Bishop of Bathurst and the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale from the other Bishops is that their sees were not formed nor were they nominated to their sees by Letters Patent; they were formed, as I have stated, by the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle relinquishing portions of their respective territory for the purpose of forming the new dioceses.

3. A voluntary relinquishment? Yes; the Bishops of Bathurst, and Grafton and Armidale were duly consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury under a mandate from the Queen.

4. If I understand you rightly, in the case of the Bishop of Goulburn there had been a Royal License and Letters Patent creating the diocese and appointing the Bishop? Yes.

5. The Act in that instance provided for the Bishop of Goulburn and his successors being trustees of church lands situated within the diocese which had been formerly vested in the Bishop of Sydney? It created him a body corporate, under which name he was entitled to hold land; and the Act to which I have referred vested the church lands within his diocese which had been vested in the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle.

6. How do you propose to carry on the vesting after the death or resignation of the present Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale? By the terms of this Bill the lands are to be vested in the Bishops for the time being. As they have no corporate capacity of course they cannot have succession in the legal sense, and it may become necessary to carry it on by means of conveyances; but still it is proposed by this Bill to vest the lands in the Bishops for the time being.

7. *Mr. Abbott.*] Who shall have been duly nominated and consecrated? Yes, that is stated in the Bill.

8. *Chairman.*] Do you contemplate that, *quoad* these lands, wherever in the public statutes the "Bishop of Australia" is mentioned, the Bishop of Bathurst and the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale respectively should be understood? I do not think any public statute would have reference to these lands. The lands held for church purposes will by the operation of this Bill be vested in the Bishops for the time being of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale; but, with regard to the other powers given by the Church Act to the Bishop of Australia, it is proposed that these Bishops shall be placed in precisely the same position with regard to the management of their dioceses as the Bishops of Sydney, Newcastle, and of Goulburn.

9. Is there in this Bill any new power given to these Bishops respectively? None. This Bill is precisely the same in effect as that passed for the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle in 1858, and for the Bishop of Goulburn in 1866.

10. What I wish to arrive at is this: Supposing the Legislature, in its wisdom, chose to abolish what is termed the Church Act, would any impediment be raised by this Bill to their doing so? None whatever.

11. It is a mere transference to different persons? Just so.

12. Nothing in this Bill would render it more difficult than at present to repeal the provisions relating to the Church of England? No.

13. Are the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle consenting parties to this Bill? They are. The Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle are the parties whose rights are interfered with by this Bill, but they are the Petitioners for the Bill. The Bill is introduced under the immediate instructions of the Bishops of Bathurst and of Grafton and Armidale, with the concurrence of the Bishops of Sydney and Newcastle, who are in fact the only Petitioners for the Bill. They have executed formal instruments by which they have assigned to the Bishop of Bathurst and the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale the portions of territory over which they now exercise their Episcopal functions; and the Bishop of Sydney, as Metropolitan, has formally put them in their respective positions as his suffragan Bishops.

14. *Mr. Cohen.*] Is there not an Anglican Synod in existence in the Colony? Yes.

15. Do you know whether this Bill has been considered by the Synod? It has not. It is not a matter over which the Synod has any control.

16. Has the Synod or the Church of England, apart from the Bishops or Dioceses affected by this Bill, any interest in the matters dealt with in the Bill? None whatever. It is a matter with which the Church of England Synod has nothing to do; it is entirely beyond their control.

17. *Mr. W. H. Suttor.*] Can you give us any information as to the extent of the lands involved? No, it would be impossible to ascertain that with any certainty; we are therefore obliged to deal with the matter generally, but in precisely the same way as in the other cases referred to. As the Chairman will know, it has sometimes been found difficult to ascertain what lands really belong to the Church.

18. *Chairman.*] As a matter of fact it has been convenient, has it not, to vest church lands in the names of the Bishops? There was a convenience in that respect when the land was conveyed to the Bishop as a corporation sole, because it would pass to his successor without the trouble or expense of a conveyance.

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Robert Atkins, Esq., called in and examined:—

19. *Chairman.*] What is your position? Secretary to the Bishop of Sydney.
20. *Mr. Barker.*] Do you produce a surrender, by the Bishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Newcastle, of a portion of their respective dioceses with a view to the formation of the diocese of Bathurst? I do. *(Produced.)*
21. What is the date of that instrument? 5th May, 1870.
22. Does that document define the boundaries of the Bishopric of Bathurst? It does.
23. Do you produce a mandate from the Queen to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the consecration of the Reverend Samuel Edward Marsden, D.D., as Bishop of Bathurst? I produce a copy of it. *(Produced.)*
24. That is a copy from the Bishop's Registry office, made from the original instrument? Yes.
25. There is also a Notarial Act showing that the consecration took place in pursuance of that mandate? Yes.
26. Do you produce the surrender by the Bishop of Newcastle of a portion of the diocese of Newcastle for the purpose of forming a new diocese to be called Grafton and Armidale? Yes. *(Produced.)*
27. What is the date of that instrument? 25th August, 1869.
28. Do you produce a mandate from the Crown for the consecration of the Reverend James Francis Turner, D.D., as Bishop of Grafton and Armidale? I produce a Notarial Act on the consecration of the Reverend James Francis Turner, which recites the mandate of the Queen under which the consecration took place. *(Produced.)*
29. Do these documents which you produce show that the Bishop of Bathurst and the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale were installed in their respective dioceses as defined in the surrenders? Yes, there are certificates to that effect.

R. Atkins,
Esq.
21 Feb., 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

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REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT
: AMENDMENT BILL ;

TOGETHER WITH THE

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AND

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES, No. 24. TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1877.

19. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, Mr. Davies, Mr. Charles, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

VOTES, No. 34. THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1877.

8. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Macintosh, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th February, 1877.
Ordered to be printed.

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 SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

 REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on the 6th February, 1877,—“*The Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House:—

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble, as amended, having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the Clauses of the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to make certain Amendments. * See List, page 4.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them, with an amended Preamble.

JOHN MACINTOSH,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 21st February, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. Macintosh,	|	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Jacob,	|	Mr. Terry,
		Mr. Charles.

Mr. Macintosh called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Charles Henry Woolcott, Esq. (*Town Clerk of Sydney*), called in and examined.

Witness withdrew.

Charles Moore, Esq. (*Alderman, Sydney*), called in and examined.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered and amended.*

Question,—“That this Preamble, as amended, stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Clause 1 read, amended,† and agreed to.

Clause 2 read and agreed to.

Chairman to report the Bill, with amendments, to the House.

* See Schedule of Amendments.

† See Schedule of Amendments.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS.

Page 1, Preamble, lines 9 and 10, *Omit* “paying off Debentures falling due and”

„ Clause 1, line 19, *Insert* “fifteen” in blank.

„ „ lines 19 and 20, *Omit* “for paying off Debentures fully due and liquidating”; *insert* “to liquidate.”

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TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT
AMENDMENT BILL.

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1877.

Present:—

MR. CHARLES,	|	MR. MACINTOSH,
MR. JACOB,	|	MR. W. H. SUTOR, JUNR.,
		MR. TERRY.

JOHN MACINTOSH, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

Charles Henry Woolcott, Esq., called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are Town Clerk of Sydney? Yes.
2. The Municipal Council of Sydney are desirous of amending the Sydney Common Improvement Act? Yes.
3. By asking Parliament to grant them power to borrow a further sum of money? Yes.
4. Will you explain to the Committee what is the object? The object is to pay off debentures as they fall due, to the extent of £10,000, and to liquidate the present Bank overdraft on the Sydney Common account, which is £20,000 more. The amount stated in the Bill before the Committee is £15,000, but since it was introduced a further resolution has been passed by the City Council to this effect:—"That the Bill adopted by this Council on the 7th January, 1873, authorizing the borrowing of a further sum of money for paying off debentures falling due, and liquidating the Bank overdraft on the Sydney Common Fund, be amended by substituting the words 'Twenty thousand pounds' for 'Fifteen thousand pounds.'" 21 Feb., 1877.
5. Will you explain to the Committee the probable benefit that will be derived from the passing of this Bill? The immediate benefit will be this: At the present moment we are paying the Bank 8 per cent. for the overdraft, and it is intended to borrow this money at 5 per cent.
6. You would borrow on debentures? Yes.
7. What security would be offered? The lands belonging to the Sydney Common, authorized to be sold, but which at present remain unsold.
8. Are you aware what amount of frontage remains unsold? There is one block fronting Park Road, which has 1,200 feet frontage, beside several parcels of land on the hill near the Barrack Wall.
9. In the event of this Bill being passed, the probable saving to the Municipal Council of Sydney would be some £600 a year in interest? Yes.
10. Are you aware what is the present indebtedness of the Sydney Common Account? £30,712.
11. The £20,000 proposed to be raised under this Bill would be used to retire some of the debentures falling due, and to pay the overdraft at the Bank? This sum would go immediately to the payment of the overdraft at the Bank. As you are aware, the Bank are at the present moment pressing the Council for a settlement of this particular overdraft.
12. Have you had any official intimation to that effect? Yes.
13. *Mr. Charles.*] Do we understand that none of the sum you now propose to borrow is to be devoted for the purpose of paying off debentures? No, the debentures will not be due for several years to come.

- C. H. Woolcott, Esq.
21 Feb., 1877.
14. What amount of debentures have been issued on the security of the Sydney Common Fund? The original Act gave the Council power to borrow £5,000, and the second Act gave power to increase it to £10,000.
15. *Mr. Jacob.*] £15,000 altogether? Yes; but the £5,000 first borrowed was paid off from the second issue of £10,000.
16. What amount has been spent upon the improvement of the Sydney Common? £47,504, independently of interest.
17. *Mr. Charles.*] You have still a large quantity of land on hand that has been authorized to be sold? Yes.
18. And that will be sold to meet the debentures when they become due? Yes.
19. *Mr. Jacob.*] Do I understand you to say that none of the debentures are due? None of second issue yet. I think the first will be due in about three years.
20. How will you meet these debentures? By the sale of the land.
21. Have you sold any of the land? Yes, £28,000 worth.
22. *Mr. Terry.*] What is the value of the land belonging to the Common remaining unsold, but for the sale of which authority has been given? In the present state of the market it is difficult to say; but according to my judgment about £31,000 or £32,000 worth remains unsold, at the lowest valuation.
23. *Mr. Charles.*] The land of which the sale has been sanctioned is exclusive of the Park? Yes, exclusive altogether of the Park.
24. *Chairman.*] What is the amount of revenue derived from the Common? A very trifling sum for agistment; nothing beyond that.
25. Not enough to pay the ranger? No, not sufficient to meet all current expenditure.

Charles Moore, Esq., called in and examined:—

- C. Moore, Esq.
21 Feb., 1877.
26. *Chairman.*] You are one of the Aldermen of the City of Sydney? Yes.
27. You are aware that this Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act has been introduced into Parliament? Yes.
28. The object of it is to empower the Council to issue debentures for £20,000? Yes.
29. Will you explain to the Committee what benefit would accrue from the passing of the Bill? We have an overdraft of £20,000, for which we are paying 8 per cent., and I think we can borrow this money at about 5½ per cent., and before the debentures are due we can meet them by the sale of a large quantity of land which we have authority to sell, but which it would not be advisable to sell until the improvements are carried out. I should say the value of the land yet to be sold is about £50,000.
30. There are £10,000 of debentures issued at the present time? Yes. Some people do not estimate the value of the land yet remaining on hand so highly as I do, but every year we keep it its value increases.
31. The present overdraft is £20,000, and the debentures £10,000? Yes; I am certain the land will realise more than £50,000. Besides 1,200 feet frontage to Park Road, we have a large quantity on the Sand Hills which will face one side of Green's Road, where the Government are about to take down a part of the Barrack wall.
32. Could you state the amount of the overdraft at the Bank at present on the whole City Account on all funds? No; I have only taken out the Sydney Common Account, which has always been kept separate from the City Account. As soon as the improvement of the remaining portion of the Common is finished it is the intention of the Corporation to sell what remains to be sold, and we expect better prices than can be realised now.
33. A sum of about £47,000 has been expended in improving the Common? Yes, £47,500; and we have sold land already to the amount of £28,518.
34. The improvements carried out on the Common have been of great benefit to the public? Yes, the rising generation especially.
35. Both of Sydney and the suburbs? Yes. I might add that in 1873 we received £472 for grazing on the Common, but in 1874 and 1875 it was not so much, on account of the dry seasons.
36. *Mr. Charles.*] That altogether arises from the improvements? Yes.
37. *Chairman.*] The immediate benefit to be derived from the passing of this Bill would be the immediate reduction of interest to the extent of £600 a year? Yes.
38. *Mr. Jacob.*] You do not propose to borrow to pay off debentures, but to pay the overdraft? Yes.
39. Then what necessity is there for inserting anything in the Bill about paying off debentures? The Bill was drawn up some time ago. It was first brought before the House in 1873, and there have been a good many alterations in the account since then.
40. *Chairman.*] This Bill was introduced when you were a Member of Parliament? Yes, the same Bill.
41. The circumstances of the Council have altered since then? Yes.
42. So that instead of paying off debentures, you require the money to pay the overdraft? Yes; the liabilities were not so large three years ago. We require the money for paying off the overdraft, and carrying on improvements until we are able to sell some land.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL;

TOGETHER WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

AND

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 23. FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1877.

11. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Orange Cattle Sale-Yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Piddington; Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Baker, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
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VOTES No. 38. THURSDAY, 1 MARCH, 1877.

5. ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Driver, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 2nd February, 1877.
 Ordered to be printed.

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ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, for whose consideration and report was referred, on the 2nd February, 1877,—“*The Orange Cattle Sale-yards Bill,*”—beg to report to your Honorable House:—

That they have examined the Witness named in the margin* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the several Clauses and the Schedule of the Bill, in which it was not deemed necessary to make any amendment.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill without amendment.

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 28th February, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Driver, | Mr. Hill,
 |
 | Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Driver called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings, appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill *referred*, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Thomas Dalton, Esq. (*Mayor of Orange*), called in and examined.

Witness *produced* Deed of Grant to the Municipal Council of Orange of certain land as a site for a Cattle Market; also, *Government Gazette* containing a notice dedicating this land as a site for Cattle Sale-yards.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Clauses 1 to 8 read and *agreed to*.

Schedule read and *agreed to*.

Chairman to report the Bill without amendment to the House.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON THE

ORANGE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1877.

Present:—

Mr. DRIVER, | Mr. HILL,
Mr. LYNCH.

RICHARD DRIVER, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

Thomas Dalton, Esq., Mayor of Orange, called in and examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You are Mayor of the Borough Council of Orange? I am.
2. Do you produce a deed of grant to the Municipal Council of Orange, dated 25th March, 1875, of certain land as a site for a cattle-market? I do. (*Deed produced.*)
3. Do you produce a copy of the *Government Gazette*, of the 3rd August, 1875, containing a notice dedicating this land as a site for cattle sale-yards? I do. (*Produced.*)
4. Are the Municipal Council of Orange desirous of establishing cattle sale-yards on this land? They are.
5. Is it, in your opinion, expedient that such yards should be established? It is.
6. And is it necessary that for such purpose full powers should be given to the Borough Council to erect and maintain suitable buildings and yards upon the land, and to borrow money for that purpose, and to charge fees and make by-laws for the maintenance and regulation of such sale-yards? It is.
7. You have been a resident of the town and district of Orange for many years past? Yes.
8. The Council are desirous of obtaining the powers proposed by this Bill, and you, as a resident and Mayor of the Borough, believe it to be necessary and expedient that they should obtain such powers from the Legislature? I do.
9. The land mentioned in the Schedule to this Bill is the same land as that described in the deed of grant, is it not? Precisely the same.
10. *Mr. Hill.*] What is the consumption of cattle weekly at Orange? Of cattle about 100 a week, and sheep in proportion—about four sheep to each bullock.
11. What is the population? I should estimate the population of the district at about 12,000, and of the town from 2,600 to 3,000.
12. *Chairman.*] The district is rapidly increasing in importance? Yes.
13. *Mr. Hill.*] Its growing importance will be more marked when the railway is opened? Yes.
14. Who are the prime movers in this matter? The Municipal Council.
15. What extent of land have you for the purpose? 5 acres.
16. Is it close to the town? Yes, within the municipality.
17. Where are your slaughter-houses? Outside of the municipality.
18. How do you manage for water? There is plenty of water from Blackman's Swamp Creek.
19. Has there been any opposition to this measure? I am not aware of any. In fact so much are the people in favour of it that I believe all the landholders surrounding the town would petition in favour of it.
20. What will be the probable cost? I should think about £500 would do for the present.
21. *Mr. Lynch.*] How do you propose to raise the money? By borrowing, as proposed in the Bill.
22. *Mr. Hill.*] There have been no petitions against this? Not any.

T. Dalton,
Esq.
28 Feb., 1877.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 62. THURSDAY, 17 MAY, 1877.

4. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Stuart*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill to amend "Albert Dangar's Leasing Act of 1873" be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Davies*, *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Burns*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 72. FRIDAY, 1, JUNE, 1877.

2. ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Stuart*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th May, 1877:

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ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly to whom was referred, on the 17th May, 1877—“*the Bill to amend ‘Albert Dangar’s Leasing Act of 1873’*”—beg to report to your Honorable House:—

That they have examined the witnesses named in the List* (whose evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the several Clauses of the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to make an Amendment. *See List, page 42

And your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them.

*No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 1 June, 1877.*

ALEX. STUART,
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Farnell,

Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Burns.

Mr. Stuart called to the Chair.

Entry from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, *read* by the Clerk.

Printed copies of the Bill referred, together with original Petition to introduce the same, before the Committee.

Present—George Penkivil Slade, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

George Penkivil Slade, Esq., examined.

Ernest Augustus White, Esq., called in and examined.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill,”—put and passed.

Solicitor called in and informed.

Clauses 1 to 5 read and *agreed to*.

Clause 6 read, amended,* and *agreed to*.

Chairman to report the Bill, with an amendment, to the House.

*See Schedule of
Amendment.

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENT.

Page 3, clause 6, line 31. *Omit* “An Act to amend Albert Dangar’s Leasing Act of 1873”; *insert* “Albert Dangar’s Leasing Act Amendment Act of 1877.”

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

ALBERT DANGAR'S LEASING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE, 1877.

Present:—

MR. BURNS,
MR. T. G. DANGAR,MR. FARNELL,
MR. STUART.

ALEXANDER STUART, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

George Penkivil Slade, Esq., Solicitor for the Bill, examined:—

1. *Chairman.*] You appear as Solicitor for the Bill? Yes.
2. Will you explain shortly its objects? The principal Act, which is sought to be amended, extended the powers of leasing given by the late Mr. Henry Dangar's will from the limited period of seven years to the two several periods of ninety-nine and sixty years for building leases and mining leases respectively. At the time that Act was passed it was thought that such powers would be sufficient for all purposes; but since then an extensive population has grown up in the neighbourhood of this property, forming the municipality of Wickham, requiring accommodation of a religious, charitable, and secular kind, for which the limited period of leasing provided for by the principal Act is insufficient. There has been already a Church of England erected on one portion of the land, and a parsonage on an adjoining portion, at an expense of £2,700; and one of the earliest applications of the powers now sought for will be to confirm the title in respect to that land, and also to give additional land for the purpose of erecting schools. I am informed by the clergyman of the parish that there is already a Sunday School with 180 scholars. The powers we ask from the Legislature are either to sell or to dedicate, as circumstances may dictate, land for any church, parsonage-house, school, town hall, hospital, or other building or buildings for religious, educational, literary, charitable, or other public purposes, or for ornamental grounds or places of public recreation, the limit of such dedication or sale being thirty-five acres, or about one-tenth of the whole property specified in the principal Act.
3. *Mr. T. G. Dangar.*] What is the total amount of land? 350 acres 1 rood 7 perches.
4. *Mr. Burns.*] Do you know of any opposition to this Bill? None whatever.
5. Under the third clause of this Bill the proceeds of any sale, after payment of expenses, are to be paid into the Supreme Court to the credit of the estate? Yes.
6. So that there will be no misappropriation or departure from the intention of the will? There can be no misappropriation. We ask for power to dedicate, because there may be instances in which it will be for the advantage of the estate that the rising population of the neighbourhood may have sites for the erection of such buildings as those provided for in the Bill, or grounds for public recreation. For instance, it may be that the Council of Education will be invited to erect a school there. But if money is obtained by the sale of any of the land, it must be paid into Court, and be dealt with according to the trusts of the will.
7. *Mr. Farnell.*] This Bill does not alter the trusts in any way? In no way whatever, except that it empowers the alienation of a portion of the land, not exceeding 35 acres, away from the trust; but that will be both to the advantage of the estate and the public; and although we are promoting the Bill privately, it is quite as much a matter of public policy as of private interest.

G. P. Slade,
Esq.

1 June, 1877.

Ernest Augustus White, Esq., called in and examined:—

- E. A. White, Esq.
1 June, 1877.
8. *Mr. Slade.*] You are a member of the firm of Bingle, White, & Co.? Yes.
 9. And at present resident in Sydney? Yes.
 10. You were for many years resident in Newcastle? Yes, about nine years.
 11. You are a Magistrate of the territory? Yes.
 12. And were for some time Mayor of Newcastle? Yes, two years.
 13. You know the municipality of Wickham? Yes.
 14. Does it contain a rising population? The municipality is comparatively a new one, but it is rapidly increasing in population.
 15. Do you know Mr. Albert Dangar's land, dealt with by the Leasing Act of 1873? I have a general knowledge of the locality.
 16. Do you know the particular portion on which the Church of England church is erected? I do.
 17. Is that in a central position in the municipality? Yes; the frontage is to the main street—Hannell-street.
 18. Are you aware that it is contemplated to extend the holding of the church, and also to expend money in the improvement and enlargement of the present building? Yes; the present building has been found much too small for the congregation that meets there.
 19. Mr. Albert Dangar's land is, I presume, an eligible site for the erection of public buildings? The site for the church is a very desirable one, it is very central, and in a prominent and conspicuous place.
 20. It is not improbable that in course of time similar sites will be in demand for churches of other persuasions? There is not the most remote doubt about that. I believe the Church of England is the only church at present erected there. The other denominations will of course require similar accommodation by and by.
 21. From your knowledge of the locality and of business matters generally, do you consider that it would be for the advantage of Mr. A. A. Dangar's estate that he should be able from time to time to devote, either with or without consideration, certain portions of the estate, not exceeding ten per cent. of the whole, for religious, charitable, and other public purposes? I do not know how far it may be to the advantage of the estate, but it will be decidedly for the advantage of the population, and so no doubt tend to improve the value of the property.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

VOTES No. 60. TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 1877.

10. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Hill, Mr. Day, Mr. Terry, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 65. TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1877.

3. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Marmaduke Constable, of Bowenfells, stating that he has a claim, in abeyance, to mine on the land proposed to be leased, and praying for leave to be heard in support of his claim, personally or by counsel, before the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Garrett, *by consent*, moved, without Notice, That the Petition presented by him this day, from Marmaduke Constable, relative to his application, under the 28th clause of the Mining Act, for permission to mine for coal under the Glebe land at Newcastle, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill introduced into this Assembly, to enable the Trustees of the said land to deal with the coal under the said land; and that the prayer of the said Petition, that the Petitioner have leave to appear before the said Committee in support of his alleged claim, be granted.
Question put and passed.

VOTES No. 130. FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

4. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 15 May, 1877.
Ordered to be printed.

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NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly, to whom was referred for consideration and report, on the 15th May, 1877,—“*The Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill*,”—and to whom was referred, on the 22nd May,—“*The Petition of Marmaduke Constable praying to be heard before the Committee*,”—beg to report to your Honorable House:—

That they have examined the Witnesses named in the List* (whose *See List, page 5. evidence will be found appended hereto); and that the Preamble having been satisfactorily proved to your Committee, they proceeded to consider the several Clauses of the Bill, in which it was deemed necessary to make certain Amendments.

Your Committee now beg to lay before your Honorable House the Bill as amended by them.

GEO. A. LLOYD,
Chairman.

No. 3 Committee Room,
Sydney, 25th September, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd, | Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Day, | Mr. Scholey.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd called to the Chair.

Entries from Votes and Proceedings appointing the Committee, and referring thereto the Petition of Marmaduke Constable, praying to be heard personally or by Counsel before the Committee, read by the Clerk.

Original Petitions and printed copies of the Bill before the Committee.

Resolved,—That the Petitioner's prayer be granted.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Tuesday next at *Ten* o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd in the Chair.

Mr. Terry, | Mr. Day,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), | Mr. Scholey.

Present :—William Barker, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

Marmaduke Constable, Esq. (*Petitioner against the Bill*).

Marmaduke Constable, Esq., applied for an adjournment of the Committee, on the ground that he had not had sufficient time to instruct Counsel to appear on his behalf.

William Barker, Esq., addressed the Committee against an adjournment.

Room cleared.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to To-morrow at *Ten* o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd in the Chair.

Mr. Day, | Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Scholey.

Present :—William Barker, Esq. (*Solicitor for the Bill*).

Marmaduke Constable, Esq. (*Petitioner against the Bill*).

William Barker, Esq., applied for an adjournment of the Committee.

Room cleared.

Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned to Tuesday, the 12th June, at *Ten* o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE, 1877.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT :—

Mr. Hill, | Mr. G. A. Lloyd.

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting called for this day lapsed.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

MEMBERS PRESENT:—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd in the Chair.

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Cohen,

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Moses.

The Chairman laid before the Committee a letter from Mr. Marmaduke Constable, in which he stated that any opposition of his to the Bill in its present stage would only waste the time of the Committee, and that he did not intend to be present at any of the sittings.

Present:—William Owen, Esq. (*Counsel on behalf of the Promoters*).

George Lawrence, Esq., called in and examined.

Witness produced original Deed of Grant from the Crown of the Newcastle Glebe Lands, with the cancellation of the reservation for coals endorsed thereon; also, Deed of Appointment of the present Trustees; also, Deed of Conveyance of the lands to the present Trustees.

Witness withdrew.

The Reverend Arthur Edward Selwyn (*Canon of Christ Church, Newcastle*), called in and examined.

Room cleared.

Preamble considered.

Question,—“That this Preamble stand part of the Bill”—put and passed.

Solicitor called in and informed.

Clause 1 read, *amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 2, 3, and 4 read and agreed to.

Chairman to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

* See Schedule
of Amendments

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 8. *After “being” insert “from time to time”*
 ” ” line 9. *Omit “twenty-one”; insert “ninety-nine”*
 ” ” line 10. *After “coal” insert “in one or more block or blocks”*
 ” ” lines 10, 11, & 12. *Omit “either with or without a portion of the surface of the lands in or under which the same or any part thereof shall be and”*
 ” ” line 23. *After “reserved” insert “Provided that it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or the Trustees for the time being of the said land to accept the surrender from time to time of any such lease or leases on such terms as to them shall seem expedient.”*

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ON THE

NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL.

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1877.

Present:—

MR. COHEN,	MR. HURLEY (<i>Hartley</i>),
MR. HILL,	MR. LLOYD,

MR. MOSES.

GEORGE ALFRED LLOYD, Esq., IN THE CHAIR.

William Owen, Esq., appeared as Counsel on behalf of the Petitioners for the Bill.

George Lawrence, Esq., examined:—

1. *Mr. Owen.*] What are you? Managing Clerk to William Barker, Solicitor for the Petitioners.
2. Do you produce a Grant from the Crown dated 15th February, 1859? I do.
3. Who are the grantees named in that? The Right Reverend William Tyrrell, Lord Bishop of Newcastle, the Rev. Charles Pleydell Neale Wilton, Alexander Walker Scott, Simon Kemp, and George Tully. (*The witness produced the same, marked A.*)
4. Upon this deed of grant there is endorsed a cancellation of the reservation of coals and minerals by the Crown? There is.
5. What is the date of that? 31st July, 1877. (*Marked B.*)
6. Do you produce the deed of appointment of the present Petitioners as trustees of the land mentioned in this grant? I do. (*The witness produced the same, marked C.*)
7. What is the date of that? 28th August, 1878.
8. Do you also produce the conveyance of this land to the present Petitioners, as trustees? I do. (*The witness produced the same, marked D.*)
9. What is the date of the conveyance? 3rd May, 1876.

G. Lawrence,
Esq.

(*The 25 Sept., 1877.*)

The Rev. Arthur Edward Selwyn examined:—

10. *Mr. Owen.*] You are Canon of Christ Church, Newcastle? I am.
11. You are one of the trustees named in the deeds which have been produced? I am.
12. Do you know the land proposed to be leased? I do.
13. Do you know, of your own knowledge, whether there are any seams of coal there? Yes, of my own knowledge, I know it.
14. No mines have been opened on that land, I believe? No mines have been opened.
15. Is there any mine adjoining it? The Australian Agricultural Company's mine is adjoining, within about 100 yards.
16. Does the seam of coal in that mine run in the direction of your land? The Company at the present moment have worked right up to the face of the coal on our land.

Rev. A. E.
Selwyn.

(*The 25 Sept., 1877.*)

- Rev. A. E. Selwyn.
25 Sept., 1877.
17. And the seam still continues? The seam still continues.
18. Do you know whether the seam of coal runs right through the land? I have every reason to believe it, inasmuch as another Company, the Newcastle Coal Mining Company, have opened a pit within a few yards on the other side of the land and have struck the same seam of coal.
19. Do you know whether these lands can be advantageously disposed of by lease at the present time? The right of mining that seam of coal can at the present time be advantageously disposed of by lease to one or two parties. The Australian Agricultural Company are prepared to take a lease at the present moment if we were in a position to grant it.
20. Would the granting of this lease be in your opinion advantageous to the parties interested in the land? Yes, certainly.
21. You are, I think, the incumbent? The incumbent.
22. Have you been advised by your legal adviser as to whether the trustees have power to grant a lease? The trustees have been advised that owing to the fact that, in law, trustees as such cannot commit waste, they have no power to give a valid lease; that other parties would have an action against the Company, which they would also have against the trustees.
23. That is on the *cestuique* trust? I am not sufficiently learned in the law to say that, but that we have no valid power to lease.
24. Therefore it is necessary to apply for power to the Legislature? Yes.
25. In your opinion, is the administration of moneys to be received by the trustees as lessors of this land a desirable mode of administering the proceeds? I can only say that it has the approval of the Bishop of the diocese, and is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Church Act 8 Willm. IV, No. 5.
26. *Mr. Hurley.*] In the first deed certain reservations are made of minerals to the Crown? Yes.
27. Are the same reservations made in the second and third deed? There is but one deed: and I might explain to the Committee exactly the position of that deed—the deed of grant. We found at a former meeting of this Committee that there was a flaw in that deed—which we had not been aware of until then; we applied to the Government to amend this flaw, and it was then stated that this had arisen from inadvertence. It has been rectified, and it is endorsed on the face of the deed that the reservation to the Crown has been cancelled.
28. That reservation has been altered after a lapse of some twenty or twenty-five years? Yes, we held the land from 1834, but the trustees never applied for a deed of grant until 1859, nine years after the reservations had been cancelled by proclamation. Through the inadvertence of some clerk in the office an old form of deed was taken and used which contained this reservation. Nobody ever looked at it to see whether it was correct or not until we appeared before this Committee, and we then learned there was this inadvertence. That has since been rectified, and the deed bears on its face the cancellation, so that the flaw in our title has been cured.
29. I suppose that was done on the recommendation of the Executive? Yes.
30. *Mr. Cohen.*] I see in clause 3 of this Bill that the moneys to be received are to be appropriated towards the erection of a church to be used as a cathedral within the city of Newcastle. What I want to ask is, whether the trustees are not likely to receive from time to time from this land a sum larger than would be necessary for the erection of a cathedral? We have reason to believe that the amount we shall receive will be about £5,000 or £6,000, and that would not be more than is contemplated by the Act 8 Wm. IV, No. 5, as required for the building of a parish church. (*The witness read the clause of the Act.*) The object of my question is this:—That you might contemplate realizing from time to time a larger sum than £5,000 from the leasing of this land; then, assuming that you had alternately over and above what was required for the erection of a church, there is no provision for the disposal of the surplus? No; the Bill requires that it shall be used for the erection of a church, because it was thought we should not have more than a sufficient sum. It is proposed that so much per ton shall be paid upon the coal raised, and it is believed that will not amount to more than £5,000, which, with the other moneys to be raised, will not be more than sufficient for building the principal church of the diocese.
31. I see that the area of the ground is 35 acres; assuming that the seam of coal is a valuable one, and runs right through the land, I presume it would take many years to work it out? I am informed by Mr. Merewether that the A. A. Company work 24 acres a year, and we estimate therefore that the land would be worked out in two or three years.
32. From information you have received, you do not think the probable income from this land to be received under this Bill will be more than £5,000 or £6,000? I think not. Mr. Merewether estimates even less than that, and he is a good judge.
33. I see that by the Act 8 William IV, recited in the preamble, there were certain gentlemen appointed trustees? Yes.
34. Will you explain how it is that the original trustees have been divested of their estate in this land, and the land has been vested in the present trustees? Two of the original trustees are dead, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Wilton, and have been dead many years; two of them, Messrs. Scott and Tully, have resigned. Steps were taken before the resignation of the Bishop for the appointment of five trustees, so that the five present trustees are appointed under the Act recited in the preamble.
35. *Mr. Hill.*] You have stated it has been ascertained that the coal seam exists on each side of your boundary? It has, so far as we can judge.
36. What is the thickness of the seam? Eight or nine feet.
37. What is the area through which the seam runs? It is supposed to be 35 acres.
38. Is it the fact that so large a seam of coal as that you have described can be worth only £5,000? So we are informed; all we should receive would be a royalty of 8d. per ton.
39. *Mr. Hurley.*] Of course the Government have taken all the responsibility upon themselves as to rectifying the mistake in the deed which had previously been made? I suppose so.