

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1877.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the seventeenth day of November, 1877, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON,
“ to wit. } Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
“ (L.S.) } and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of
“ HERCULES ROBINSON, } New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.
“ Governor.

“ In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue
“ of the Act intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil
“ List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the
“ Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the Reign of Her said
“ Majesty, intituled ‘An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature
“ of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to
“ Her Majesty,’ I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative
“ Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business, shall commence
“ and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of November instant, at twelve o'clock, at
“ noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the
“ City of Sydney; and the Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly,
“ respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this seventeenth day of
“ November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and
“ in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By Command,
“ JOHN ROBERTSON

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; and a further Certificate by His Excellency that no return has yet been made in the case of the Writ for the Electoral District of Balranald.

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Allen, Sir George Wigram	The Glebe.
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander	Gold Fields South.
Barbour, Robert	The Murray.
Bawden, Thomas	The Clarence.
Bennett, Hanley	Liverpool Plains.
Beyers, Hugo Louis	Gold Fields West.
Bowker, Richard Ryther Steer	Newcastle.
Bowman, Alexander	The Hawkesbury.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	The Paterson.
Brown, Stephen Campbell	Newtown.
Browne, William Charles	Patrick's Plains.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.
Cameron, Angus	West Sydney.
Charles, Samuel	Kiama.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Cohen, Henry Emanuel	West Maitland.
Combes, The Hon. Edward	Orange.
Coonan, Walter Thomas	The Bogan.
Copeland, Henry	Gold Fields North.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons	The Gwydir.
Davies, John	East Sydney.
Davies, William	Argyle.
Day, George	The Hume.
Dillon, John	Tenterfield.
Driver, Richard	Windsor.
Eckford, Joseph	Wollombi.
Farnell, James Squire	St. Leonards.
Fitzpatrick, Michael	Yass Plains.
Garrett, Thomas	Camden.
Greenwood, James	East Sydney.
Greville, Edward	Braidwood.
Grey, Samuel William	Illawarra.
Harris, John	West Sydney.
Hoskins, James	The Tumut.
Hungerford, Thomas	Northumberland.
Hurley, John	Hartley.
Hurley, John	Narebun.
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton	The Lower Hunter.
Johnston, William	The Williams.
Lackey, John	Central Cumberland.
Leary, Joseph	The Murrumbidgee.
Long, William Alexander	Parramatta.
Lucas, John	Canterbury.
Lynch, Andrew	Carcoar.
Macintosh, John	East Sydney.
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, Junior	Central Cumberland.
McElhone, John	The Upper Hunter.
Merriman, James	West Sydney.
Moses, Henry	The Hawkesbury.
Murphy, John	Monaro.
O'Connor, Daniel	West Sydney.
Onslow, Arthur Alexander Walton	Camden.
Parkes, Sir Henry	Canterbury.
Pilcher, Charles Edward	West Macquarie.
Robertson, Sir John	{ East Macquarie } Signed the Roll for both { Mudgee } Electorates.
Roseby, John	Shoalhaven.
Scholey, Stephen	East Maitland.
Shepherd, John	Wellington.
Smith, Robert Burdett	The Hastings.
Smith, Thomas Richard	The Nepean.
Stuart, Alexander	East Sydney.
Sutherland, John	Paddington.
Suttor, Francis Bathurst	Bathurst.
Suttor, William Henry	East Macquarie.
Taylor, Hugh	Parramatta.
Teece William, Junior	Goulburn.
Terry, Samuel Henry	New England.
Thompson, James Banford	Queanbeyan.
Watson, James	The Lachlan.
Windeyer, William Charles, M.A.	The University of Sydney.
Wisdom, Robert	Morpeth.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS :—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that “The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read.”

The House went, and the President said :—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of this Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as is set forth more fully in the Commission itself, which will now be read.”

Whereupon the Clerk of the Parliaments read the said Commission as follows :—

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

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting :

“Whereas, by Proclamation made on the seventeenth day of November instant, His Excellency 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, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled, ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of November instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable John Hay, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Joseph Docker, and the Honorable William Bede Dalley, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said John Hay, Joseph Docker, and William Bede Dalley, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-seventh day of November, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns, to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said John Hay, Joseph Docker, and William Bede Dalley, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

“In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

“Witness our trusty and well-beloved SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight
(L.S.) “Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
“our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, at
“Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this twenty-second day of November,
“in the forty-first year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
“hundred and seventy-seven.

“HERCULES ROBINSON.

“By His Excellency’s Command,

“JOHN ROBERTSON.”

The Members of both Houses being then seated, at the request of the President,—

The President said—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
“We have it in Command from the Governor to let you know, That as soon as the Members of
“both Houses, shall have been sworn, His Excellency will declare the causes of this Parliament
“being called together; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first
“chosen, it is His Excellency’s pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair
“to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your
“Speaker.”

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS :—The Honorable Sir John Robertson informed the Assembly that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, authorizing him and two other Members of the Assembly, therein named, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made by Members of the Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the
“Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-
“Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting :

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir Hercules George Robert
“Robinson, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive
“Council

“ Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, the Honorable William Alexander Long, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable John Lackey, Esquire, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-second day of November, in the (L.S.) “ year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first “ year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ HERCULES ROBINSON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ JOHN ROBERTSON.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—Sir John Robertson took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William Alexander Long, and the Honorable John Lackey, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz.:—
- Sir George Wigram Allen. The Honorable Ezekiel Alexander Baker. Robert Barbour, Esquire. Hanley Bennett, Esquire. Richard Ryther Steer Bowker, Esquire. Alexander Bowman, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire. William Charles Browne, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. Samuel Charles, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire. The Honorable Edward Combès. Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire. The Honorable John Davies. William Davies, Esquire. George Day, Esquire. John Dillon, Esquire. Richard Driver, Esquire. James Squire Farnell, Esquire. Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire. Samuel William Gray, Esquire. James Greenwood, Esquire. Edward Greville, Esquire. Thomas Hungerford, Esquire. John Hurley, Esquire (*Hartley*). John Hurley, Esquire (*Narollan*). The Hon. Archibald Hamilton Jacob. William Johnston, Esquire. Joseph Leary, Esquire. Andrew Lynch, Esquire. John Macintosh, Esquire. Andrew Hardie McCulloch, Junior, Esquire. John McElhone, Esquire. James Merriman, Esquire. Henry Moses, Esquire. John Murphy, Esquire. Daniel O'Connor, Esquire. Arthur Onslow, Captain R.N. Sir Henry Parkes. Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire. John Roseby, Esquire. John Shepherd, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire. Alexander Stuart, Esquire. John Sutherland, Esquire. William Henry Suttor, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Teece, Junior, Esquire. Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire. James Banford Thompson, Esquire. James Watson, Esquire. Robert Wisdom, Esquire.
6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Captain Onslow, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir George Wigram Allen, and moved,—“That Sir George Wigram Allen do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Driver.
- The House then calling Sir George Wigram Allen to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.
- The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Captain Onslow and Mr. Driver, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—
- And thereupon sat down in the Chair.
- Then Sir John Robertson and Sir Henry Parkes respectively congratulated the Speaker.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson informed the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Sir John Robertson, at fourteen minutes after One o'clock, until To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1877.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Eleven o'clock a.m., This Day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at half-past Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.*

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1877.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Sir John Robertson, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

And the House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him—and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath before the Commissioners, and signed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned,—the Clerk producing the Writs:—

Thomas Bawden, Esquire,—for The Clarence.

Hugo Louis Beyers, Esquire,—for Gold Fields West.

Joseph Eckford, Esquire,—for Wollombi.

Stephen Scholey, Esquire,—for East Maitland.

3. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting :

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize The Honorable Sir George Wigram Allen, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“ Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our (L.S.) “ Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of the “ Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ HERCULES ROBINSON.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ JOHN ROBERTSON.”

4. WRIT OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a Writ issued by His Excellency the Governor, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of The Lower Hunter, in the room of Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, whose Seat became vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Mines,—with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of The Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob to serve as such Member.
5. MEMBER SWORN:—The Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Lower Hunter.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—
 “MR. SPEAKER,
 “It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency “immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”
 The House went, and being returned,—
7. MEMBER SWORN:—James Hoskins, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Tumut.
 On motion of Sir John Robertson, the House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

8. ASSENT TO BILLS (*passed last Session*):—The following Messages, received in the recess from His Excellency the Governor, were read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Public Works Loan Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 11th October, 1877.*

(2.) Appropriation Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1877 and for the Year 1876 and previous Years*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 11th October, 1877.*

9. MEMBER SWORN:—John Lucas, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
10. DISCREPANCY BETWEEN NAME ENDORSED ON WRIT AND SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Illawarra is endorsed on the Writ as “*Samuel William Grey*,” the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for Illawarra had signed his name in both documents as *Samuel William Gray*.
 Whereupon Sir John Robertson moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return above-mentioned by substituting the name “*Samuel William Gray*” for that of *Samuel William Grey*.
 Question put and passed.
 And the Clerk amended the said Return accordingly.
11. ORDINANCE LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir John Robertson presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance Land Act of Council 1840*,”—which was read a first time, *pro forma*.
12. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

I. I have called you together at the earliest date after the General Election with the view in the first place of enabling you to make, in accordance with Constitutional usage, the necessary provision for the Public Service; and in the next place to afford you the opportunity of entering without loss of time upon the transaction of such Legislative business as cannot without serious public disadvantage be longer postponed. I am sensible of the inconvenience to which many of you

you must necessarily be subjected in your withdrawal at this period of the year from your ordinary pursuits; but the condition of public business justifies me in believing that you will, without reluctance, and at the sacrifice of your own personal interests, undertake the performance of the important duties with which you have been charged.

2. The necessity which has been shown for some alterations in the Land law, both of the "Lands Acts of 1861" and the "Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875," will be met by the submission of a short measure to effect certain desirable amendments. Important alterations in the arrangements of the Lands Department, which will shortly be carried into effect, will, it is trusted, tend to the greater efficiency of that branch of the public service, and to the public convenience.

3. The Bill for the amendment of the "Municipalities Act of 1867," which during the last Session of the late Parliament had passed the Legislative Assembly, but the consideration of which by the Legislative Council had been interrupted by the dissolution, will be again presented to you. It is difficult to conceive any subject more worthy of your earnest attention than one which deals with matters of such vital interest as the supply of water, the drainage and sewerage, and the sanitary improvement generally of the community.

4. The measure for the amendment and consolidation of the various laws regulating the Customs, which had in like manner passed the Legislative Assembly during the last Session of Parliament, will also be submitted to you.

5. In order to adjust the existing Electoral system and to remedy the inequalities which admittedly prevail, a Bill to make better provision for the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly will be introduced. It has not been deemed desirable immediately after the existing constituencies have exercised their choice—and with so much important public business to be transacted—to bring about by the amendment and consolidation of the Electoral law a second General Election.

6. As a matter of importance and urgency, the necessary steps have been taken since the dissolution to secure, in accordance with the intention of the Legislature, the representation of the Colony at the Paris Exhibition in May of next year. It is to be hoped that the great and varied resources of our Colony will be fairly represented at this Exhibition.

7. I am thankful to be able to offer you my hearty congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, the enlargement of our commercial relations, and the growth of our industrial enterprise. Although during the last three months the revenue has fallen off as compared with the earlier months of the present year, it still continues on the whole in a healthy and satisfactory condition. The falling off is mainly in the revenue derived from the sale of public lands; and is doubtless to be attributed to the prolonged drought in the interior. It is confidently expected that the revenue for the year will reach the sum of £5,885,000, or an increase of £850,000 over the revenue of 1876. If this expectation is realized, the revenue will exceed the estimate made in the Financial Statement of January last by £977,000, and that made in the later Statement in May by £577,000. In sources of revenue other than the public estate, the increases this year over the receipts of last clearly indicate the steady advance of public prosperity. There are few heads of revenue that show any diminution, and those that do are such as yield small amounts, and cannot appreciably affect the whole.

8. The state of the revenue has enabled the Government to carry out many of the Public Works which Parliament had authorized to be provided for by loan, without having recourse to the raising of those loans by the issue of debentures, and at the present time the advances made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to various Loan Funds amount to £1,600,000.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. At the earliest possible period the financial position of the Colony will be explained to you, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year will be laid upon the Table.

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

10. You will be immediately asked to provide for the construction of Extensions on the Northern, Western, and Southern Railways.

11. Tenders have already been invited for the construction of the Southern Railway through the Town of Wagga Wagga, and Tenders for the remaining portion of this Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury, a distance of 78 miles, will be called for in January next. The remaining necessary steps to authorize the calling for tenders for the construction of the line from Junee to Naranderra, will be taken without delay. You will also be asked to make the necessary provision for the construction of Railways from Wallerawang to Mudgee, and from Orange to the Valley of the Lachlan,—to bring the Railway from the present Redfern Terminus into the City, and to extend it to the Suburbs.

12. Trial surveys have been made from Tamworth to Manilla, Barraba, and Inverell to Tenterfield; also from Tamworth through Armidale and by way of Glen Innes to Tenterfield. A deviation from this line, through Uralla to Glen Innes and Tenterfield, has also been surveyed. The necessary plans and sections will be placed before Parliament for its approval.

13. Trial surveys will also be made from Gunnedah to a point at or near the head of the navigation of the Darling River: and from Dubbo to a point at or near Fort Bourke.

14. In view of the vast importance, not only to the Metropolis but the whole country, of the questions of the Water Supply and Sewerage of Sydney, the Government has directed surveys to be made, which are now in progress, for the necessary works to bring the water from the Upper Nepean in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioners, which was substantially confirmed by the report of Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer. Proposals to enable the Government to undertake and complete these works will be shortly submitted to you.

15. The necessity for greatly increased accommodation for the insane has induced the Government to proceed with the new Asylum which is to be erected at Callan Park, as well as to enlarge and improve the establishment at Gladesville.

16. Among other measures which had obtained the approval of the Legislative Assembly in the last Parliament, but which had not received the sanction of the Legislative Council, was a Bill to amend in several important particulars the "Audit Act of 1870." This Bill will be submitted to you at an early date.

17. In inviting your earnest attention to these and other important questions which may be submitted for your consideration, I humbly hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country.

Mr. Dillon then moved, and Mr. Roseby seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John Robertson, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Roseby, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Dillon having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's speech.

The Bills for the amendment of the Land Law, of the Act regulating Municipalities, and for the amendment of the Customs Laws, as well as the various measures to which Your Excellency refers, shall receive our most careful "consideration."

We humbly join with Your Excellency in your congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country.

Mr. Dillon then moved, and Mr. Roseby seconded the motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words after the word "consideration" at the end of the second paragraph, "at the same time we feel bound to express our grave doubts as to the satisfactory conduct of public business until "Your Excellency can secure the advice of Members of this House entitled to its confidence."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1877.

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

WRIT OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a copy of the Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor, declaring the Election of the Honorable Archibald Hamilton Jacob, as Member for The Lower Hunter, valid, notwithstanding the delay in the return of the Writ of Election.

2. LYNDBURST SALE BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Very Reverend William Gillett and the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, of Sydney, Clerks in Holy Orders, and Thomas Cooper Makinson, of Gladesville, near Sydney, gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett, the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy, and Thomas Cooper Makinson, trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon, situate at the Globe, near Sydney, and known as Lyndhurst, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Freeman's Journal*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Sale of Crown Lands.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had,—and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

4. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL:—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for better securing the payment of Debts due to Workmen.
Question put and passed.

5. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Real Property Act.
Question put and passed.

6. CATTLE DRIVING ACT:—Mr. Cohen presented two Petitions, praying the House to consider the request of the Petitioners, that persons may be allowed to drive cattle, intended for sale, slaughter, or shipment, through or into the towns of West Maitland and East Maitland between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., in addition to the hours prescribed by the Cattle Driving Act,—

(1.) From certain Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of West Maitland and its vicinity.

(2.) From certain Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of East Maitland and its vicinity.
Petitions received.

7. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bennett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Sale of Crown Lands*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th December.

8. CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL:—Mr. W. H. Suttor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for better securing the payment of Debts due to Workmen*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th December.

9. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dillon, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's speech.

"The Bills for the amendment of the Land Law, of the Act regulating Municipalities, and for the amendment of the Customs Laws, as well as the various measures to which Your Excellency refers, shall receive our most careful 'consideration.'

"We humbly join with Your Excellency in your congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country."

Upon which Mr. Farnell had moved that the Address be amended by the insertion after the word "consideration" at the end of the second paragraph, of the following words, "at the same time we feel bound to express our grave doubts as to the satisfactory conduct of public business until Your Excellency can secure the advice of Members of this House entitled to its confidence."

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

10. MEMBER SWORN:—Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.

11. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 10—resumed.

Interruption.

12. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Garrett, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden.

13. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 12—resumed.

Interruption.

14. MEMBER SWORN:—Henry Copeland, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North.

15. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 14—resumed.

Mr. Baker moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1877, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Johnston,	Captain Onslow.

Noes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Leary,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

16. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“ By the *Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*
“ of *New South Wales*.

“ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
“ New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

“ Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire,

“ Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire,

“ Joseph Leary, Esquire,

“ Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N.,

“ Alexander Stuart, Esquire,

“ William Henry Suttor, Esquire,

“ James Watson, Esquire,

“ being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
“ Sydney, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord one
“ thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

“ *Speaker.*”

The House adjourned, at two minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1877.

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

DEPOSIT OF NIGHTSOIL NEAR THE BOTANY ROAD:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Residents on the Botany Road, complaining of the nuisance arising from the depositing of nightsoil in the vicinity of the Botany Road; and praying relief.
Petition received.

2. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Real Property Act'*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

3. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the abolition of the Duty on Gold.
Question put and passed.

4. CATTLE DRIVING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th November, from Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of West Maitland and its vicinity, relative to the hours allowed for Driving Cattle through that town, be printed.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th November, from Auctioneers, Butchers, and other Inhabitants of East Maitland and its vicinity, relative to the hours allowed for Driving Cattle through that town, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Shepherd presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the abolition of the Duty on Gold*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 14th December.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dillon, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech.

"The Bills for the amendment of the Land Law, of the Act regulating Municipalities, and for the amendment of the Customs Laws, as well as the various measures to which Your Excellency refers, shall receive our most careful consideration."

"We humbly join with Your Excellency in your congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country."

Upon which Mr. Farnell had moved that the Address be amended by the insertion after the word "consideration" at the end of the second paragraph, of the following words, "at the same time we feel bound to express our grave doubts as to the satisfactory conduct of public business until Your Excellency can secure the advice of Members of this House entitled to its confidence."

And

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1877, A.M.

Mr. Bowman moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Lackey,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Dillon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Charles,	

Noes, 29.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hariley</i>).
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate continued.

Mr. Clarke moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets and Thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for other purposes.
And Mr. Driver having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Evening News* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after Four o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1877.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
MEMBER SWORN:—William Charles Windeyer, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the University of Sydney.
2. WRIT OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a Certificate under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, of the return of the Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Balranald, together with the Writ alluded to, on which the Returning Officer had certified that Colin William Simson, Esquire, was duly chosen the Member for the said Electoral District; and also a copy of a Proclamation by His Excellency declaring such Election valid notwithstanding the delay in the return of the said Writ.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Interruption.
4. MEMBER SWORN:—Colin William Simson, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Balranald.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Cameron, That this House do now adjourn—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 4—resumed.
Question put and negatived.
6. THE LAND LAW:—The following Petitions, praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands, were presented by the Members named:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Barbour. From certain Inhabitants of Deniliquin and the surrounding District.
 - (2.) By Mr. Barbour. From certain Inhabitants of Jerilderie and the surrounding District.
 - (3.) By Mr. Barbour. From certain Inhabitants of Eugowra.
 - (4.) By Mr. Coonan. From certain Inhabitants of Darlington Point, near Hay.
 - (5.) By Mr. McElhone. From certain Inhabitants of the county of Ashburnham.
 Petitions received.
7. RAILWAY TO CONNECT MUDGEE WITH GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Hunter River and North-western Districts, in favour of the construction of a Railway to connect Mudgee with the Great Northern Line at Muswellbrook.
Petition received.
8. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors resident in the neighbourhood of Walbundrie, Piney Range, and surrounding District, praying that in any measure which may be brought forward for the amendment of the Land Act, certain suggested provisions may be embodied.
Petition received.
9. DISTILLATION BILL:—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize Distillation by the owners of Sugar Mills and Manufactories.
Question put and passed.
10. CITY OF SYDNEY IMPROVEMENT BILL:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the construction of Buildings and for the safety and health of the inhabitants within the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.

11. **LYNDHURST SALE BILL:**—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
12. **BRIDGE ACROSS VALE CREEK AT KINGS FALLS:**—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 21st December, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £800, for the erection of a Bridge across the Vale Creek, at Kings Falls.
Question put and passed.
13. **POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, FORBES:**—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £8,000, for the erection of a new Post and Telegraph Office in the town of Forbes.
Question put and passed.
14. **DEPOSIT OF NIGHTSOIL NEAR THE BOTANY ROAD:**—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th November, from certain Residents on the Botany Road, relative to the depositing of Nightsoil in their neighbourhood, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. **ROAD, GLEN INNES TO VEGETABLE CREEK *via* GLENDON:**—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of making a Road from Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek *via* Glendon.
Question put and passed.
16. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:**—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets and Thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
17. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:**—The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Dillon, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for your Excellency's Speech.

"The Bills for the amendment of the Land Law, of the Act regulating Municipalities, and for the amendment of the Customs Laws, as well as the various measures to which your Excellency refers, shall receive our most careful 'consideration.'

"We humbly join with Your Excellency in your congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country."

Upon which Mr. Farnell had moved that the Address be amended by the insertion, after the word "consideration" at the end of the second paragraph, of the following words, "at the same time we feel bound to express our grave doubts as to the satisfactory conduct of public business until Your Excellency can secure the advice of Members of this House entitled to its confidence."

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Groville,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Beunnett,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Moses.
Mr. Barbour,	

Noes, 31.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Combes,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Garrett,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rosphy,	
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. Tecce,	
Mr. Simson,	
Mr. Eckford,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question

Question then put.—That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House :—

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, desire to express our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech.

The Bills for the amendment of the Land Law, of the Act regulating Municipalities, and for the amendment of the Customs Laws, as well as the various measures to which Your Excellency refers, shall receive our most careful consideration; at the same time we feel bound to express our grave doubts as to the satisfactory conduct of public business until Your Excellency can secure the advice of Members of this House entitled to its confidence.

We humbly join with Your Excellency in your congratulations upon the continued prosperity of the Colony, and in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may attend our counsels, and that they may conduce to the happiness of the people and the advancement of the Country.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Windeyar,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Harley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

Noes, 32.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. J. Davies,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gray,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Coonan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir John Robertson informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter after Four o'clock to-morrow,—

And moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Sir John Robertson, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session,—

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give them thereto the following Answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN
OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for this Address. As I am at all times desirous that my Government should be in accordance with the Representatives of the People in the Legislative Assembly, I shall take immediate measures for the formation of a new Administration.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th December, 1877.*

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that, in consequence of what had occurred last night, he had waited on His Excellency to-day, at noon, and tendered to him the resignation of his colleagues and himself; whereupon His Excellency had requested him and his colleagues to continue the business of the Government until a new Administration could be obtained. Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock. Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at nineteen minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

ALFONSO TORRES

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson announced that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Governor, informing him that he had entrusted to Sir Henry Parkes the formation of a new Administration, and requesting him (Sir John Robertson) to move the adjournment of the House to Tuesday next.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGBAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Friday, 30 November, 1877, a.m., not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
- (2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*—Whereupon Henry Emanuel Cohen, Michael Fitzpatrick, Joseph Leary, Alexander Stuart, and James Watson, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
2. MR. WILLIAM PITT WILSHIRE:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from William Pitt Wilshire, alleging that a conspiracy exists to dispossess him of his property; and praying relief, and that he may be heard in person or by Counsel at the Bar of the House.
Petition received.
3. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from certain of the Free Selectors of the Colony, praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands.
Petition received.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson said that he had received a note, within the last few minutes, from His Excellency the Governor, in which His Excellency states that he had received a note from Sir Henry Parkes, intimating that in consequence of the absence from Sydney of gentlemen whom he desired to consult, his arrangements would not be completed by the meeting of the Assembly to-day, and requesting that Sir John Robertson would move the adjournment of the House until to-morrow.
Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seven minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson announced that he had received a note from the Governor, in which His Excellency states that Sir Henry Parkes had informed him that he hoped to complete his arrangements early to-morrow, and would be glad if Sir John Robertson would move the adjournment of the House for another day.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock. Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

PAPERS:—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Summary of Telegraphic Communications between His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, G.C.M.G., and the Earl of Carnarvon, on the subject of an Ironclad.
- (2.) Correspondence respecting space for New South Wales at the Paris Exhibition of 1878.
- (3.) Report from Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, respecting Albury Water Supply.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Parramatta under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (6.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (7.) Letter from the Agent General relative to the Statue of Captain Cook.

Ordered to be printed.

2. ELECTION PETITION (*Northumberland*):—Sir John Robertson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor, from William Turner, of Wallsend, Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, complaining of the Election and Return of Thomas Hungerford as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the Return of the said Thomas Hungerford may be declared null and void, and that he (Petitioner) may be declared duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District.
Ordered, on motion of Sir John Robertson, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that, within the last few minutes, he had received a communication from His Excellency the Governor, enclosing a letter from Sir Henry Parkes. Sir John Robertson then read to the House Sir Henry Parkes's letter, returning to His Excellency the Commission to form an Administration, and stating his reasons for relinquishing it. Sir John Robertson then read His Excellency's note, requesting him to move the adjournment of the House till Tuesday next,—
And moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1877.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—John Harris, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

2. NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Terry, at the request of Mr. Farnell, informed the House that a new Administration had been formed, consisting of,—

Mr. Farnell as Secretary for Lands;
 Mr. Fitzpatrick as Colonial Secretary;
 Mr. Cohen as Colonial Treasurer;
 Mr. Sutherland as Secretary for Public Works;
 Mr. Leary as Minister of Justice and Public Instruction;
 Mr. W. H. Suttor as Secretary for Mines;
 Mr. Burns as Postmaster General;
 Mr. W. J. Foster as Attorney General.

3. VACANT SEATS:—

(1.) Mr. Terry moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of West Maitland.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of Joseph Leary, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.

Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of William Henry Suttor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from John Sutherland, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Paddington.

Whereupon Mr. Terry moved, That the Seat of John Sutherland, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Paddington, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Sutherland, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

4. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Driver having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets and Thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
5. LYNDBURST SALE BILL:—Mr. Shepherd having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 22nd day of January next, at Four o'clock.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday, 22nd January next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1878.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker reported,—

- (1.) That, pursuant to Resolutions of this House, he had issued Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

(1.) In the room of James Squire Farnell, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of St. Leonards had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.

(2.) In the room of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.

(3.) In the room of Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of West Maitland had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.

(4.) In the room of Joseph Leary, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

(5.) In the room of William Henry Suttor, Esquire, whose seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines.

(6.) In the room of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, whose seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General.

(7.) In the room of John Sutherland, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Paddington, resigned.

- (2.) That the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with Certificates endorsed thereon of the election of the whole of the said gentlemen as Members for the said Electoral Districts.

- (3.) That, in accordance with the provision contained in the 30th clause of the Electoral Act of 1858, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie, in the room of Sir John Robertson, elected and returned to serve as one of the Members for that Electoral District, and also as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee,—Sir John Robertson having, by letter addressed to the Speaker during the late adjournment, elected to sit for the Electorate of Mudgee, and resigned his Seat for the Electorate of East Macquarie.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

The Honorable James Squire Farnell, Esquire,—for St. Leonards.

The Honorable Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire,—for Yass Plains.

The Honorable Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire,—for West Maitland.

The Honorable Joseph Leary, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.

The Honorable William Henry Suttor, Esquire,—for East Macquarie.

The Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,—for The Hunter.

The Honorable John Sutherland, Esquire,—for Paddington.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing George Day, Esquire, Henry Moses, Esquire, Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire, and Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

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

“ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
“ New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

“ George Day, Esquire,	“ Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire,
“ Henry Moses, Esquire,	“ Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire,—

“ being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and
“ Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid,
“ in the room of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, Joseph Leary,
“ Esquire, and William Henry Suttor, Esquire, whose Seats in the said Assembly were declared
“ vacant on the eighteenth day of December last, by reason of their acceptance of the offices of
“ Colonial Secretary, Colonial Treasurer, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, and Secretary
“ for Mines, respectively.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
“ Sydney, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord one
“ thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
“ Speaker.”

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of two Minutes of the Governor and Executive Council, dated 13th November, 1877, and 11th December, 1877, respectively, authorizing the application of certain Balances from one Head of Service to supplement the Vote for another Service,—transmitted to him during the late adjournment for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the direction contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

5. PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the late Adjournment, the Acting Clerk had been subpoenaed to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Goulburn, to give evidence on behalf of the Crown in a case of personation against Charles M'Cube, and produce the Writ for the last Election for the Electoral District of Argyle; that he had authorized the Acting Clerk to attend and produce the said document; and that that Officer had reported to him that he attended accordingly, when the defendant pleaded guilty, and the production of the Writ was therefore not required.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Farnell stated to the House the course which the Government proposed to pursue in the transaction of the Public Business.

7. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1878, together with provision for other services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd January, 1878.

Ordered to be printed.

8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of water supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Board of Audit on Public Accounts.

(2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1877.

(3.) Orders and Regulations, Public Abattoirs, Glebe Island.

(4.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

(5.) Correspondence and Papers respecting British Duties on Australian Wines.

(6.) Return to an Order made on 12th July, 1877, in reference to Mr. G. H. Reid's Essay on the Mother Colony of the Australias.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 5th June, 1877, in reference to a complaint against the Station-master and Porter, Bowral Railway Station.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 17th July, 1877, in reference to Railway Extension into the City of Sydney. [*Plan, by Mr. J. F. Wakely, laid upon the Table as an Exhibit only.*]

(3.) Return to an Order made on 24th July, 1877, in reference to Tenders for Supply of Coal for Railway purposes for the year 1877.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 25th May, 1877, in reference to the survey of projected Line of Railway from Orange to Wellington, *via* Molong. [*Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference laid upon the Table as Exhibits only.*]

(5.)

(5.) Return showing particulars of Sidings and Platforms on Railway Lines.

Ordered to be printed.

(6.) Return to an Order made on 15th May, 1877, in reference to Free Passes on Railways.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Electors on the Rolls of each Electoral District of New South Wales for the years 1875-6, 1876-7, and 1877-8.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from Reverend Arthur Edward Selwyn (Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle), Edward Parnell, Henry Bayes Cotton, Frederick Ash, and Charles Frederick Stokes, all of Newcastle, in the Colony of New South Wales, 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.
And Mr. Stuart having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miner's Advocate*, and the *Newcastle Daily Pilot*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. **THE MINING ACT**:—Mr. Dillon presented a Petition from certain Members of a Committee appointed at a Public Meeting held at Vegetable Creek, Electoral District of Tenterfield, for the purpose of forming a Mining Association, praying that the Mining Act may be amended in the manner suggested by the Petitioners.
Petition received.
11. **MUNICIPALITY OF GLEN INNES**:—Mr. Dillon presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Municipal Council of Glen Innes, praying the House to consider the reasons urged by Petitioners for curtailing the Boundaries of the said Municipality.
Petition received.
12. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL**:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Freeholders and Residents in George-street, Sydney, in opposition to the construction of a Tramway in any part of George-street.
Petition received.
13. **EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO THE QUEENSLAND BORDER**:—Mr. Bennett presented a Petition from certain Residents of Manilla, Barraba, Gwydir, and Inverell Districts, in favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth, *via* Manilla and Barraba, to Inverell. And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
14. **INTEREST DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS**:—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers, residing at Kayuga and vicinity, near Muswellbrook, representing that in consequence of losses sustained during the present drought they are unable to meet the interest due on the balance of their purchase money; and praying relief.
Petition received.
15. **CASE OF EDWARD WILLIAM, AND MARY WHITE AGAINST FANNY WHITE**:—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Depositions in the case of Edward William White and Mary White, charged with assaulting Fanny White, heard at the Water Police Court, Sydney, on Friday, 16th November, 1877, before Messrs. Manning and Goodridge.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **INTEREST DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That, on account of the great loss sustained by Selectors in loss of live stock and crops, owing to the severe and prolonged drought, the Government should allow the payment of interest due by Selectors to stand over until the drought breaks up, and they are in a position to pay the interest due.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. **THE LAND LAW**:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th December, from certain Free Selectors of New South Wales, in favour of amending the Land Law and the stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
18. **POLLING-PLACES IN THE CLARENCE ELECTORATE**:—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between Mr. Lardner, the Returning Officer for The Clarence, and any other parties and the Government, relative to the appointment of Polling-places in that Electorate.
Question put and passed.
19. **CONE v. CLARKE—CATTLE SHOOTING**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Depositions in the case of a person named Clarke, tried at the Police Office, Nundle, for shooting cattle on the Barnett River, belonging to a free selector named Samuel Cone.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
20. **CEMETERY FOR NEWCASTLE**:—Dr. Bowker moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of purchasing a site for a Cemetery near Newcastle.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

21. APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE CROWN LANDS :—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of purchases of Crown Lands effected on account of improvements from the 10th of August, 1875, to the present date.
- (2.) The name of the district and of the run (if any) where each purchase is situate.
- (3.) The name of each purchaser.
- (4.) The area so purchased.
- (5.) The price paid per acre.
- (6.) The estimated value of the improvement.
- (7.) The estimated area of the run where the purchase was made.
- (8.) The date of each application.
- (9.) The authority under which the right to purchase was conceded in each case,—and
- (10.) The date on which the Department of Lands admitted the fulfilment of the conditions in each transaction.

(2.) Also, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of applications to purchase Crown Lands on account of improvements that are now under consideration by the Lands Department.
- (2.) The names of the districts and of the runs where the proposed purchases are situate.
- (3.) The areas of the runs.
- (4.) The quantities applied for.
- (5.) The names of the applicants.
- (6.) The dates of the applications,—and
- (7.) The authority under which the right to purchase is claimed in each case.

(3.) Also, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of applications to purchase Crown Lands on account of improvements that have been rejected from the 10th of August, 1875, to the present date.
- (2.) The names of the districts and of the runs where the purchases were proposed to be made.
- (3.) The areas of the runs.
- (4.) The quantities applied for.
- (5.) The names of the applicants.
- (6.) The dates of the applications.
- (7.) The dates when the decision of the Lands Department was communicated to the applicants.
- (8.) The authority on which the rejection was based.

Question put and passed.

22. MRS. ISABELLA BALDOCK :—*Mr. Coonan*, on behalf of *Mr. Driver*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Statements, Reports, and Documents relating to a claim made on behalf of *Mrs. Isabella Baldock*, for a recognition of the bravery displayed by her on the occasion of the residence of *Mr. Keightley* being attacked by bushrangers in October, 1863.

Question put and passed.

23. PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS :—*Mr. Coonan* moved pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purposes of assisted Prospecting the Crown Lands of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Macintosh moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Macintosh, by leave, withdrew the motion for the Previous Question.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Dillon,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Greville,	Tellers.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Watson.
Mr. J. Davies,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Long,	Tellers.
Mr. Simson,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Lackey,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Driver,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. W. Davies,	
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Charles,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Thompson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

24. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

(1.) *Mr. Speaker* informed the House that he had received a letter from *Captain Onslow, R.N.*, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, which letter he read to the House, as follows :—

“ Legislative Assembly, January 22, 1878.

“ Sir,

“ I beg to resign my Seat as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your obedient Servant,

“ ARTHUR ONSLOW.”

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Speaker then, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing John Lackey, Esquire, to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales*

“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
“New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

“John Lackey, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and
“Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid,
“in the room of Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N., resigned.

“Given under my hand at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
“Sydney, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord one
“thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
“Speaker.”

25. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That “Edward Greville,” Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session. Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “Edward Greville,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “Thomas Garrett.” Debate ensued. Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Driver,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Windeyer,

Tellers.

Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Johnston.

Noes, 29.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Combes, Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Roschy,
Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Harris,
Mr. Watson, Mr. Terry,
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Long, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Simson, Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Charles,
Mr. Baker, Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Jacob, Mr. McCulloch,

Tellers.

Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Teece, Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gray.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session. The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. Moses,
Mr. J. Davies, Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Baker, Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Combes, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Coonan,
Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Burns, Mr. Terry,
Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece,
Mr. Dillon, Mr. Harris,
Mr. Simson, Mr. Roschy,
Mr. Long, Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Stuart, Mr. Driver,
Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Eckford,
Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. O'Connor, Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lackey, *Tellers.*
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Jacob, Mr. Charles,
Mr. Gray, Mr. Watson.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Johnston,
Mr. W. Davies,
Dr. Bowker,

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett made his acknowledgments to the House.

26. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th December, from Inhabitants of the county of Ashburnham, against Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed. Question put and passed.
27. RAILWAY TO CONNECT MUDGE WITH GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY:—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th December, from certain Residents of the Hunter River and North-Western Districts, in favour of the construction of a line of Railway to connect Mudgee with Muswellbrook, be printed. Question put and passed.

28. **THE LAND LAW**:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of *Mr. Day*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Day* on 4th December, from Free Selectors of Walbundrie, Piney Range, and surrounding District, in favour of amending the present Land Law, be printed.
Question put and passed.
29. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Bridge across Vale Creek at Kings Falls; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 1st February.*
(2.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 1st February.*
(3.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
30. **CONTRACTORS DEBTS BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of *Mr. W. H. Suttor*, discharged.
Ordered that the Bill be withdrawn.
31. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th February:—
(1.) Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Distillation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in Bill.
32. **CITY OF SYDNEY IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Driver* moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the construction of Buildings and for the safety and health of the Inhabitants within the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the construction of Buildings, and for the safety and health of the Inhabitants within the City of Sydney.
On motion of *Mr. Driver*, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
33. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 1st February.*
(2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek, *via* Glendon; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday, 5th February.*
- The House adjourned, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, at eight minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1878.

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

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Wagga Wagga, praying the House to exercise such a supervision of any new Municipal Bill as shall ensure provision being made for a comprehensive system of Public Water Supply in and for all Corporate Towns throughout the Colony.
Petition received.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Inspector of the Insane upon Temporary Lunatic Asylum, Cooma.
- (2.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (3.) By-laws, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, for the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
- (4.) By-laws, under Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, for the Municipal District of Manly.
- (5.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
- (6.) By-laws of the Borough of The Glebe.
- (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Waterloo.
- (8.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
- (9.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gulgong.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Inspector of Oyster-beds.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use and general purposes of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS:**—Mr. Beyers presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Town of Parkes and Billabong Gold Fields, suggesting, that provision should be made for the equipment of prospecting parties to test the waste lands of the Colony for auriferous deposits; and praying the House to consider the matter.
Petition received.
4. **MRS. MARY MILLER:**—Mr. W. H. Suttor presented a Petition from Mrs. Mary Miller, representing that her late husband, Albert James Miller, was accidentally killed while employed as a Railway Guard, and that she cannot, unaided, maintain her family of six children; and praying relief
Petition received.
5. **SUPPLY:**—Mr. Cohen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the Committee of Supply; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 3, be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—Mr. Cohen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed

7. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

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 the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the Year 1878, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877 and previous years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1878.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Harris, Mr. Combes, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Macintosh, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1878.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 22nd January, 1878, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Thomas Garrett, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—
“ By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.
“ To all to whom these presents shall come,
“ Greeting :
“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize THOMAS GARRETT, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer, from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.
“ Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ HERCULES ROBINSON.
“ By His Excellency's Command,
“ MICL. FITZPATRICK.”
2. DESTRUCTION OF FLYING FOXES:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from certain Farmers and Settlers residing in the district of The Hawkesbury, representing that they are great sufferers by vast numbers of Flying Foxes infesting their orchards and destroying the result of their industry; and praying relief.
 Petition received.
3. THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Shepherd presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors, Larras Lake, near Molong, praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country Lands until a Bill for the amendment of the present Land Law can be dealt with.
 Petition received.
4. THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from the Honorable Sir George Wigram Allen, Knight, of Strathmore, Glebe Point, and George Foster Wise, of the City of Sydney, gentleman, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a hall or building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
 And Mr. Windeyer having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Evening News* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

5. CENSURE OF THE MINISTRY :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the programme of business for the present Session which has been submitted by Ministers is unsatisfactory to this House.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. Ferry moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1878.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, 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.
 Question put and passed.
2. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF M. BRENNAN AND MISS HARRINGTON, YANKO RESERVE:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Plans relative to the Conditional Purchases of M. Brennan and Miss Harrington on the Yanko Reserve; also, all Papers as to conflicting improvement applications made by Robertson Bros., lessees of the run upon which the Conditional Purchases were made or applied for.
 Question put and passed.
3. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF THOMAS KERR, ROBERT BARBOUR, AND OTHERS, NEAR DENILQUIN:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers connected with the recently forfeited Conditional Purchases, in the Denilquin District, of Thomas Kerr (or Fanny Barbour), of 160 acres; Robert Barbour, of 320 acres; Robert Barbour, of 320 acres; and Leighton Barbour, of 320 acres; including the evidence taken before the Commissioner's Court, and the Commissioner's report in each case.
 Mr. McElhone moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Question put and passed.
4. THE LAND LAW:—The following Petitions, praying the House to consider the necessity of amending the present Land Law, particularly that portion of it relating to Auction Sales of Country Lands, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. Terry. From certain Inhabitants of Hay.
 (2.) By Mr. Barbour. From certain Inhabitants of Moulamein and surrounding district.
 Petitions received.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
 (1.) Cemetery for Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor.
 (2.) Prospecting Crown Lands; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor.
 (3.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. CENSURE OF THE MINISTRY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stuart,—
 “(1.) That the programme of business for the present Session which has been submitted by Ministers is unsatisfactory to this House.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated, by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
 And

And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate resumed.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Greenwood,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Combes,

Tellers.

Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

Noes, 33.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Harris,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Merriman,	Tellers.
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Moses,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £401,539,—being £324,539 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1878, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1877, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1878; £40,000 for wages of Railway Employés for the month of February, 1878; £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of February, 1878; and £30,000 to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time (after Debate) and agreed to.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1878, the sum of £401,539 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1878; for Wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of February, 1878; and to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cohen, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Suspension of the Standing Orders:—Mr. Cohen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through its remaining stages this day.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, that report was adopted.

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

(5.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

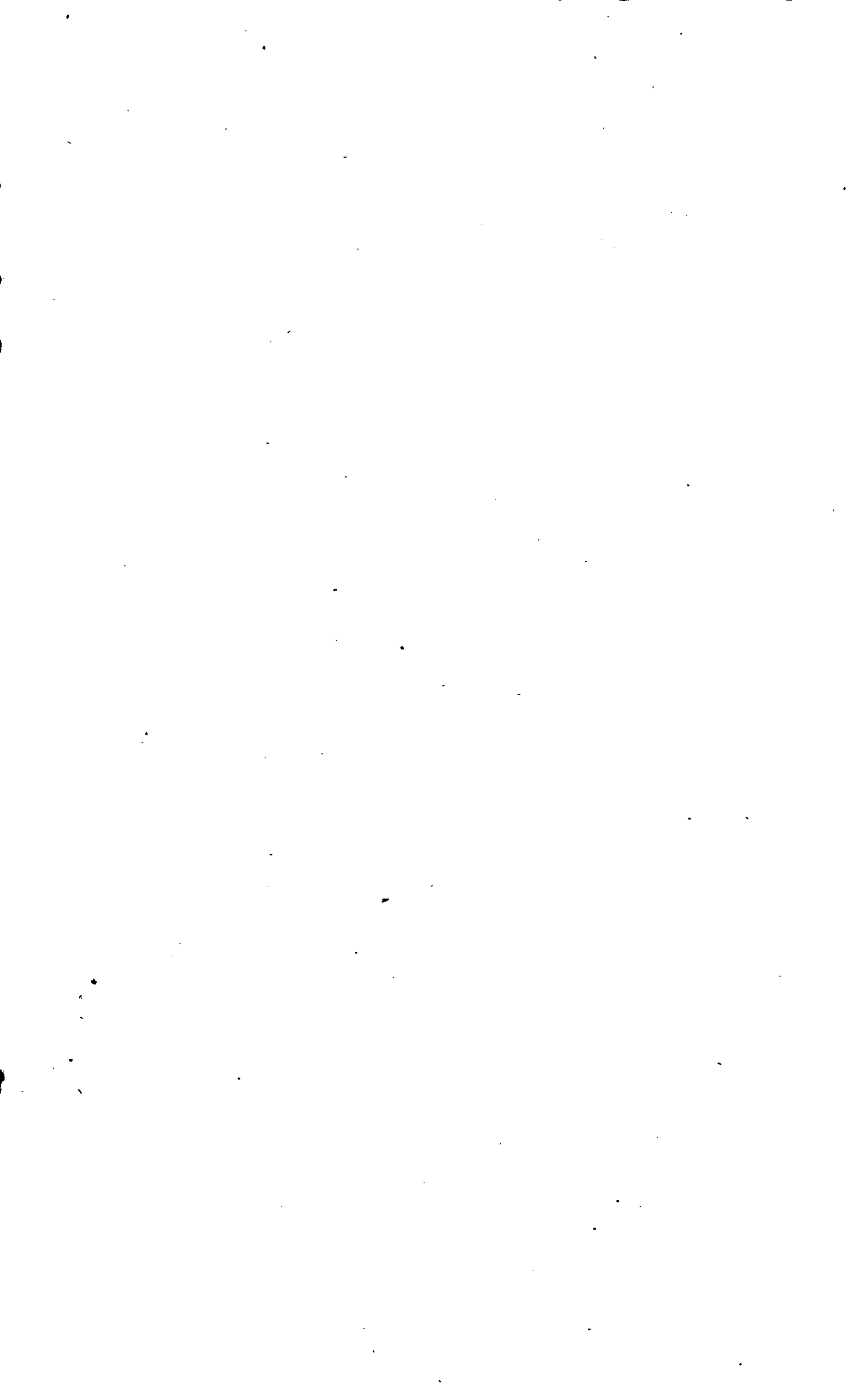
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1878.*

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to bring in a Bill this Session to abolish the Duty on Gold; if so, when?

Mr. W. H. Suttor answered,—It is not the intention of the Government in this Session of Parliament to introduce a Bill to abolish the Duty on Gold.

- (2.) Life-boat, Bungaree Norah:—

- (1.) Mr. Eckford asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long has a Life-boat been stationed at Bungaree Norah?
- (2.) What was the original cost?
- (3.) What has been the annual cost of keeping her in repair?
- (4.) To whom has such cost been paid (if any)?
- (5.) Have proper vouchers been sent in for costs incurred with this Life-boat; if not, will the Colonial Treasurer cause to be sent in vouchers properly attested?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Since the 22nd of February, 1861.
- (2.) Boat, moorings, windlass, &c., cost, £222 8s. 6d.
- (3.) £15 per annum.
- (4.) To Mr. E. H. Hargraves.
- (5.) Proper vouchers have been sent in.

- (2.) Mr. Eckford asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If any shed has been erected at Bungaree Norah, together with windlass and ropes, for security of the Life-boat; and what was the original cost, and what has been the additional cost of keeping shed, windlass, and ropes in proper repair (if any); and to whom has the money been paid?

- (2.) Have proper vouchers been sent in for said expenditure; if not, will the Colonial Treasurer give instructions that a satisfactory account of such expenditure be forthwith sent in?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) A shed has been erected at Bungaree Norah, but it is understood to have been put up at Mr. Hargraves's expense. In addition to the sum of £15 annually, £20 was once incurred for repairs in connection with this service.

- (2.) Vouchers are invariably rendered.

- (3.) Paris Exhibition:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any person been appointed as Executive Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition; if so, what is he to be paid, and out of what fund is the salary to be paid?
- (2.) Have an irresponsible body like the Paris Exhibition Commissioners got the power to appoint an Executive Commissioner, and fix what salary shall be paid to him out of the public funds?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to ask this House to vote any further sum of money than the £5,000 voted by the late Parliament for the above Exhibition?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) It is not the intention of the Government to appoint a paid Commissioner.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Not unless the present vote should prove insufficient.

(4.)

- (4.) Floods in the Hunter River:—*Mr. Combes*, on behalf of *Mr. Jacob*, asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Government yet taken any action to carry out the recommendation of *Mr. Clark*, the Hydraulic Engineer, contained in his Report on Floods in the Hunter River, of 4th October, 1877,—that surveys be made between Raymond Terrace and Tilligerry Creek, with the object referred to in the document?
 - (2.) If not, will instructions be given for the work to be at once entered into?
- Mr. Fitzpatrick* answered,—
- (1.) I find that no action had hitherto been taken.
 - (2.) Instructions were given on the 23rd instant for making the preliminary surveys recommended by *Mr. Clark*.
- (5.) Tolls on Government Ferries:—*Mr. Combes*, on behalf of *Mr. Jacob*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken any, and if so what, steps to carry out the Resolution of the last Assembly, passed on 17th July, 1877—"That it is expedient to abolish all Tolls or Ferry Dues on Government Ferries throughout the Colony"?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—The collection of Tolls and Dues on Government Ferries ceased on the 21st instant.
- (6.) Pavilion in the Outer Domain:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) By whose permission or authority was the pavilion in the Outer Domain erected?
 - (2.) What rent, if any, was charged for the use of the ground; and how long was the site granted for?
 - (3.) Upon whose recommendation was it granted; and will the Minister have any objection to lay the correspondence on the Table of the House?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the nuisance removed at once?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) By the authority of *Mr. Garrett*, when Secretary for Lands.
 - (2.) No rent was charged. The first exhibition was given on the 9th November, 1877; and the time for which permission to use the ground was granted expired on the 26th instant.
 - (3.) There was simply the approval of the Minister to the application of Messrs. Carter & Scott. There will be no objection to lay the correspondence on the Table, if asked for.
 - (4.) Instructions have been given for its removal. Steps have, however, I believe, been already taken for that purpose by Messrs. Carter & Scott.
- (7.) Border Duties:—*Mr. Greenwood* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How much of the £80,042 received last year on account of the Murray River Customs was paid by the Government of South Australia?
 - (2.) Has a new Convention or Agreement been entered into with that Government; and if so, what sum is New South Wales to receive in lieu of the duties?
 - (3.) Has any proposition been received from the Government of Victoria respecting a new Convention with that Colony?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—
- (1.) £8,489 11s. 2d.
 - (2.) Negotiations are in progress for a new Convention, pending which the late Convention has been renewed to the 15th March next.
 - (3.) No.
- (8.) Reclamation of Land, Port Jackson:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that the Return moved for by him in May last, relative to Harbour Frontages, will be printed?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—The Return will be prepared as early as possible.
- (9.) Land, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause the Return, relative to land, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, laid upon the Table on 24th of April last, to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—The Return referred to was laid upon the Table of the Assembly on the 24th April last. The Honorable Member did not ask to have the papers printed. If he wishes to have them printed, he should move to that effect.
- (10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Rylstone:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Postmaster-General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When are Tenders to be called for erection of Post and Telegraph Offices, Rylstone?
 - (2.) When was application made for a site?
 - (3.) What is the cause of delay?
- Mr. Burns* answered,—The delay has been caused by the non-receipt of the report of the surveyor to whom the survey of the site has been referred. So soon as the question of the site is determined, Tenders for the erection of the offices will be invited.
- (11.) Conditional Purchase of Denis Leucy:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did *Mr. Driver*, when Secretary for Lands, give instructions that an appraisement as to value of improvements erected by *Mr. Andrew Loder*, on a conditional purchase taken up by *Denis Leucy* at Murrurundi, should be made?
 - (2.) Has this appraisement been made; if not, what is the cause of the great delay; and will he give instructions for it to be made at once, and give *Mr. Leucy* due notice as to when the appraisement will take place?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Instructions were sent to *Mr. Appraiser John Wood* in December last, but the award has not yet been received.
- (12.)

(12.) Applications for Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Conditional Purchasers and their agents been refused information respecting applications made in virtue of alleged improvements conflicting with their applications, and in several instances recently received the reply that none but representatives of the applicant for purchase in virtue of such alleged improvements could be accorded information concerning such application?

(2.) Will he cause full inquiry, more especially in the Branch where applications for purchase in virtue of improvements are dealt with, and give the matter his early attention?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There does not appear to have been any general practice with regard to refusing information in such cases, although in one instance the applicant was refused certain particulars he asked for unless he first obtained the authority of the head of the branch.

(2.) Instructions will be given to furnish applicants with any information as to matters in which their clients are interested, or to which they are legitimately entitled.

(13.) District Court Circuits:—Mr. Dillon asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the District Court Judges been asked by the Government to make suggestions for the re-distribution of their Circuits; if so, have the Judges, in compliance with such request, made any recommendation?

(2.) If any recommendation has been made, when do the Government intend to take steps to carry it into effect?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Representations having been made as to necessity for re-arrangement and the appointment of new and additional Courts, the District Court Judges were lately invited, and they subsequently suggested a certain re-distribution of their Circuits, including new and additional places for holding District Courts.

(2.) The Proclamations to carry into effect the re-distribution of the Circuits cannot be published, pending the passing of the Estimates.

(14.) Court House, Gaol, and Post Office, Tenterfield:—Mr. Dillon asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of a new Court House and Gaol at Tenterfield?

(2.) When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of new Post and Telegraph Offices at Tenterfield?

(3.) Are the Government aware that money has been voted for these purposes more than two years?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) So soon as the site shall have been determined on Tenders will be invited.

(2.) Revised plans are being prepared, and Tenders will be invited as soon as possible.

(15.) Petition of Messrs. Wilson and Cawley:—Mr. Gray asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government considered the Report of the Select Committee of this House in the case of Messrs. Wilson, Cawley, and Frew, which Report was adopted on the 6th February last; if so, is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of giving effect to the recommendation of that Report?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No further action has been taken in the matter alluded to by the Honorable Member since Mr. Secretary Driver stated, in reply to his question, under date 1st August, 1877, that it was one involving the rights of other parties having prior claims to the land applied for by Messrs. Wilson, Cawley, and Crew. The case had not been specially brought under the notice of the present Government, and therefore the proposal to grant compensation was not embraced in the Estimates now before this Honorable House, but due provision will be made in accordance with the recommendations of the Select Committee.

(16.) Fitz Roy Dry Dock:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Had Mr. Hoey, Engineer at Fitz Roy Dry Dock, a number of men working there on Sunday; what work were they employed at; and were they employed repairing a boiler of the Marine Board steamer?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Hoey had no men employed at the Fitz Roy Dock on Sunday; but through a misapprehension of Mr. Moriarty's instructions a few shipwrights were employed.

(17.) Reclamation of Rushcutters Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have the Government taken towards the reclamation of Rushcutters Bay; and is it the intention of the Government to carry out the reclamation during the present year?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government, finding that satisfactory arrangements could not be made with some of the owners of the water frontage as regards claims for compensation, were advised that it would be better to introduce a Bill asking Parliament to confer on them the necessary power to deal equitably with such claims. A Bill for this purpose is being prepared, and will be immediately introduced.

(18.) Road between Wallerawang and Mudgee:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of the sum of £22,000 advanced for the repair and formation of the road between Wallerawang and Mudgee has been recouped by the sums annually voted since the sum was advanced?

Mr. Cohen answered,—£15,000.

(19.) Instructions to Clerks of Petty Sessions:—*Mr. Combes*, on behalf of *Mr. Jacob*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any instructions at any time been given to Clerks of Petty Sessions to use certain bound forms of information in all police cases, whether the charges or complaints are for indictable offences or summarily disposable, and for a certain scale of fees to be charged in connection therewith?

(2.) If so, will he have any objection to lay a copy of the instructions and scale of fees upon the Table of this House?

(3.) If any instructions of the nature indicated have ever been issued, was the course adopted on the advice of the Crown Law Officers, or under what circumstances?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes, with a view to uniformity of practice, all Clerks of Petty Sessions were supplied in July, 1875, with the various forms of information, &c., bound in books,—the fees, as chargeable at the Central and Water Police Offices in Sydney, being noted therein.

(2.) There will be no objection; and I will lay copies upon the Table this afternoon.

(3.) Under the advice of the Inspectors of Public Revenue Collectors' Accounts, with the approval and concurrence of both the Colonial Treasurer and the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction for the time being.

(20.) Post and Telegraph Office, Clarencetown:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office at Clarencetown, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question of site is at present under consideration, and as soon as a decision shall have been arrived at Tenders will be invited.

(21.) Post and Telegraph Office, Dungog:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office at Dungog, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—So soon as the question of site shall have been determined upon Tenders will be invited.

(22.) Bridge over Avon Creek:—*Mr. Johnston* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of Bridge over Avon Creek, on road from Stroud to Gloucester, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As soon as possible. There has not yet been time to prepare the drawings.

(23.) Reserve at Botany:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did *Mr. Garrett* ever give permission to any one to enclose the Reserve at Botany; if so, when?

(2.) Will he give immediate instructions to have all fences and obstructions removed off this Reserve at once?

(3.) Has anyone applied to purchase any portion of this Reserve; if so, who?

(4.) Has *Mr. G. Lord* got any portion of this Reserve fenced in?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No; only permission to occupy temporarily, without prejudice to the public.

(2.) Yes, if found to exist.

(3.) I am not aware of any such application.

(4.) I am not aware, but the matter is being inquired into.

(24.) Courts of Quarter Sessions for Coonamble, Canonbar, Warren, and Brewarrina:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish District Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions at Coonamble, Canonbar, Warren, and Brewarrina; if so, when?

Mr. Leary answered,—The whole question as to re-arrangement and appointment of new and additional District Courts is under consideration, and inquiries are being made as to the necessity and practicability of establishing Courts at these places.

(25.) Gaol at Dubbo:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend expending the money already voted for the extension of the Gaol at Dubbo?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The sum of £2,500 only is available for this work, and the estimated cost is £6,000; the matter is now under consideration.

(26.) Bridge over the Darling at Bourke:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend placing any sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a Bridge over the Darling at Bourke?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A vote of £30,000 was taken for this purpose in 1876, and Tenders were invited on the 7th of last month, to be received on the 2nd April next.

(27.) Dams between Dubbo and Bourke:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend expending the money already voted for the making of Dams in the outlying districts between Dubbo and Bourke?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no money available for Tanks between Dubbo and Bourke; that voted for Tanks, &c., between Hillston and Bourke, will be expended as soon as the cessation of the drought will admit of works being carried out.

(28.) Telegraph Line, Warren to Bourke:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the present Government to place on the Estimates a sum of money for the erection of Telegraph Line from Warren to Bourke, *via* Canonbar and Gongolgon?

Mr. Burns answered,—The sum of £15,000 has been placed on the Estimates for the erection of a Telegraph Line from Warren to Bourke, *via* Canonbar and Gongolgon.

(29.) Brewarrina :—

(1) Mr. Coonan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make Brewarrina a separate Police District; if so, when will the matter be carried out?

Mr. Leary answered,—Yes. The subject was lately referred to the local Bench for report as to the most convenient boundaries, and the matter will be carried out so soon as the necessary information shall have been obtained for preparation of the requisite technical description for the purpose.

(2.) Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend calling for Tenders for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Brewarrina; and what has been the cause of the delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A description of the site was received only on the 15th instant. Plans will be prepared and Tenders invited as soon as possible.

(30.) Bridge over Bogan River at Willeroon :—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend calling for Tenders for the erection of a Bridge over the Bogan River at Willeroon?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The amount voted for this Bridge was allowed to lapse, as there was so much opposition and difference of opinion as to sites—that no position could be selected without inflicting an injury on some one.

(31.) Deposit of Night-soil near the Botany Road :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken any steps to redress the grievances complained of by Petition to this House by seventy-seven residents of Botany, and ordered to be printed on 4th December, 1877, relating to the deposit of night-soil in that locality; if not, when is it their intention to do so?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I find that the Petition referred to has never in any way been brought under the consideration of the Government. The matter will now be inquired into.

(32.) Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many persons are employed at the Parramatta Railway Station; and what is the amount of salaries paid to them?

(2.) What was the number of passengers to and from the Parramatta Railway Station during the last six months?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a Station-master's residence built at or near the Railway Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Eleven persons are employed at the Parramatta Station :—One at 10s. a day, two at 9s. a day, two at 8s. a day, one at 7s. 6d. a day, three at 7s. a day, one at 25s. per week, one at 20s. per week.

(2.) The number of passengers to Parramatta during the last six months, 58,459; ditto from Parramatta, 57,271.

(3.) This question will be considered.

(33.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the building of the Post and Telegraph Office in Parramatta?

Mr. Burns answered,—The plans for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Parramatta have been approved, and when the specification is ready tenders will be invited for the work.

(34.) Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the alterations and improvements be made to the Parramatta Railway Station to prevent any further accidents or injury to persons using the same, which were ordered to be done by the late Secretary for Public Works?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is no record in the Department showing that the late Secretary for Public Works ordered any alteration at Parramatta Station with a view to prevent accident. The Engineer for Existing Lines reported that he did not consider the station dangerous; further inquiry, however, is now being made, and any danger found to exist will be at once removed.

(35.) Missending of Letter from Newcastle to Muswellbrook :—Mr. McCulloch asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Whether he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all Correspondence and Papers in connection with the missending of a certain letter from Newcastle to Muswellbrook, addressed to Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. Burns answered,—I shall have no objection to copies of the correspondence and papers in this case being laid upon the Table when the inquiry to which they have reference is complete.

(36.) Bridge over Lancaster Creek, near Broke :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of a Bridge over Lancaster Creek, near Broke?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As soon as the drawings can be prepared.

2. THE LAND LAW :—Mr. Day presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors of the Colony, praying the House to prevent Auction Sales of Country Lands until a Bill for the amendment of the present Land Law can be dealt with.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Public Schools Act of 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Road Trust Accounts for the half-year ended 31 December, 1876.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Copy of Circular and List of Fees issued to Clerks of Petty Sessions.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1. Ordered to be printed.

4. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Stuart having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land,*"—read a first time.
5. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Land Acts of 1861, and the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hungerford,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Stuart,

Tellers.

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

Noes, 38.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Johnston,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Copeland,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Moses,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Day.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. **CITY OF SYDNEY IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Driver presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the construction of Buildings and for the safety and health of the Inhabitants within the City of Sydney,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th February.
7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—
- (1.) *Maturity of Warrants Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrants appointing five Members to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill vacancies in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1878, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to such Members to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
- (2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon George Day, John Lackey, and Henry Moses, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
- (3.) *First Meeting of the Committee*:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee to take place at eleven o'clock a.m., on Thursday next, the 31st of January, in Committee Room No. 2.
8. **W. S. CASWELL, ESQ., POLICE MAGISTRATE, MORUYA**:—Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all charges made by the Inhabitants of the Police District of Moruya (Broulee) against William Stewart Caswell, Esq., Police Magistrate, about the year 1870, together with a copy of the Report of Mr. District Court Judge MacFarland, he having been appointed by the then Government to investigate the then charges, together with the decision arrived at by the Executive Council thereon. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
9. **AUCTION SALES OF COUNTRY LANDS**:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable to stop Sales by Auction of Country Lands for the period of six months from the date of the passing of this Resolution.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued. Mr. Day moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.
10. **CAPTAIN OF NO. 1 COMPANY, HIGHLANDERS**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Documents and Minutes of Proceedings having reference to the resignation of the Captain of No. 1 Highlanders. Question put and passed.

11. **ESTATES UNDER SEQUESTRATION**:—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Estates placed under sequestration since the first day of January, 1875, with the name of the Official Assignee appointed, the date of sequestration, and the date or dates of the plan or plans of distribution filed in each Estate.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. **THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL**:—*Mr. Roseby*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a hall or building to be used by The New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
13. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE MADE BY B. M. MORTIMER, HARTLEY**:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers respecting Mineral Lease and Mineral Conditional Purchase, made by B. M. Mortimer, of lands at Hartley, and conflicting purchase by Auction Selection of same lands by Withers and Armstrong.
Question put and passed.
14. **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY**:—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January, from the Borough Council of Wagga Wagga, relative to a comprehensive Public Water Supply, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. **VOLUNTEERS GRANTS REPEAL BILL**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867 as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers.
Question put and passed.
16. **NARELLAN ELECTORATE**:—*Mr. Coonan*, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*), moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Returning Officer for Narellan and any other parties and the Government, relative to the appointment of the Police Office, Sydney, as one of the Polling-places for that Electorate.
Question put and passed.
17. **MR. OLIVER, LATE ACTING LAND AGENT AT HAY**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of all Letters, Correspondence, Papers, Telegrams, and Evidence taken in the case of Mr. Oliver, Acting Land Agent at Hay, lately dismissed from the Civil Service.
Question put and passed.
18. **PUBLIC SCHOOL, ESKBANK**:—*Mr. Coonan*, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Papers, and Tenders having reference to erection of Public School, Eskbank.
Question put and passed.
19. **PROTESTANT ORPHAN SCHOOL, PARRAMATTA**:—Mr. McElhone 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 Management of the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta; that such Committee be authorized to make visits of inspection and to hold inquiries at the Orphan School.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Leary, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
20. **DESTRUCTION OF FLYING FOXES**:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th January, from Farmers and Settlers in the District of The Hawkesbury, relative to the destruction caused by Flying Foxes, and praying that a method of abating the nuisance may be devised, be printed.
Question put and passed.
21. **THE LAND LAW**:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th January, from Free Selectors, Larras Lake, near Molong, against Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
22. **MRS. MARY MILLER**:—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 23rd January, from Mrs. Mary Miller, widow of the late Railway Guard, Albert James Miller, be printed.
Question put and passed.
23. **MINING COMPANIES BILL**:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the formation of Mining Companies.
Question put and passed.
24. **CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain moneys.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain moneys,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

25. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858, and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts.
Question put and passed.
26. **THE MINING ACT**:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd January, from certain Members of a Committee appointed at a Public Meeting at Vegetable Creek, Tenterfield, for the purpose of forming a Mining Association, praying for the amendment of the Mining Law in certain respects, be printed.
Question put and passed.
27. **MUNICIPALITY OF GLEN INNES**:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd January, from Ratepayers of Municipal Council of Glen Innes, relative to the Boundaries of that Municipality, be printed.
Question put and passed.
28. **MILITARY AND CIVIL CRICKET GROUND**:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. O'Connor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Deeds, Grants, Papers, or other Documents relating to the dedication of land near the Victoria Barracks, formerly known as the Military and Civil Cricket Ground, for the purposes of public recreation.
Question put and passed.
29. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd January, from Freeholders and other residents in George-street, against the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
30. **GRAFTON AND GLEN INNES TELEGRAPH CONTRACT**:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Minutes, Correspondence, and Papers relating to the Grafton and Glen Innes Telegraph Contract, known as "Murray and Devlin's"; the non-fulfilment of such contract by Messrs. Murray and Devlin; the continuation and completion thereof by Henry and Robert Ardern Lewis, of Glen Innes, or either of them; the payment out of moneys which accrued in respect of such contract or otherwise to Messrs. Slater and Company for materials and otherwise; and the further payment out of the said moneys of certain sums for wages alleged to have been due by Messrs. Murray and Devlin in respect of the said contract.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
31. **EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO QUEENSLAND BORDER**:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd January, from Residents of Manilla, Barraba, Gwydir, and Inverell Districts, relative to the extension of Great Northern Railway to the Queensland Border, be printed.
Question put and passed.
32. **INTEREST DUE BY CONDITIONAL PURCHASERS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd January, from Conditional Purchasers at Kayuga, near Muswellbrook, praying for the remission of the Interest now due on their Conditional Purchases, be printed.
Question put and passed.
33. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Question put and passed.
34. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
35. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
36. **FORMAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.

(4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

37. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
38. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
39. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
40. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session,—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
41. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
42. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
43. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Burns, Captain Onslow, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Wisdom, Dr. Bowker, Mr. Combes, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
44. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Stephen Brown, Captain Onslow, Mr. Gray, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Combes, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
45. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Long, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
46. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
Question put and passed.
47. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend 17th Victoria No. 31 to all parts of the Colony.
Question put and passed.

48. AUCTION PURCHASES OF CROWN LANDS SINCE 1861 :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Auction Purchases since the passing of the Lands Act of 1861, upon which the balance of purchase money was not paid upon their due dates, specifying in each case the dates upon which late payments were received, and the name of the Minister or other person authorizing such receipt, and the names of the purchasers ; also, of all such lands which were selected after auction, with the names of the selectors, dates of selection, and price paid by auction selectors ; also, of lots not yet selected upon which deposits were paid, and upon which balances are overdue.
Question put and passed.
49. APPLICATIONS FOR LANDS BY MESSRS. ARMSTRONG AND LAKEMAN AND ALEXANDER COUPER :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence respecting applications by Armstrong and Lakeman to select forfeited Auction Lands for sale at Hay, on June 20th, 1877, and by Alexander Couper, for purchase of land forfeited at Wagga Wagga, during 1875, together with Applications and Minutes.
Question put and passed.
50. THE LAND LAW :—
- (1.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th January, from certain Inhabitants of Moulamein, relative to stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Barbour, on behalf of Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th January, from certain Inhabitants of Hay, relative to stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on 4th December, 1877, from certain Inhabitants of Deniliquin, of Jerilderie, and of Eugowra, relative to stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
51. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Jacob presented a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to extend the Act Seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th February.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M.,
This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mark Partridge:—Mr. Dillon asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received a Petition from the Inhabitants of Vegetable Creek and the surrounding districts, praying for the release of Mark Partridge, convicted of tin-stealing, at the last Armidale Quarter Sessions?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to accede to the prayer of the Petition?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes; the Judge who tried the case reported that the offence was not tin-stealing, as stated in the Petition, but for severing tin-ore from the mine with intent to steal, and that this charge was most conclusively proved at the trial.

(2.) The Petition having been recently dealt with by my predecessor, and refused, I cannot see any ground for re-opening the matter at present.

(2.) Bridge over the River at Merriwa:—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for erection of a Bridge over the river at Merriwa; and what is the cause of delay in calling for Tenders for this Bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As soon as drawings can be prepared. The late period at which the Appropriation Act was passed, and the great number of bridges to be constructed, occasioned the delay.

(3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Merriwa:—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Merriwa?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in calling for Tenders for this work?

(3.) Will he place an additional sum on the Estimates, so as to provide a suitable building for the offices?

Mr. Burns answered,—Plans have been prepared and a site purchased for a Post and Telegraph Office at Merriwa, but it has been found that the vote for the service will be insufficient. A further sum will be placed on an Additional Estimate, in order that Tenders may be invited.

(4.) Land Agent, Casino:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Land Agent at Casino receive commission on lands sold at Casino during the first three months, or any part thereof, in the year 1875?

(2.) Was the said Land Agent paid upon a legal decision of the Attorney General?

(3.) Is there any other claimant for the same commission; if so, has it been decided, or is it intended now, to pay commission for the same services to such claimant?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; and the Treasury was communicated with on the 28th August last, with a view to Mr. J. G. King, P.M., being remunerated for services performed by him as Land Agent from 7th January to 25th April, 1875, during which period the gentleman holding that office was under suspension.

(5.) Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government decided on refusing or not receiving any applications under the 31st section of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government has not arrived at any such decision.

2. **THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL**:—Mr. Stephen Brown having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,”—read a first time.
3. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Letter from the Inspector of the Insane, recommending the erection of additional buildings at Gladesville, Parramatta, and Callan Park.
 (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 6th July, 1877, in reference to Reports from Immigration Agent, and others.
 (3.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd January, 1878, in reference to Mrs. Isabella Baldock.
 (4.) Return to an Order, made on 1st May, 1877, in reference to Immigration Agents.
 (5.) Rules established under the Police Regulation Act of 1862.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. **VOLUNTEERS GRANTS REPEAL BILL**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal so much of the ‘Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867’ as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. **THE LAND LAW (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th January, from Free Selectors of the Colony, against Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
7. **MAIL ROUTE BETWEEN WEST MAITLAND, PATERSON, AND DUNGOG (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Petitions, Reports, and Minutes having reference to the proposed change of Mail Route between West Maitland, Paterson, and Dungog, *via* Belmore Bridge.
 Question put and passed.
8. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 1875 (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of applications to purchase Crown Lands under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
 (2.) The number of such applications rejected.
 (3.) The number of cases in which the lands applied for under the 31st clause as aforesaid and refused have been subsequently conditionally purchased under the 13th clause of the Land Act of 1861.
 (4.) The number of cases in which applications under the 31st clause referred to have been rejected, and in which the refund of deposit has been accepted.
 Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—
 (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
 (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
10. **CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice,— That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
 Question put and passed.
12. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, 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. Hungerford, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Day, Mr. Terry, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Moses, Mr. R. B. Smith, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
13. **ROAD, GLEN INNES TO THE GULF**:—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of making a road from Glen Innes to the Gulf.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

14. AUCTION SALES OF COUNTRY LANDS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Barbour,—
- “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable to stop Sales by Auction of Country Lands for the period of six months from the date of the passing of this Resolution.
- “ (2) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- Debate resumed.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McElhone,

Tellers.

Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dillon.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cohen,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Leary,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Simson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Moses.
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 January, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Hyde Park :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the cause of the stoppage of the work in connection with the construction of the dwarf-wall and iron railing round Hyde Park?

(2.) Is it intended to offer any compensation to the contractor for loss of material destroyed by such suspension?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Arrangements were made for carrying the wall and iron railing from Prince Albert's Statue round Elizabeth-street as far as Market-street, but the work was stopped at the request of the Mayor of Sydney and the Hyde Park Committee, pending the decision on application to the Government by the Municipal Corporation to set back the railing in Elizabeth-street so as to widen the footpath. This decision has not since been given, in consequence, I believe, of legal difficulties which, having now been brought under the notice of the present Government, will be decided shortly. The contractor has made no claim on account either of suspension of the work or deterioration of material.

- (2.) Immigration :—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Resolution passed by the Assembly on July 6th, 1877, ordering that Reports be laid upon the Table of this House from the Agent General, the Health Officer of this Port, and Agent for Immigration to the Government, relative to the dispatch of Emigrants from England and elsewhere, and after their inspection on arrival in the Colony by each ship, be complied with?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Return, up to the date to which it was moved for, was laid upon the Table of the House yesterday. I will cause other Returns to be added hereafter.

- (3.) Telegrams sent by John Davies, Esq., M.P. :—*Mr. Johnston*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the Electioneering Telegrams sent to the Clarence River by Mr. John Davies at the time of the late Election paid for; if so, by whom?

(2.) Were similar Telegrams sent about same time to Mudgee, &c., paid for by Mr. John Davies; if not, who paid for them, and were they paid for at time of sending?

Mr. Burns answered,—In reply to the Hon. Gentleman's questions, I have to say that I am informed by the Superintendent of the Telegraph Department that the Hon. Member Mr. Davies has paid for all Telegrams sent or received on his private account.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1878,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

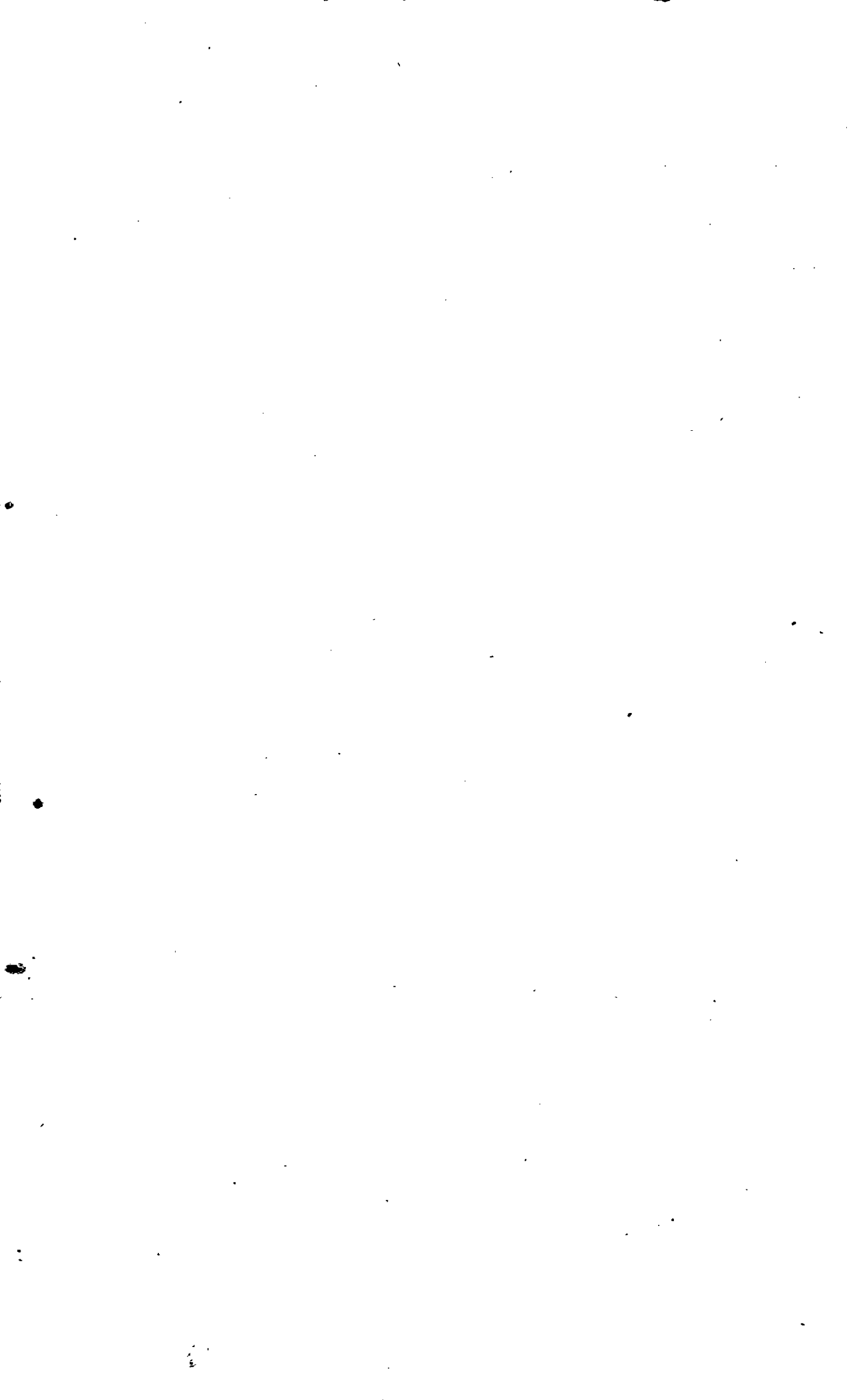
Government House,
Sydney, 31st January, 1878.

3. **MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELLS CREEK**:—Mr. McIntosh presented a Petition from Thomas Cox, of Riley-street, Sydney, representing the circumstances under which he was deprived of his lease of certain mineral land near Mitchell's Creek; and praying the House to appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the case, with a view to affording him relief.
Petition received.
4. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—
(1.) *Turner v. Hungerford*:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications relative to the Petition of William Turner, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, which was referred to the said Committee on the 13th December, 1877.
Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—
“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 29th November, 1877, to whom was referred, on the 13th December, 1877, a Petition from William Turner, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, have agreed to the following Report:—
“That the Petitioner, William Turner, Esquire, having withdrawn his opposition to the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, your Committee determine and report that the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for such Electoral District.
“Your Committee award to the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, the sum of £10 10s. for costs and expenses incurred by him in the matter of the said Petition, and which is to be paid to him by the said William Turner, Esquire.
“No. 2 Committee Room,
“31st January, 1878.
“JOHN LACKEY,
“Chairman.”
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Lackey moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.
Question put and passed.
5. **CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain Moneys.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain Moneys,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st January, 1878.
6. **THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bible Society's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moses, Mr. Terry, Mr. Roseby, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. W. Davies, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. **LAND CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, laid upon the Table of this House on 24th of April, 1877, having reference to “*Land corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets,*” be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **IMMIGRANT SHIP “STAR OF INDIA”** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers connected with the recent inquiry in reference to the misconduct of Owen Cornelius Brady, surgeon-superintendent of Immigrant Ship “*Star of India.*”
Question put and passed.
9. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 1875** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of cases in which applications under the 31st clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875 have been refused, and subsequently applied for under the 2nd clause of the aforesaid Act.
Question put and passed.
10. **PAPER**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Report on the Police Department for the year 1877.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the Report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,733, to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the Year 1878.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
13. **LYNDHURST SALE BILL**:—*Mr. Taylor*, on behalf of Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett, the Very Reverend Timothy M:Carthy, and Thomas Cooper Makinson, Trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon, situate at the Glebe, near Sydney, and known as Lyndhurst, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Huiley (*Hartley*), Mr. Farnell, Mr. Terry, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Moses, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Charles, Mr. Taylor, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
14. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the Year 1878.
 - (2.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means for 1878.
- Ordered to be printed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Removal of Toll-bars:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to remove the Toll-bars from the vicinity of the Metropolis, and repay the money borrowed by the Trustees for their formation and repair?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is not the present intention of the Government to do so.

- (2.) Bridge over the Williams River:—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the construction of a Bridge over the Williams River, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The drawings are now being prepared, and Tenders will be invited before the end of the present month.

- (3.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee:—Sir John Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Whether it is, or is not, the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament this Session a proposition for the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament this Session a proposition for the construction of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.

- (4.) Messrs. Keele and Lord, Inspectors of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) On what date did Mr. Driver instruct Mr. Keele, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, to remove from Deniliquin to New England?

(2.) Has Mr. Keele since removed to New England; if so, on what date?

(3.) How many cases has Mr. Keele reported on since he was ordered to remove to New England?

(4.) On what date was Mr. Lord, Inspector of Conditional Purchases, ordered to remove to Deniliquin from New England?

(5.) On what date did he go to the Deniliquin District?

(6.) How many cases has he reported on since his removal to Deniliquin?

(7.) Is it not a fact that since these officers were removed to different districts they have done very little, if any, work belonging to their offices?

(8.) Have any reports been received in the department as to the neglect of their duties by the above officers; if so, what is the nature of the reports?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) 29th May, 1877.

(2.) No; Mr. Keele was, on a reconsideration of his case, allowed to return to Deniliquin.

(3.) 259 reports have been received from Mr. Keele since the above date on cases in the Deniliquin District.

(4.) 29th May, 1877.

(5.) At end of July, having been delayed by illness.

(6.) 80 reports have been received.

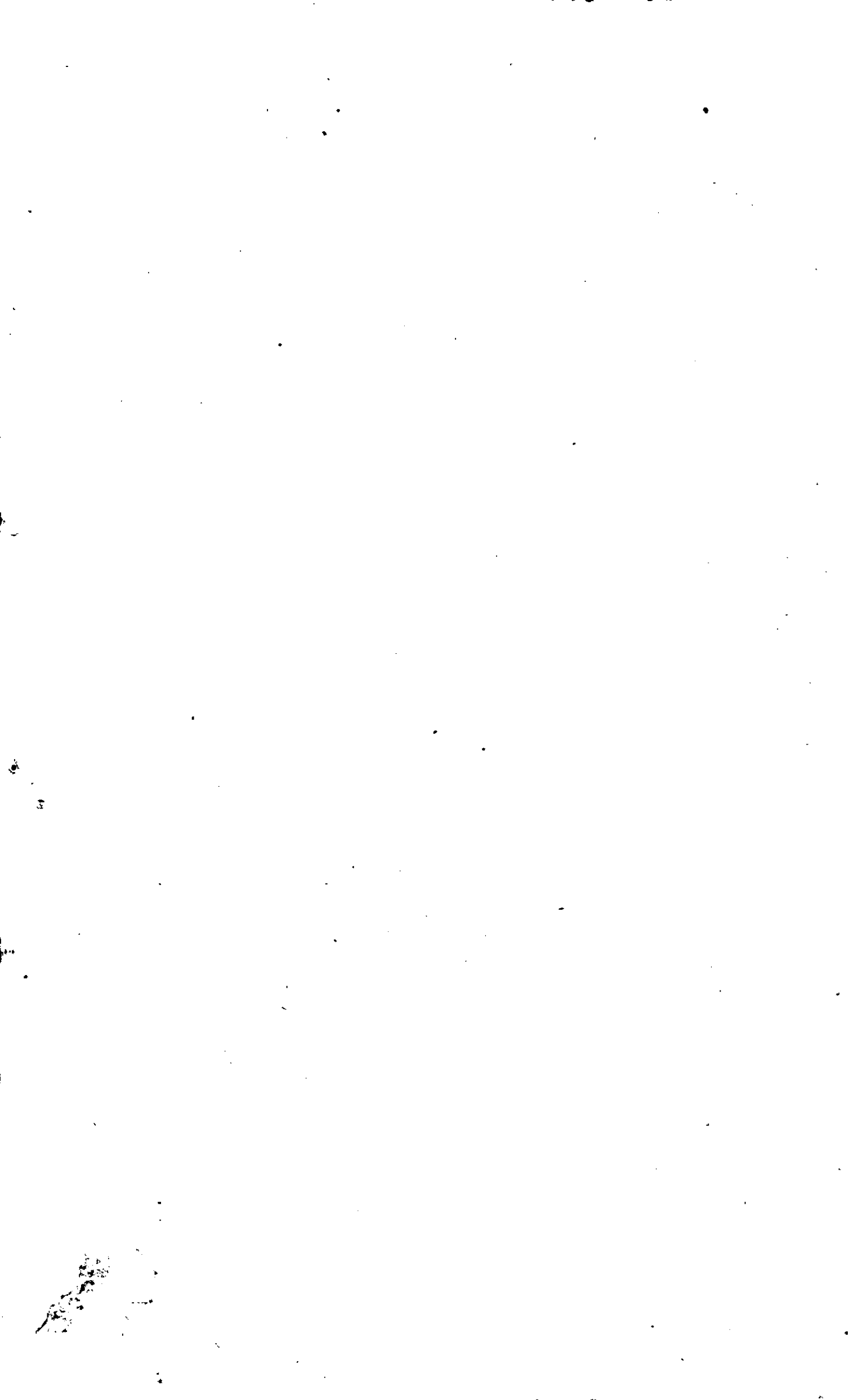
(7.) The completed work is represented by the reports abovementioned.

(8.) Complaints have been received against both the officers named of neglect and inattention to duty. Certain of these are still under consideration; but it may be mentioned that one of these officers, Mr. Lord, has recently been allowed leave of absence, under a medical certificate to the effect that he is in a precarious state of health.

- (5.) Mr. Wild, Inspector of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) On what date was Mr. Wild appointed Inspector of Conditional Purchases ; and by whom ; and for what district ?
 - (2.) How many cases has he reported on since his appointment ?
 - (3.) Has any report or reports been received by the department as to his neglect of his duties ; and what is the nature of the report ; and has it been recommended that he be dismissed ?
 - (4.) If so, do the Government intend to carry out the recommendation ?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Wild was appointed an Inspector of Conditional Purchases, on the 30th September, 1875, by the Governor and Executive Council, and employed in the district of Maneroo.
 - (2.) On 689 cases.
 - (3.) No complaints of neglect of duty have been made against him ; a complaint was made to the effect that he had been in a state of intoxication on a certain occasion, but the circumstances were not considered such as to call for his removal from office.
 - (4.) The matter had been dealt with before the present Government took office.
- (6.) Railway Extension from Tamworth to Inverell :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Books of Reference and other documents referring to Railway Extension from Tamworth to Inverell be laid upon the Table of this House ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Plans and Sections of the Railway beyond Tamworth will be ready to lay upon the Table of the House next week.
- (7.) Appointments in the Treasury :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The names and salaries of persons appointed in his department by the late Government ?
 - (2.) The names of those appointed who have not passed the Civil Service Examination ?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) Mr. R. T. Sparks, £100 per annum ; Mr. Wm. Husband, £75 per annum ; Mr. C. M'Kern, £100 per annum ; Mr. W. A. Leslie, £100 per annum.
 - (2.) The three first-named gentlemen have passed the Civil Service Examination. The gentleman last-named was appointed on 4th December last, on condition that he passed the examination within six months.
- (8.) Court House, Blayney :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for erection of Court House, Blayney ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans have been prepared, and when approved, Tenders will be invited at once.
- (9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Blayney :—Mr. Lynch asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Blayney ?
- Mr. Burns answered,—It is probable that Tenders will be invited in about a month from this time for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at Blayney.
- (10.) Mr. Franklin, Assistant Engineer for Roads :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—If he would be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all Letters or other Documents relative to the Tender of Mr. Franklin, Assistant Engineer for Roads, for the erection of the Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—There will be no objection to lay copies upon the Table when the correspondence is complete.
- (11.) Bridges in the Hawkesbury District :—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will Tenders be called for the new Bridge over Bardnerang Creek, Pitt Town Bottoms, as requested in his letter of the 28th November last ?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Bridge over the M'Donald River at St. Albans, as requested in his letter of the 28th November last ?
 - (3.) Do the Government intend to erect a new Bridge over Rickaby's Creek, Cornwallis Road, as requested in his letter of the 28th November last ?
 - (4.) What do the Government intend to do with the Richmond Bridge in times of flood as to having the hand-rails laid down ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) A Tender was accepted on the 9th instant.
 - (2.) It is thought that by a deviation of the road, so as to avoid two crossings of the river, it will do away with the necessity for a Bridge.
 - (3.) A Tender was accepted on the 9th instant.
 - (4.) Arrangements have been made for the lowering of the hand-rails when required.
- (12.) Wellington, Wagga Wagga, Muswellbrook, and Nimboi Bridges :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House the contract price for sinking per foot run and per ton the piers of the Wellington, Wagga Wagga, and Muswellbrook Bridges, and the price per ton for erecting the superstructures of the same bridges ?
 - (2.) Also the cost per ton for the supply of the wrought and cast iron work of the Bridge over the Nimboi River, and the contract price per ton of Messrs. Bell and Franklin for fixing and erecting the same, and what it subsequently cost the Government per ton in labour, plant, tools, supervision, &c., in completing the same work by day labour after it had been taken out of the hands of the contractors ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will have this information prepared, and lay it upon the Table on Tuesday next.

2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK :—Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from certain Shareholders in the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company (Limited), praying the House to take into consideration the circumstances under which the Petitioners have been deprived of their leasehold rights to a certain Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek ; and to grant such relief as may be deemed advisable.
Petition received.
3. MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELLS CREEK (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st January, from Thomas Cox, relative to the loss of his Mineral Selection, near Mitchells Creek, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Bridge across Vale Creek, at Kings Falls ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 15th February.*
(2.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
6. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, FORBES :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Coonan, discharged.
7. CEMETERY FOR NEWCASTLE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Bowker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of purchasing a site for a Cemetery near Newcastle.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1877, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of purchasing a site for a Cemetery near Newcastle.
On motion of Dr. Bowker, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Coonan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purposes of assisted Prospecting the Crown Lands of the Colony.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Resolution be received on Tuesday next.
9. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Friday, 1st March.
- The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wages of Railway Employés:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to increase the pay of any of the working men employed on the Railway; if so, when?
- (2.) On what rates of wages will the increase take place?
- (3.) Will he give instructions that the Railway workmen in future shall be paid for their overtime work at the same time as they receive their fortnightly pay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have ascertained that the wages of the Railway workmen were revised a few months ago, and to men in receipt of 7s. a day and less increases were given where the length of service and qualifications of the men appeared to justify them. Further inquiry will be made.

(3.) The workmen in the Locomotive and Permanent Way Branches are so paid now, and I see no reason why the same system should not be extended to men in the Traffic Branch, and it will accordingly be done.

- (2.) Site for Post and Telegraph Office, North Shore:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a site lately been purchased for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at the North Shore from *Mr. Matthews*?
- (2.) Are the Government aware that the site purchased is not centrally situated, and would be of no benefit to the residents of Milsons and Blues Points?
- (3.) On whose recommendation was the site purchased?
- (4.) Was any reference made to either of the Municipal Councils, or to any of the residents, or other persons?
- (5.) What price per foot frontage was paid?
- (6.) Will the Government make inquiries into the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) On the 23rd November last a site for the Post and Telegraph Office at North Shore was purchased from *Mr. Matthews*.

(2 and 3.) The site was purchased on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Telegraphs and the Superintendent of the Money Order Office, who now report on the matter as follows:—

“The site recommended we considered for several reasons an eligible one—amongst others, its proximity to the present Post Office, concerning which we heard no complaints; and we are of opinion that this position is now, and will continue to be, a postal centre for the convenience of a large number of residents. The peculiar position of the North Shore renders it difficult, if not impossible, to select a site central to the whole district.”

(4.) No reference appears to have been made to either of the Municipal Councils as to the selection, but a great many sites were offered.

(5.) The price per foot was £7 10s.

(6.) Further inquiry will be made as to the best means of expending the vote for the Post and Telegraph Office.

(3.)

- (3.) Messrs. Hudson Bros. Contract for Rolling Stock:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many railway carriages or trucks are at the present time being constructed for the Government by Messrs. Hudson Brothers?
 - (2.) Is it true that a large contract, amounting to about £10,000, has been given to the said firm without tenders being called for from other persons who were willing to compete for the work alluded to?
 - (3.) If so, what is the reason the usual course was departed from in this instance?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) 100 trucks.
 - (2 and 3.) An order for 100 D trucks was given to Messrs. Hudson Bros. The trucks were urgently required, and the order for them was given to those who were most likely to supply them quickly.
- (4.) Darling Harbour.—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) On what date was the sum of £5,100 handed over to the City Corporation for the construction of sewers, &c., at the head of Darling Harbour?
 - (2.) On what date were tenders called for the performance of the work?
 - (3.) What time was allowed for its construction?
 - (4.) When is the work likely to be finished?
 - (5.) Is the contractor liable to any penalty for non-fulfilment of the contract within specified time?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) 28th September, 1876.
 - (2.) Tender was accepted 27th March, 1877.
 - (3.) Four months.
 - (4.) I am unable to say when the work will be completed.
 - (5.) Yes, one pound per day.
- (5.) New Post and Telegraph Offices, Goulburn:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When do the Government intend to proceed with the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Goulburn?
 - (2.) Was any report received from the Colonial Architect with reference to the erection of public buildings at Goulburn?
 - (3.) If so, will the Government state the nature of such report, and the course they intend to pursue?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The plans for Post Office and Telegraph Office are not yet ready, but in any case only the Post Office could be put in hand until provision is made for and a new Lock-up is erected.
 - (2.) Yes, on 15th December last.
 - (3.) That £25,000 should be placed on Estimates for 1878, for the erection of a Gaol; that plans were being prepared for Post and Telegraph Office, for which £5,000 has been voted; and suggesting that the sum of £2,500 be provided for the erection of a new Lock-up in the town of Goulburn.
- (6.) Water Reserve, Miller's Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Water Reserve, Miller's Creek, at the foot of Liverpool Range, on the run lately leased by Mr. James Seivile, and now leased by Mr. James Glass, a public water reserve?
 - (2.) If so, is he aware that Mr. James Glass has got it fenced in, and the public are debarred from access to it; and will he give immediate instructions to have the fence pulled down to give access to it?
 - (3.) Is he aware that there is no other available water within 20 miles of this Reserve?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Reserve 454 from sale at Miller's Creek was withdrawn from lease for public use as No. 85, under notice of the 19th December, 1871.
 - (2.) An application to purchase in virtue of improvements, by Mr. James Seivile, having been renewed by Mr. James Glass, the Surveyor has been instructed to measure in satisfaction of that application.
 - (3.) I am not aware.
- (7.) Government Printing Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What sum of money was realised or paid to the Government for waste Gold-leaf from the Government Printing Office in the year 1876?
 - (2.) The like in regard to 1877?
 - (3.) What sum of money was paid by the Government in 1876 and 1877 for Gold-leaf for the Government Printing Office?
 - (4.) If none of the waste Gold-leaf is sold, what becomes of it?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Nothing was realised or paid in 1876 or 1877.
 - (3.) In 1876, £40 5s. In 1877, £37 9s. 3d.
 - (4.) The waste is small. It is contained in the rags used in the Bindery, which have been saved.
- (8.) Abolition of Tolls:—Mr. Eckford asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What will be the amount of revenue lost to the Country consequent upon the abolition of Tolls on Roads and Bridges?
 - (2.) What will be the cost of looking after the Bridges?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) About £15,000 per annum.
 - (2.) The wages for attendance at the swing bridges at Hay and Dunmore, and lowering handrails of Windsor and Richmond Bridges, will amount to £200 per annum. (9.)

(9.) Abolition of Ferry Dues :—Mr. Eckford asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What will be the amount of revenue lost to the Country by abolishing Ferry Dues ?
- (2.) What will be the cost of working the Punts ?
- (3.) What will be the cost to the Country for keeping the Punts in repair ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) About £3,300 per annum.
- (2.) The annual cost for wages will be about £5,000.
- (3.) For keeping Punts in repair, new Punts, Boats, Ropes, &c., is approximately estimated to cost £5,000 a year.

(10.) Abolition of Tolls on Bridges :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
What is the amount of Interest, calculated at £5 per cent. per annum, lost to the public on the amount of moneys invested in the construction of Bridges on which Tolls used to be charged ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—£8,243 per annum.

(11.) Mr. Alexander Greville, Secretary to the Attorney General :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Greville, Secretary to the Attorney General, is repeatedly away from his office ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that he was not in his office on 31st January, and also away on 1st February ?
- (3.) What is the cause of his absence ; and is he aware that through it several persons were kept waiting to see him on public business ?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that since the present Government came into office Mr. Greville has only been absent on the 31st January and on the 1st February.
- (2.) I have ascertained that Mr. Greville was in his office early on the morning of the 31st January, and attended to matters of a pressing nature.
- (3.) Mr. Greville has explained that he was absent on the above dates in consequence of the serious illness of a member of his family. I am not aware that any persons were kept waiting to see him on public business.

(12.) Registrars of Tin-mining Districts :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Dillon, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any instructions been sent to the Registrars of the Tin-mining Districts to report on the non-fulfilment by lessees of the conditions attached to their leases ?
- (2.) Do the Registrars make such reports ?
- (3.) If so, does the Minister act on these reports by cancelling all leases the conditions of which have not been complied with ?

Mr. W. H. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Instructions to that effect have been sent to all Wardens' clerks. Every Warden's clerk is a Mining Registrar.
- (2.) Several such reports have been received from the Tin Fields.
- (3.) Upon receipt of any such report, the lessee is called upon to show cause why his lease should not be cancelled for non-observance of the conditions. If he shows cause, the Warden investigates and reports upon the matter, and if from the evidence it appears that he has failed to comply with the conditions, or if he fails to show cause within the time named in the notice, the lease is at once cancelled.

(13.) Bridge over the river Peel, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the new Bridge over the river Peel, Tamworth ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A vote has not yet been obtained, but steps will be taken to have Bridge ready before opening of Railway.

(14.) New Gaol, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the new Gaol, Tamworth ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As soon as the question of site, which is under consideration, shall have been determined, Tenders will be called for, plans, &c., having been already prepared.

(15.) Beago Reserve, near Upper Adelong :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have instructions been sent to the Surveyor to report on the question of the advisability of the Government cancelling a portion of the Beago Reserve, near Upper Adelong ; and if so, when may the report be expected ?
- (2.) Will the Minister cause the required report to be expedited, so that a determination may be speedily arrived at as to the cancellation of a portion of this Reserve ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) An application to cancel a portion of Beago Reserve, near Upper Adelong, has been referred to the District Surveyor for report. The report will be received in ten days.
- (2.) The Surveyor has been requested to expedite his report.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting the construction of the Wellington, Wagga Wagga, Muswellbrook, and Nimbooy Bridges.
 - (2.) Papers in connection with the suspension of the Traffic Manager, and the re-construction of the Railway Staff.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL**:—Mr. Driver (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the "Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill," laid upon the Table of this House, on 19th December, 1873, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill." Question put and passed.
5. **CROWN LANDS UNDER PASTORAL LEASE AND CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of the runs held under five years pastoral lease; the names of the lessees; the original and present areas of the runs; the annual rent now payable per square mile; the quantity of purchased land attached to each run; and the areas of purchased and of leasehold land respectively under cultivation on each run.
 (2.) A Return showing the number of selections under conditional purchase that have been sold or transferred each year, from 1862 to 1877 inclusive; the areas of such selections; the districts in which they are situate; the names of the selectors; the dates of the applications to select; the names of the purchasers or transferees; and the date when each sale or transfer was made.
 Question put and passed.
6. **BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to relieve Frederick Beer, M.D., from all disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of felony.
 Question put and passed.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON GOLD FIELDS (Formal Motions)**:—
 (1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The several areas of land applied for under the 14th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 on each of the Gold Fields.
 (2.) What quantity of such land has been resumed by the Governor in Council for the purposes of gold-mining.
 (3.) How often, and on what area of such lands, has the Minister authorized persons to dig and search for gold.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The names of the applicants and number of two-acre blocks applied for on each of the Gold Fields since the passing of the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.
 (2.) What quantity of such land has been resumed by the Governor in Council for the purposes of gold-mining.
 (3.) How often, and on what number of such allotments, has the Minister authorized persons to dig and search for gold.
 Question put and passed.
8. **COMMON CARRIERS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Rights and Liabilities of Common Carriers.
 Question put and passed.
9. **THOMAS ROSE'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, DENILIQUIN (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers referring to a Selection made by Thos. Rose, at Deniliquin, and an attempt to cause his ejection by the Messrs. Landale, in the Supreme Court.
 Question put and passed.
10. **MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st February, from certain Shareholders in the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company (Limited), relative to the loss of the lease of their Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
11. **COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging-houses.
 Question put and passed.
12. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS LEGALIZING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to legalize Mining on certain private lands.
 Question put and passed.
13. **BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL**:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to relieve Frederick Beer M.D. from all disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of felony,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th February.
14. **DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of adopting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a Bill to be introduced by the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to increase the salaries of the several District Court Judges to an annual sum of £1,500; and also that provision be made for retiring allowances to such Judges.
 Question put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

16. SERVICE OF SUMMONSES UNDER THE MASTERS AND SERVANTS' ACT :—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the serving of Summonses under the "Masters and Servants Act of 1857" is a legitimate function of the "Police," there being nothing under the said or any other Act to prohibit it.

(2.) That, therefore, the Circular of 6th July, 1870, from the Colonial Secretary's Office, "issued at the instance of the Police authorities," intimating that the Police are no longer to be expected to serve Summonses under the Act aforesaid, ought to be "recalled."

Debate ensued.

Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "Police," in paragraph (1), of the words "and may properly be performed by them when conveniently practicable"; and by the omission in paragraph (2), of the words "issued at the instance of the police authorities"; and by the omission of the last word "recalled," and the insertion in its place of the word "modified."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted after the word "Police," in paragraph (1), be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Eckford,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Simson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Greenwood,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Dr. Bowker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put,—That the words "issued at the instance of the Police authorities," proposed to be omitted from paragraph (2), stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Bennett,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Murphy,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Coonan.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lynch,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. J. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Eckford,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the last word "recalled," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Bennett,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. O'Connor,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Jacob.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bawden,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Driver,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

Question put.—That the word “modified,” proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted, be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Eckford,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. J. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Greenwood.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Barbour,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hungerford,
Dr. Bowker.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the serving of Summonses under the “Masters and Servants Act of 1857” is a legitimate function of the Police, and may properly be performed by them when conveniently practicable, there being nothing under the said or any other Act to prohibit it.

(2.) That, therefore, the Circular of 6th July, 1870, from the Colonial Secretary's Office, intimating that the Police are no longer to be expected to serve Summonses under the Act aforesaid, ought to be modified.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bawden,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. J. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).

Noes, 11.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. O'Connor,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Coonan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Teece.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Claim of William Henry Baron, brought up on 26th July last, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. MR. JOHN GARSEED:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon a case instituted against one John Garsed in October, 1859.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Leary, Mr. Day, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Baker, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this case during the Session 1876-7 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Day,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Lynch,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Bowker,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Roseby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Clerk thereupon laid the Documents upon the Table.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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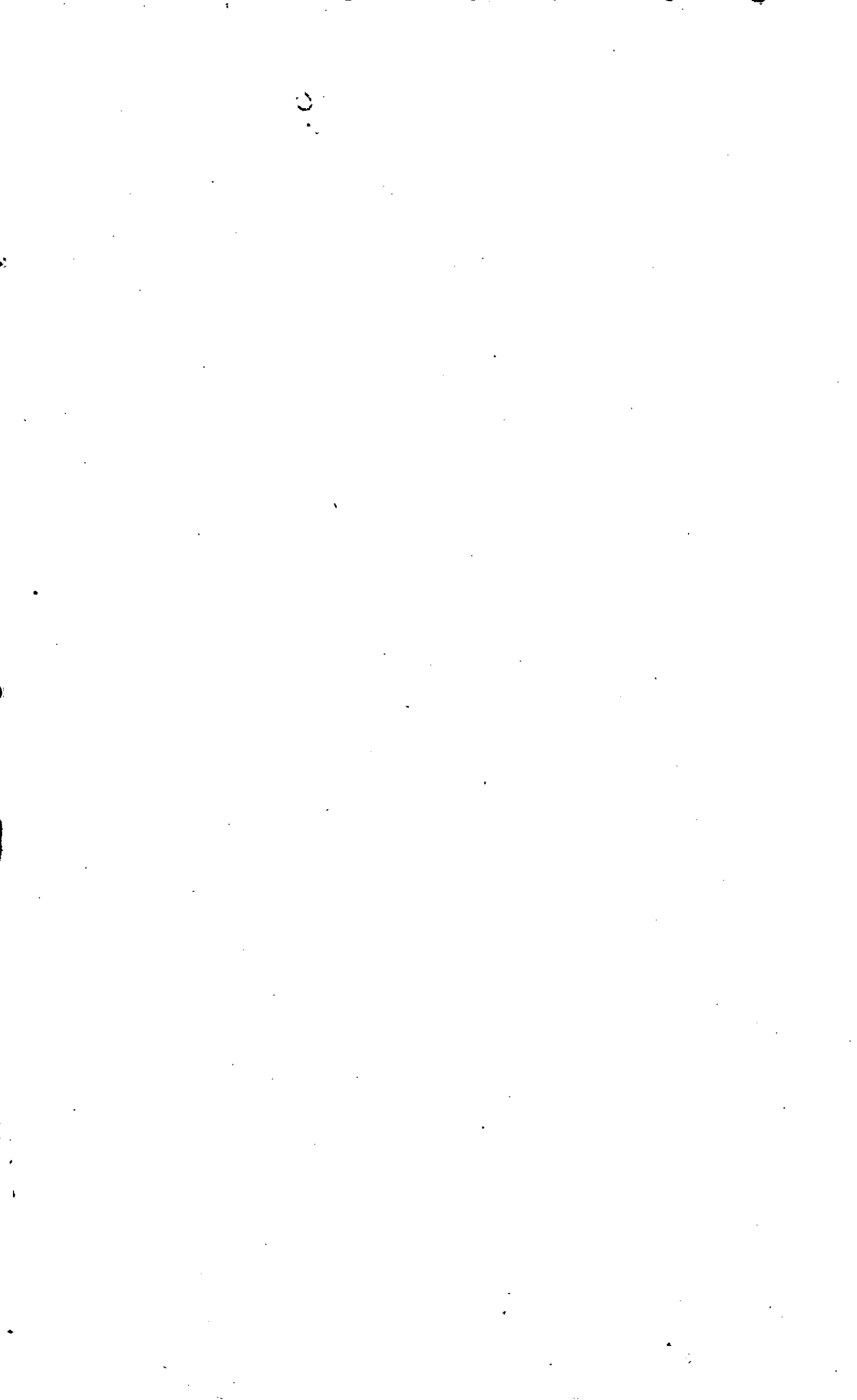
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19. STEAM PLAINS RUNS :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers Correspondence, Plans, &c., in reference to purchases under the 2nd clause of Lands Acts Amendment Act by the lessees of the Steam Plains Runs, of a number of blocks of land, 6 chains frontage and 4 miles long, which were approved of by Mr. Garrett when Secretary for Lands, in virtue of an improvement consisting of a 5-wire fence.
Question put and passed.
20. PARIS EXHIBITION :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of making provision for the cost of a Commissioner to proceed from the Colony and take the Executive charge of its interests at the Paris Exhibition.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. BRIDGE OVER THE WOLLONDILLY :—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the erection of a Bridge, at the old township, over the Wollondilly, near Goulburn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
22. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor in reference to Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek, *vid* Glendon, postponed until Friday next.
23. PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS :—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole having been read,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Resolution read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for the purposes of assisted prospecting for gold the Crown Lands of the Colony, such sum to be distributed under rules to be approved by the Executive Government and submitted to Parliament.
On motion of Mr. Coonan, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
24. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. Davies moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensed Publicans Act of 1862, and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays.
On motion of Mr. Davies, the Resolution was read a second time (after Debate) and agreed to.
- The House adjourned, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

ELECTORATE OF EAST MACQUARIE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Writ issued by him during the late adjournment for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of East Macquarie, in the room of Sir John Robertson, resigned, had been returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Edmund Webb, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Waterloo Mills:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a grant of land called Waterloo Mills granted to one Hutchinson on 27th May, 1823?

(2.) Is this grant now owned by Sir Daniel Cooper, or any member of his family?

(3.) Was provision made in this grant giving the Crown the right to resume an area of land out of this grant not exceeding 10 acres for public purposes?

(4.) If so, will he at once take the necessary steps to resume this 10 acres of land out of the above grant for a public recreation ground?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, to one William Hutchinson, containing 1,400 acres.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Yes, provided that such resumption should not interfere with, or in any manner injure or prevent the due working of the Water Mills erected, or to be erected, on the lands and water-courses by the said deed granted.

(4.) I can hardly give a definite reply at present to this question, but I will take an early opportunity of making inquiry as to the desirability of such steps being taken.

(2.) Dredge for the Manning River:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did not his predecessor in office promise that a Dredge should be dispatched to the Manning River not later than the month of November last, for the improvement of the navigation of that river?

(2.) Why has the Dredge not been sent to the Manning as promised?

(3.) Who is responsible for the neglect and delay that has taken place in this matter?

(4.) When is it now intended to send the Dredge to the Manning River?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As this question can be more satisfactorily answered in the shape of a Return, I have caused a Return to be prepared, and will presently lay it upon the Table.

(3.) Record Clerk, and Assistant, Public Works Office:—*Mr. J. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What was the amount of salary received by the Record Clerk and Assistant in the Public Works Office during last year?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Record Clerk, £225; Cadet assisting Record Clerk, £75.

(4.) Medical Officer for Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. J. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Medical Officer for Darlinghurst Gaol, rendered vacant through the death of Dr. Aaron?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Yes.

(5.) Barrack Wall.—Green's Road:—*Mr. J. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in taking down the Barrack Wall and widening of Green's Road?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I am unable to explain the delay; but as soon as the case was brought under my notice by the Honorable Member for Shoalhaven, Mr. Roseby, I caused action to be taken. It has now been referred to the Home Government for the consent of the Ordnance Department.

(6.)

- (6.) Immigration :—*Mr McElhone*, on behalf of *Mrs. Cameron*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table, so far as it is possible to do so, a detailed statement of the proposed expenditure of £75,000 for Immigration purposes, showing the number of officers and the amount paid to each out of this Vote ?
Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—No detailed statement can be given until after the expenditure has been made. A list of the Immigration officers employed beyond the Colony was laid upon the Table last week ; and a list of those employed in the Colony will be submitted to Parliament with the Estimates for 1879.
- (7.) Bridges across Georges Plains Creek and the Vale Creek :—*Mr. Pilcher* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect Bridges across Georges Plains Creek and the Vale Creek, near to the Georges Plains Railway Station, in accordance with the prayer of the petition presented to the Minister for Works ?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government have come to no determination on this point, pending decision of the House on the Resolution of the Honorable Member asking for a Bridge at King's Falls, as Bridges at both places would not be advisable or necessary.
- (8.) Gold Field Reserve at Gilmandyke :—*Mr. Pilcher* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to cancel the Gold Field Reserve at Gilmandyke ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes ; the cancellation of the Reserve, on account of gold, will be proclaimed in the Gazette of Tuesday next.
- (9.) Lease of *Mr. Sogen* :—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision, if any, is arrived at in regard to his letter of 15th March last, respecting Lease of *Mr. Sogen* ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—If the Honorable Member refers to the case of a *Mr. Soden* (not *Sogen*), it is now being dealt with.
- (10.) Teacher of Denominational Wesleyan School at Newtown :—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it true that the Council of Education has promoted the Teacher of the Newtown Wesleyan School to Class I, Section B, without undergoing examination, contrary to Regulation 46 of Council of Education ?
 (2.) If so, have Inspectors of the District recommended such promotion ?
 (3.) Has this Teacher gained the necessary marks for his practical skill, as indicated in Regulation 33 ?
Mr. Leary answered,—
 (1.) It is true that the Council of Education promoted the Teacher of the Certified Denominational Wesleyan School at Newtown to class IB without examination, but not contrary to Regulation 46. The promotion was granted under Article 39 of the Regulations of 8th March, 1869. In this case the Council acted in accordance with the following paragraph in its published Report for 1876 :—
 “The Council desired to give teachers who possessed reasonable claims under the old Regulation the benefit of their previous service, and awarded promotion to all who would have been entitled to receive it upon the conditions existing prior to the change.”
 (2.) The Inspectors of the district did not recommend such promotion, inasmuch as it is not a part of their duties to deal with applications for promotion.
 (3.) The answer to this question is contained in reply given to answer in No. 1.
- (11.) *Maurice Lynch's Application for Land* :—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the papers in the case of *Maurice Lynch*, which were moved for by *Mr. Hurley*, the Member for *Hartley*, on the 30th January, 1877, be laid upon the Table of the House ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—This Return was in course of preparation during the last Parliament, but, according to usual practice, any unsatisfied Returns moved for in that Parliament have been allowed to remain in abeyance, unless specially asked for by the present one, the orders for the same being treated as lapsed. There will be no objection to the Return being now completed, if required.
3. MEMBER SWORN :—*Edmund Webb*, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.
4. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Driver* presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to make preferential three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted shares of five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company.
 And *Mr. Driver* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Clarence and Richmond Examiner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
5. PAPERS :—
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the removal of the Dredge “*Fitz Roy*” from the *Macleay* to the *Manning River*.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock, on Live Stock, for the year 1876.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.
7. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Cohen* moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; and that *Mr. Greville* do take the Chair in the said Committee for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means accordingly.
 Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1878, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,733, for the expenses of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

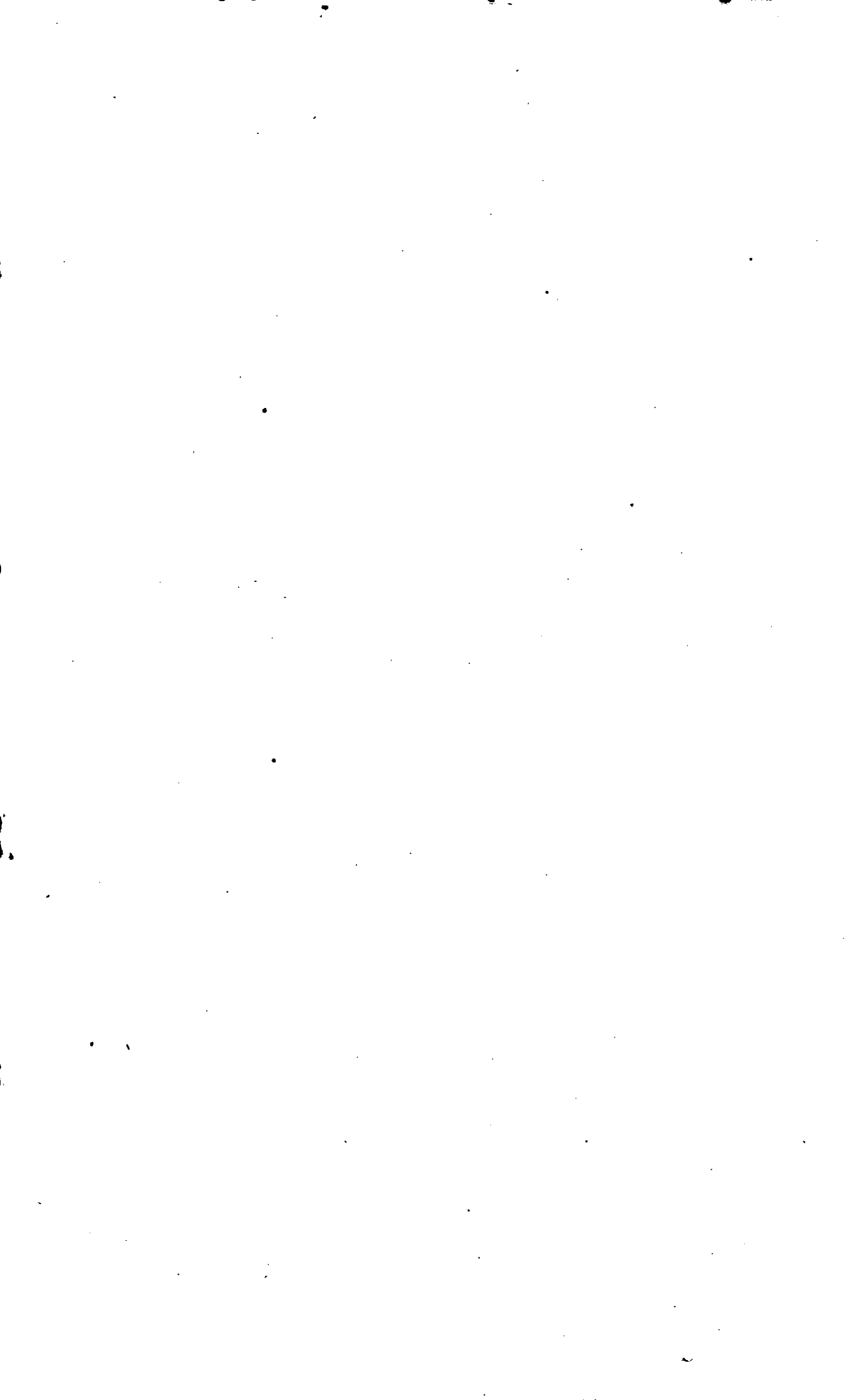
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Volunteers Grants Repeal Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to take steps to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, with a view of securing a more permanent supply of water for the City of Sydney and Suburbs?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The initiatory steps for this great work have been taken. Mr. Moriarty has for some time back had several parties engaged along the line of canal at different parts making surveys for the detailed contract plans, in order that tenders may be called for without loss of time as soon as parliamentary sanction, which it is early intended to ask for, shall have been obtained.

- (2.) Locke's Siding, Western Railway:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that at Locke's Siding, on the Western Railway Line, with an incline of from 1 in 33 to 1 in 40, it has been usual for trains to cross, although there is no porter in attendance or light of any sort to guide the engine-driver.

(2.) If so, will he take steps to remedy this state of affairs?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Locke's Siding is on a gradient of 1 in 33, and there is no danger whatever in crossing trains there. All proper arrangements have been made for the mode of crossing, and no difficulty whatever has been experienced in carrying them out.

(2.) Arrangements are now being made for putting this portion of the line on the staff and ticket system, and a man will then be stationed at Locke's Platform to take charge.

- (3.) John M'Kenzie's Selection at Urana:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice.—

(1.) Did a person named John M'Kenzie select 202 acres of land at Urana, on January 11th, 1877, portion 4, parish of Broome?

(2.) Was such land shown on a lithograph plan issued by the Government as open for selection?

(3.) Had this land been previously applied for as an improvement purchase along with another portion adjoining, and was it refused by the Minister?

(4.) Has the same Land Minister since (that is about nine months after it had been selected) allowed the Crown lessee to get this portion 4, which was at first refused?

(5.) Has this selection since been declared void?

(6.) If so, will the Government place a sum of money on the Estimates to compensate M'Kenzie for money expended and losses sustained?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes, upon reconsideration.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) No claim for compensation has ever been made.

- (4.) Mr. Keele, Inspector of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any person been appointed to perform Inspector Keele's work in New England?

(2.) If not, is he aware that through his absence great injury is inflicted on those persons who are waiting for the Inspector's report on their selections?

Mr.

- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes. A portion of the district has been placed in the charge of Mr. Inspector Trollope, and on Mr. Keele's return to Deniliquin, being authorized some time since, Mr. Wild was directed to proceed from Maneroo to New England.
- (2.) Some inconvenience has no doubt been occasioned, but arrangements have been made for removing this, as far as possible.
- (5.) The case of Mr. Pretious:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the papers in the case of Mr. Pretious be laid upon the Table of this House and printed?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table as soon as prepared, which will be as soon as practicable.
- (6.) Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act:—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the amount of fees charged at the various Police Offices to a complainant taking out a summons under the Masters and Servants Act?
- (2.) For what documents and services is the charge made?
- Mr. Leary answered,—
- (1.) A fee of 2s. 6d. is charged under the authority of the Act regulating Minor Courts Fees, 4 Will. IV, No. 5, schedule A.
- (2.) For summons, copy, and service.
2. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir.
3. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—Mr. Windeyer *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th March.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Combes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING 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, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.
Question put and passed.
6. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from George Fullerton, M.D., and James Fullerton, LL.D., in favour of closing Public-houses on Sundays.
Petition received.
7. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make preferential three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted shares of five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company.
Question put and passed.
8. CLAIMS OF MESSRS. KELLEHER AND FITZGERALD FOR PENSIONS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Greenwood*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, all Papers and Correspondence relating to the claims of Messrs. John Kelleher and Henry Fitzgerald for Pensions under the Supcrannuation Act.
Question put and passed.
9. ENGINE-DRIVERS TIME-SHEETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Engine-drivers Time-sheets, from June, 1877, to date, showing the hours at which the 9 p.m. goods train from Sydney and the special train from Mount Victoria have arrived at Penrith Railway Station.
Question put and passed.
10. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Driver having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make preferential three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted shares of five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company*,"—read a first time.
11. THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, Chairman of the Committee, 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 31st January, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, to follow after Order No. 2.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply; and that *Mr. Greville* do take the Chair in the said Committee for this day only.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

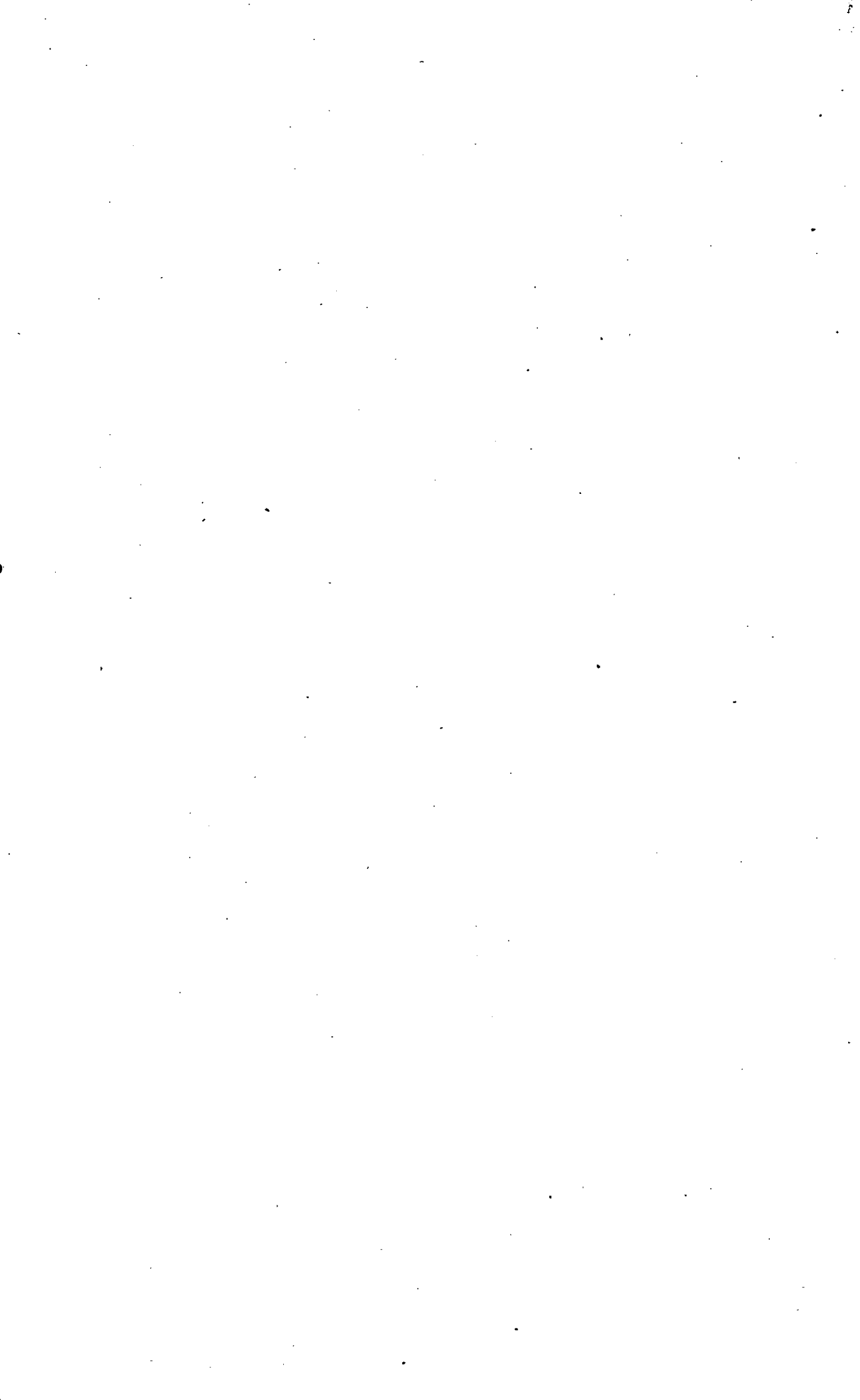
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The House adjourned at six minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Accident near Penrith:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Upon the day the two trains came into collision at Penrith, how many hours were the guards, engine-drivers, and firemen on those trains on duty?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The guards of the Down Goods Train had been on duty one and a-half hours only. The guards of Up Special Goods Train had been ten hours on duty. The driver and fireman of the Down Goods Train had been on duty one and a-half hours only. The driver of the Up Goods had been twelve hours on duty, two hours of which, however, were for shed duty. The fireman of the Up Goods had been on duty fifteen hours, five of which were for shed duty. The length of time in the last case was exceptional, owing to the man taking the place of another fireman who had fallen sick. The driver had the choice of two firemen, and he asked for Larkins, who is reported to have been not only willing but anxious to go with him. On the previous day both these men, engine-driver and fireman, had been on shed duty, which is light work. I have given instructions that, except in cases of necessity, no man be called upon to work more than ten hours per day.

(2.) Railway Extension into the City:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to make provision for the extension of the Railway from Redfern Terminus to the Circular Quay, or the northern end of the City?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to ask Parliament this Session to make provision for the extension of the Railway into Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Morell, late Assistant Engineer for Roads:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a Board of Inquiry recently appointed to investigate the complaints of Mr. Bennett, the Engineer and Commissioner for Roads, against the late Assistant, Mr. Morell?

(2.) If so, will the Government cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the Report of such Board of Inquiry?

(3.) Has Mr. Morell resigned his appointment as Assistant Engineer for Roads?

(4.) If so, what position or appointment does Mr. Morell now hold under Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) There was a Board appointed to inquire into a misunderstanding of an official nature between Mr. Bennett and Mr. Morell.

(2.) There will be no objection?

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Engineer to prepare the designs of Sir W. T. D. Jervois, R.E., for the Defences of the Colony.

(4.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the men employed at the coal-trimming and engine-cleaning in the Redfern Railway Yard applied for permission to work eight hours per day?

(2.) If so, is it intended to grant their request?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Engineer for Existing Lines forwarded to me this morning only the petition of the men in question, with a report thereon. It shall have immediate attention.

(5.) Appointment of Poundkeeper at Cowra:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that certain Magistrates attended at Cowra and took their seats on the Bench when the appointment of Poundkeeper was to be made, who have never before sat on the Cowra Bench, and who were residents of another district?

Mr.

Mr. Leary answered,—I have ascertained that one Magistrate of the Molong District attended the Cowra Bench on the occasion referred to, who had not previously sat on the Cowra Bench; and that another Magistrate from Carcoar attended the Cowra Bench on the same occasion, who had previously sat on that Bench. The Police Magistrate from Young, who visits Cowra when required, also attended on the occasion in question. The rest of the Magistrates in attendance on the occasion referred to would appear to be residents of the Cowra District.

- (6.) Children not attending School:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Roseby*, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What was the number of children reported by the teachers and others as not being in attendance at any School, as requested by a circular recently issued by the Council of Education to the School Teachers throughout the Colony?

Mr. Leary answered,—The circular does not require teachers to report the precise number of children not attending any school. It only requires that they should inquire into the causes of non-attendance, and use every effort to induce the parents of absentees to send their children to school; and that they should report the result of such inquiries and efforts, to the Council. The information sought by *Mr. Roseby* is therefore not contained fully in the letters from the teachers. The following information may, however, be found useful:—In 178 localities, 3,425 children do not attend school; 1,041 children promised to attend in consequence of the action taken by teachers under the circular; 236 children actually attended in consequence of the action taken by teachers under the circular. The major portion of the returns have yet to arrive.

- (7.) Children attending Schools:—*Mr. Greenwood* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What was the number of children enrolled and in average attendance, respectively, at Public, Provisional, Half-time, and Denominational Schools for the last quarter of 1877?

Mr. Leary answered,—

Public Schools	...	...	...	50,896	on Rolls	34,540·3	average attendance.
Provisional	...	...	...	6,291	do.	4,357·6	do.
Half-time	...	...	...	1,975	do.	1,407·2	do.
Denominational	...	...	...	23,089	do.	15,444·1	do.
Totals	...	...	...	82,251	do.	55,749·2	do.

- (8.) *Mr. Richardson*, Lands Department:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has *Mr. Richardson*, a clerk in the Auction Branch of Lands Department, been promoted to the position of Second Clerk in that office?

(2.) Has he passed the Civil Service Examination; if not, is it usual for persons to hold such an office who have not passed the Civil Service Examination?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No; *Mr. Richardson* is on the temporary staff.

(2.) No; but he passed an examination at the Dublin University of a far higher character than that prescribed for candidates for the Civil Service in this Colony. I may add, that *Mr. Richardson* offered to pass the examination last referred to, but it was held by the then Minister for Lands to be, under the circumstances, unnecessary.

- (9.) Advertising in Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What sum is received per annum by the Government for the right of advertising in the Railway Carriages on all lines?

(2.) Is the right given for advertisements to be nailed over the ventilation slides?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £460 per annum.

(2.) No; the advertisements are to be placed as directed by the Commissioner for Railways; if found to be placed over the ventilation slides, they will at once be removed.

- (10.) *Mr. Henningham*, Coroner for Mudgee:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Inquests have been held by *Mr. W. J. Henningham* since his appointment as Coroner for the Mudgee District?

(2.) Where has each Inquest been held?

(3.) What has been the cost of each Inquest, distinguishing the Coroner's fees, the mileage, and any other expenses?

Mr. Leary answered,—The Honorable Member's questions will involve the preparation of a Return, and will be lengthy. I shall be happy to furnish the information desired as soon as possible, if he will give notice for Return in the usual course.

- (11.) Bridges on which Tolls were charged:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The names, localities, and cost of construction—including approaches and other incidental expenses incurred in order to make them available for traffic—of the Bridges upon which Tolls were formerly charged, but now abolished, in accordance with a recent Resolution of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The names, localities, and cost of Bridges upon which Tolls were recently collected by the Department of Works are as under:—Penrith Bridge, at Penrith (road portion only), £30,000; Alfred Bridge, at Gundagai, £37,371; Hay Bridge, at Hay, £20,369; Dunmore Bridge, at Dunmore, £7,152; Pitnacree Bridge, at Pitnacree, £11,807; Belmore Bridge, at West Maitland, £23,561; Windsor Bridge, at Windsor, £11,526; Richmond Bridge, at Richmond (purchased), £7,000; total, £148,786. To which should be added the cost of Bridges under the Treasury Department, upon which Tolls have also been abolished.

- (12.) Water Reserve, Miller's Creek :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he at once give instructions to the proper officer to remove obstructions off the Water Reserve at Miller's Creek, and have it thrown open to the public?
 - (2.) Will he compel Mr. Glass to remove his improvements off this Reserve, as it is not under lease to him?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) The papers are now with the surveyor, who has been requested (by telegram) to return them without delay.
 - (2.) Upon the receipt of the papers the question referred to will receive immediate consideration, with the view of removing obstructions, should any exist.
- (13.) Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes :—Mr. Coonan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in reference to the erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Plans have been prepared for the Post and Telegraph Office at Forbes, and when the specification is ready, Tenders will be invited for the erection of the building.
- (14.) Record Clerk and Assistant, Public Works Office :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to increase the salary of Record Clerk and Assistant Record Clerk in Public Works Office during the present year; if such is his intention, will he also increase the salaries of other clerks in his Department?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have no means at my disposal to increase the salaries of the gentlemen referred to, though I consider they are inadequate, and I shall take the first opportunity of increasing them.
- (15.) Narrandera Railway :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to call for Tenders for the Narrandera Railway?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—I understand—having made inquiry this morning—that the plans, &c., are now ready; and the subject will be brought under the attention of the Government at an early day?
2. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from M. Guest, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Working Men's Defence Association, objecting to further expenditure for the purposes of Immigration; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
 3. PUBLICANS LICENSING ACT :—Mr. J. Davies presented a Petition from James Adam, M.A., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Publicans Licensing Act.
Petition received.
 4. REAL PROPERTY ACT :—Mr. Greenwood presented a Petition from Landowners and others of Sydney and Suburbs, praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into the working of the Real Property Act, and that Petitioners have leave to appear in person or by Counsel before such Committee.
Petition received.
 5. PAPER :—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 22nd January, 1878, in reference to the case of Edward William and Mary White against Fanny White.
Ordered to be printed.
 6. MINING COMPANIES BILL :—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the formation of Mining Companies*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.
 7. MR. JOHN GARSEED (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Proceedings and Evidence laid upon the Table by the Clerk on 5th February, 1878, be referred to the Select Committee appointed on the case of Mr. John Garsed.
Question put and passed.
 8. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Leary, Mr. Murphy, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Lynch, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
 9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Farnell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Edward Greville, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
 10. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Greville reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

11. DISTILLATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bawden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize Distillation by the owners of Sugar Mills and Manufactories. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide greater facilities for and to regulate Distillation from Articles the produce of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Bawden, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Bawden presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide greater facilities for and to regulate Distillation from Articles the produce of the Colony*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.

12. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Jacob moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Jacob, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Jacob, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

- (1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.

- (2.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading.

14. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging-houses.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Cameron presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for regulating Common Lodging-houses*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 1st March.

15. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to legalize Mining on certain Private Lands.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to legalize Mining on certain Private Lands

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting District Court Judges Salaries and Retiring Allowances postponed until Friday, 8th March.

17. PARIS EXHIBITION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McElhone, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of making provision for the cost of a Commissioner to proceed from the Colony and take the executive charge of its interests at the Paris Exhibition.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Greville* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Greville* (with the concurrence of the House), That the Report be now received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to make provision for the cost of a Commissioner to proceed from the Colony and take the executive charge of its interests at the Paris Exhibition.

On motion of Mr. McElhone, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

18. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. Copeland presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize Mining on certain Private Lands*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.

19. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Bridge over the Wollondilly; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—until Friday, 22nd February.

- (2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek, *via* Glendon; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—until Friday next.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sir John Coode:—*Mr. Moses*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that Sir John Coode is on a visit to Victoria and South Australia for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon the Harbour Works of those Colonies?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to secure the valuable services of Sir John Coode to inspect and report upon the works in progress under the Harbours and Rivers Department, and the best method of improving the Harbours and Rivers generally of this Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the intention of the Government at present to seek the opinion of Sir John Coode on the Harbour Works of the Colony.

- (2.) Children attending Schools:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—The number of children under five years of age, the number between five years and thirteen years of age, and the number above thirteen years of age, whose names were on the rolls of the several Schools under the Council of Education on the 10th of October last; also, the average daily attendance during the second week in October?

Mr. Leary answered,—I am informed from the office of the Council of Education that the information sought by the Honorable Member can only be obtained by sending a circular to all the teachers in the Council's service, and that, considering the course of post, in many instances not less than a month must elapse before all the returns can be received.

- (3.) Children between five and thirteen years of age in the Colony:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What was the approximate number of children between five years and thirteen years of age in the Colony on the 1st of October last?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Registrar General estimates the number at 154,000.

- (4.) Association Cricket Ground, Moore Park:—*Mr. Long* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware whether a charge is made to the Cricket Ground known as the New Cricket Ground, Moore Park?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit a charge to be made for admission to this ground.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; charges were made on two occasions.

(2.) The land having passed from the control of the Government, no such permission appears to be required at their hands.

- (5.) Court House, Cowra:—*Mr. Lynch* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of a Court House at Cowra, for which plans have been some time prepared?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A plan for the buildings is ready, and Tenders will be invited so soon as an eligible site shall have been fixed upon.

- (6.) Castings for Harbours and Rivers Department:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who were the successful Tenderers for the supply of Castings for the Harbours and Rivers Department for the year 1878?

(2.) How many Tenderers were there for the said work; their names; and the amount of their Tenders?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table Returns which will fully answer the questions of the Honorable Member.

(7.)

- (7.) Village Reserve at Gadooga :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The name of the surveyor, and date of instructions, to whom the surveying and marking out of a Village Reserve at Gadooga, on the Bree River, was referred?
 - (2.) Is the Government aware that many parties are waiting to purchase land, when ready for sale, at Gadooga, and suffering inconvenience from the delay?
 - (3.) When is it likely land will be ready for sale at this place; the cause of delay in marking out the township; and will the surveyor be instructed to expedite the work, in order to prevent the most suitable site for a Village Reserve from being alienated?
 - (4.) Has it been suggested to fix the township at Dumble in lieu of Gadooga; and if so, what action has been taken?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The subject has been referred for the consideration and report of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Folkes. The report is expected in two days, when the matter will receive early consideration.
- (8.) Railway from Gunnedah to Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended by the Government to make any provision for causing a Trial Survey to be made for the extension of the North-western Railway from Gunnedah to Narrabri; and if so, when?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; when the Estimates for 1879 are brought before the House.
- (9.) Applications for Selections at Wagga Wagga, Deniliquin, and Hay :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of applications for Selections, made under the 25th clause of the Crown Lands Act of 1861, by Alexander Couper, at Wagga Wagga, F. H. Stubbley, at Deniliquin, and Armstrong and Lakeman, at Hay, have been refused?
 - (2.) Was such refusal made upon any opinion received from the Honorable Attorney General; if not, will he refer the question involved to the Honorable Attorney General without delay?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that many applications made under similar conditions have been accepted; if so, is it his intention to recall deeds of all such lands?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No; I do not see at present that any such reference is necessary.
 - (3.) Yes, under the departmental practice hitherto existing. There is no intention at present of recalling any deeds actually issued in such cases.
2. MR. ANDREW M'DOUGALL :—Mr. W. C. Browne presented a Petition from Andrew M'Dougall, of Singleton, alleging that in the year 1822 he was promised, by the Governor, a Grant of Land, and that he obtained only half the quantity of land promised; and praying the House to inquire into the matter, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the supply of Castings for the Harbours and Rivers Department.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th January, 1878, in reference to the appointment of the Police Office, Sydney, as one of the Polling-places for the Electorate of Narellan.
Ordered to be printed.
4. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) presented a Petition from Frederick Beer, M.D., praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in reference to this Bill.
Petition received.
5. RESERVE FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL PADDOCK, BOMBALA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence relating to the fencing of the Reserve for National School Paddock, Bombala.
Question put and passed.
6. MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELL'S CREEK (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Macintosh 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 injury sustained by Thomas Cox, as alleged in his Petition to this House, relative to the cancellation of a Mining Lease at Mitchell's Creek.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Lucas, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Day, Mr. Murphy, Mr. J. Davies, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. POLICE PENSIONER M'HALE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Papers relative to the claim of Police Pensioner M'Hale for a gold medal in recognition of his services.
Question put and passed.
8. METROPOLITAN CATTLE SALE-YARDS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the desirability of establishing Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dangar, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Moses, Mr. Farnell, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Simson, Mr. Long, Mr. Driver, Mr. J. Davies, and Mr. Lackey.
- Question put and passed.
9. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th February from George Fullerton, M.D., and James Fullerton, LL.D., against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th February from M. Guest, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Working Men's Defence Association, relative to the Vote proposed on the Estimates for the purposes of Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. PUBLICANS LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th February from the Presbyterian General Assembly, in favour of the amendment of the Licensed Publicans Act, and the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motions*):—
(1.) Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th February from Landowners and others of Sydney and Suburbs, in favour of the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the working of the Real Property Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Greenwood 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 manner in which Titles are investigated under the provisions of the Real Property Act, 26 Vic. No. 9, and the general conduct of the business of the Land Titles Office.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Terry, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Coonan, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. W. Forster, Agent General, respecting statements made in certain newspapers in regard to the manner in which the Immigration Regulations were being carried out in the United Kingdom.
Question put and passed.
14. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. Davies, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Davies then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to extend the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th February, 1878.*
15. PRIMARY EDUCATION:—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the existing provision for Primary Education in this Colony is not adequate to the requirements of the public welfare.
(2.) That as early as possible a measure should be introduced by the Government providing for the compulsory attendance at State Schools, within a reasonable distance, of all children not physically or mentally incapacitated, between the ages of six and fifteen years, unless receiving suitable instruction elsewhere, or able to read and write; for the abolition of fees for all subjects of instruction included in the compulsory "standard"; and for the discontinuance, after due notice, of aid from public funds in support of Denominational Schools.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Pilcher moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from the 2nd Resolution of all the words after the word "standard."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," in the 1st Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Public Schools Act of 1866, and to collect information as to the character and working of the Educational Systems of the adjoining Colonies and other Countries."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Leary, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Lackey, and "the Mover."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Mr. Roseby moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 22nd February.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Telegraph Station at Warkworth :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of *Mr. W. C. Browne*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Station at Warkworth; and if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to establish a Telegraph Station at Warkworth, if arrangements which are now in progress can be carried out on the terms proposed by the Government to the applicants for the Station.

(2.) Railway Survey between Great Northern Line and Sydney :—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Lackey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the survey of the line between the Great Northern Line and Sydney still in progress?

(2.) Have the Surveyors furnished their final report to the Works Department?

(3.) Have they recommended any definite route; and if so, what?

(4.) Will this line come to Sydney direct, or join the present line between Sydney and Windsor; and if so, at what point?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) A line has been explored, and is now being surveyed from the Richmond Railway to the Great Northern Railway: Commencing near to the Mulgrave Station, crossing the Hawkesbury River immediately below its junction with the Colo River; thence following the direction of the Wheelbarrow Ridge to the Bulga Road, following this road to the crossing of the Macdonald River; thence by Howe's Valley and Darky Creek to the crossing of the Wollombi Brook, and joining the Northern Railway near to Singleton Station.

(4.) This line will join the Richmond Railway, near to Mulgrave Station.

(3.) District Courts and Quarter Sessions :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the matter of the extension of District Courts and Quarter Sessions to several country towns received the attention of the Government; and if so, would there be any objection to state the decision arrived at; or if not, will the matter receive early attention?

(2.) Is it intended to establish such Courts at Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Bingera, Warialda, and Walgett, or at any of these places, in compliance with numerous signed petitions presented for such; and if so, when?

(3.) Is the Government aware that in the new Police Buildings lately erected, or about to be erected, at these places, the necessary accommodation has been provided for such Courts?

(4.) If found that the present District Court Judges cannot perform the extra work, will provision be made for an extra Judge to do so?

Mr. Lcary answered,—

(1.) Yes, the matter as to extension of District Courts and Quarter Sessions has received the attention of the Government, and inquiries are still being made upon the subject.

(2.) Yes; so soon as the necessary provision shall have been made by Parliament for that purpose and the requisite accommodation provided.

(3.) I have ascertained that the Court Houses at Coonabarabran, Bingera, and Warialda would, with slight modifications, be sufficient for holding District Courts and Quarter Sessions, but that those at Coonamble and Walgett are not suitable for that purpose.

(4.) It is the intention of the Government to do so.

(4.)

- (4.) **Telegraph Wires and Insulators** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Who supplies the Government with Telegraph Wires and Insulators?
 - (2.) At what prices are they supplied?
 - (3.) Were Tenders called for the supply of these articles; if not, why not?
- Mr. Burns answered,—
- (1.) Telegraph Wires and Insulators are supplied to the Telegraph Department by Messrs Slater & Co., of Melbourne, and Mr. William Jolly, of Sydney.
 - (2.) The prices at which supplies were last obtained were—for No. 6 wire, £24 15s. per ton; for No. 8 wire, £25 15s. per ton; Insulators, 1s. each.
 - (3.) Tenders were called for the said supplies, and the lowest Tenders were accepted.
- (5.) **Police Magistrate for Murrurundi and Quirindi** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate for Murrurundi and Quirindi?
- Mr. Leary answered,—Yes, in case the requisite provision, by way of salary, be made by Parliament for that purpose.
- (6.) **Officers residing at Victoria Barracks and Dawes Point Barracks** :—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked The Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What are the names of the Officers residing at the Victoria Barracks, and the number of rooms occupied by each Officer?
 - (2.) The same information with regard to Officers residing at Dawes Point Barracks?
- Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—As the information asked for by the Honorable Member will be more conveniently given in a Return, I will lay such Return upon the Table presently.
- (7.) **Pacific Mail Contract** :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit a Resolution for the approval of Parliament for the modification of the Pacific Mail Contract?
- Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to invite Parliament to approve of the modified Contract for the Pacific Mail Service so soon as the state of public business may permit.
- (8.) **Post and Telegraph Office at Bourke** :—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend calling for Tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Bourke, for which money has been voted for the past two years?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders for this work will be invited in next Tuesday's issue of the *Government Gazette*.
- (9.) **Mr. James Twaddell** :—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates for 1878 as compensation to James Twaddell for losses sustained by him through the influx of gold miners and others on his runs during the year 1862 and following years?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—After the opinion already expressed by Parliament with regard to Mr. Twaddell's case the Government do not feel justified in having any sum of money again submitted on the Estimates for the purpose referred to by the Honorable Member.
2. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Return showing the distribution of Officers Quarters at the Victoria Barracks and Dawes Battery.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to the payment of £10,000 under the Bond in *re* Hall and Forbes Contract for the San Francisco Mail Service.
Ordered to be printed.
3. **IMMIGRATION** :—The undermentioned Petitions, protesting against the placing of the sum of £75,000 on the Estimates for 1878 for the purposes of Immigration, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Greville,—from the Officers and Council of the New South Wales Political Reform League.
 - (2.) By Mr. Cameron,—from the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales.
Petitions received.
4. **LYNDHURST SALE BILL** :—Mr. Day, 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 31st January, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 22nd February.
Question put and passed.
5. **MR. ANDREW M'DOUGALL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Bennett, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th February from Andrew M'Dougall, in reference to a promise of a free grant of 1,000 acres of land, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. **BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL (Formal Motions)** :—
- (1.) Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th February from Frederick Beer, M.D., praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of the passing of a Bill to relieve Frederick Beer, M.D., from all disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of felony, be printed.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of Frederick Beer, M.D., to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of the passing of a Bill to relieve Frederick Beer, M.D., from all disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of felony, be granted.
Question put and passed.
7. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876, to regulate the driving of Stock, and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass; and to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed
8. THE CASES OF J. KELLEHER AND HENRY FITZGERALD (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence or Papers relating to the application or claim of Messrs. J. Kelleher and Henry Fitzgerald for increase of salary under the Gold Regulations as to increases.
Question put and passed.
9. SEQUESTERED ESTATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the registered numbers of all estates placed under sequestration since the 1st day of January, 1875, with the names of the Official Assignees appointed, the dates of sequestration, and the date or dates of the plan or plans of distribution filed in each estate, but omitting the names of the Insolvents.
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Delivery of Letters in Sydney and Suburbs :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to take any steps to provide an earlier delivery of Letters in the City of Sydney and Suburbs than that which now exists?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is my intention to provide for an earlier delivery of Letters in the City of Sydney and Suburbs, as circumstances may permit; but I shall be unable to make an earlier delivery general until the Western and Southern morning trains arrive earlier than at present, and provision is made for an increase in the number of letter-carriers. If the Honorable Member will point out any instance in which the delivery is unreasonably late, I shall be happy to give my attention to his representation, with a view to earlier delivery being secured.

- (2.) Crown Lands held by *Mr. C. Pearson*, Lachlan River :—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total area of Crown Lands held on lease by *Mr. C. Pearson* on the Lachlan River, near Forbes?

(2.) What area of land has been conditionally purchased from the lands held on lease by *Mr. C. Pearson* since 1st January, 1875, to date?

(3.) What are the names of such Conditional Purchasers?

(4.) How many of such purchases have been transferred, or application made to transfer their lands conditionally purchased on the Crown lease held by *Mr. C. Pearson*?

(5.) To whom has the transfer been made of such lands in the records of the local Land Office, or elsewhere?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is in such a shape that it is hardly possible to give it in the way asked for. A Return embodying the particulars required will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Public School at Grass-tree or Muscle Creek :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Council of Education made an application for a grant of 4 acres of land for Public School at Grass-tree or Muscle Creek?

(2.) If so, what is the cause of delay in granting the site; and will he give instructions to issue the grant without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There appears to have been some delay caused by unavoidable exchange of instructions to surveyors. The surveyor, however, in whose hands the matter now is has been instructed to give it immediate attention.

- (4.) Police Quarters, Mogil Mogil :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the new Police Quarters at Mogil Mogil, on the Barwon River, been completed?

(2.) Have police been sent there; if so, when, and the number?

(3.) Is it intended to proclaim Mogil Mogil a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions; and will the Police Magistrate of Walgett be instructed to visit there periodically?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The buildings are reported as completed, but they have not yet been inspected.

(2.) One constable was sent to Mogil Mogil on the 5th of January; another will be sent as soon as possible.

(3.) This matter is now under consideration.

(5.)

- (5.) Mr. P. Brougham, P.M., Bingera :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he made inquiries in reference to Mr. P. Brougham, P.M., Bingera ; if so, what is the result of the inquiries ?

Mr. Leary answered,—Communications have been received from officials of the Government Service at Fiji, and from persons who were in the Government Service there at the time certain charges were preferred against Mr. Patrick Brougham in his then position of Curator of Intestate Estates, and as late as yesterday a further communication was received, having reference to these charges, from a gentleman who had occupied the office at Fiji of Minister for Native Affairs. I have given instructions that a copy of these charges be forwarded without delay to Mr. Brougham for explanation, and upon receiving same the matter will be finally determined.

- (6.) Medical Officer, Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long has the office of Surgeon been vacant at Darlinghurst Gaol ?
- (2.) When do the Government intend to make the appointment ?
- (3.) Who has been performing the duties since the death of Dr. Aaron ?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Since 10th August last, on which date Dr. Aaron died.
- (2.) On an early date.
- (3.) Dr. James Macnish.

- (7.) Crossing at Tarriaro, Namoi River :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Crossing at Tarriaro, Namoi River, near the Bridge, be thrown open for the use of the public and stockowners, and which has been so long promised ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Reserve from Lease, to include the Crossing, will be notified in the *Gazette* of to-morrow (Friday).

- (8.) Public School, Hartley Vale :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Council of Education received the conveyance for a portion of land for Public School purposes at Hartley Vale ?
- (2.) If so, when is it likely Tenders will be invited for the erection of School ?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the conveyance of the proposed School site has not yet been received by the Council of Education.
- (2.) Tenders for the erection of the proposed School buildings will be invited when the conveyance shall have been completed. Steps will be taken to expedite the completion of the conveyance.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, for 1877.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 31st January, 1878, in reference to the conduct of the Surgeon-superintendent of the Immigrant Ship "Star of India."

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Evidence taken relative to complaints made by Immigrants per "Star of India."

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Further Papers respecting San Francisco Mail Service.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE LAND LAW :—Mr. Johnston presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors, praying that steps may be taken for abolishing Auction Sales of Country Lands.
Petition received.

4. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motions*) :—

- (1.) Mr. Greville, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th February from the New South Wales Political Reform League, objecting to further expenditure for the purposes of Immigration, and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, be printed.
Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th February from Thomas White, President of the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales, on behalf of a Public Meeting at the Masonic Hall, Sydney, against the proposed Vote for Immigration purposes, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Drinking Troughs at Abattoirs, Glebe Island :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been made to him to have Drinking Troughs for horses erected at the Abattoirs, Glebe Island ?

(2.) Has any application been made to him to order the road between the slaughter-houses to be repaired ?

(3.) Will he give immediate instructions to the proper officer to have these Drinking Troughs erected, and the road repaired without delay ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There is no record in the Treasury of any application of the nature referred to.

(3.) Instructions have been given in reference to the Drinking Troughs ; and the Inspector informs me that the portion of road alluded to has been under repair during the last week.

- (2.) Murder of Mr. McAskill and Wife :—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government offer a reward for the apprehension of the person or persons who perpetrated a double murder on the persons of Mr. Allen McAskill and his wife, at Booral Wharf, near Stroud ?

Mr. Leary answered,—The Government have offered a reward of £200, and the same will be notified in this day's *Government Gazette*.

- (3.) Public School at Hawke's Nest :—Mr. Johnston asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of Public School at Hawke's Nest, Lower Myall River, Port Stephens ?

Mr. Leary answered,—Tenders will be invited for the erection of the proposed School buildings at Hawke's Nest so soon as the site shall have been conveyed to the Council, and steps will be taken to expedite the completion of the conveyance.

- (4.) Cemetery at Forster, Cape Hawke :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will site for Cemetery at Forster, Cape Hawke, be surveyed, dedicated, and handed over to trustees ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Honorable Member will perceive, on reference to the Abstract of Dedications laid before Parliament on the 23rd of last month, that it included the site for the Cemetery referred to.

- (5.) Cricket and Recreation Ground, Dungog :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will Cricket and Recreation Ground at Dungog be dedicated and given over to trustees named by him ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The land has been already reserved for the purposes alluded to. The question of its formal dedication and conveyance to trustees requires further consideration.

- (6.) Bridges over Bullambyt, Black Camp, and Booral Creeks :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of Bridges over Bullambyt Creek, Black Camp Creek on the Myall, and Booral Creek, near Stroud ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Drawings are being prepared, and Tenders will be invited when they are ready.

- (7.) Road from Stroud to Cobark :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the money voted by last Parliament be expended on road from 25-mile-tree, on Stroud and Gloucester Road, to Cobark ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Road Superintendent has been instructed to proceed with the expenditure.

(8.)

- (8.) Site for Bridge across the Williams River :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government cause a survey and section to be taken of another site for Bridge across the Williams River, at Clarence Town ; if so, when ?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes ; as soon as possible.
- (9.) Bridge over the Karuah River :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878, to erect a Bridge over the Karuah River, at or near Wilkinson's Crossing-place ?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—This Bridge will not be required until the deviation over the Monkerai Range has been completed. The question will then be dealt with.
- (10.) Bridge over the Myall River :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 to erect a Bridge over the Myall River, at Bulahdelah ?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The traffic is not considered sufficient to justify the construction of a Bridge here at present. A Ferry has been recently proclaimed, which will afford the necessary crossing accommodation for some years.
- (11.) Map of County of Jamieson :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to prepare and issue for sale a new Map of the County of Jamieson ; and if so, when ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The completion and issue for sale of the Map will be effected at as early a date as possible. I am unable to say the exact date, because the compiler is at present engaged on the Maps of the Land Districts of Deniliquin and Molong, which are urgently required.
2. PAPER :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY :—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Armidale, praying that provision may be made for a comprehensive system of Water Supply for all Corporate Towns in the Colony.
Petition received.
4. THE LAND LAW (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Johnston moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th February, relative to Auction Sale of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 1st March.*
(2.) Bridge across Vale Creek, at King's Falls ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday next.*
(3.) Beer's Disabilities Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 26th February.*
6. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 1st March.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 1st March.*
(2.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 15th March.*
(3.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 1st March.*
(4.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the expediency of bringing in Bill ;—*until Friday next.*

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Lands Department:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in order to relieve the Lands Department of a portion of its work, to make one or more of its branches a portion of the Mining Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to make any such arrangement at present.

- (2.) Inquiry Office, Lands Department:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to carry into effect the proposal to establish an Inquiry Office in the Lands Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government has not considered it necessary to carry out the proposal referred to.

- (3.) Pilot Steam-launch:—Mr. Charles, on behalf of Mr. Eckford, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the cost of fuel and working expenses of the small Steam-launch belonging to the Pilot Service, Watson's Bay?

(2.) Is it a fact this small steam-launch is repeatedly used as a passenger and cargo boat to and from Circular Quay and Watson's Bay, with the knowledge of a pilot or pilots?

(3.) If so, will the Government prevent such practices in future?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) About £500 a year.

(2.) The only passengers carried by the launch are the people belonging to the Pilot Service, and an occasional member of their families. The only cargo the vessel carries is the provisions and stores for the pilot steamer "Captain Cook."

(3.) There appears to be no reason why the practice should be altered.

- (4.) Reserve at Bingera:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Reserve at Bingera, No. 381, parish of Molroy, notified 21 August, 1874, extent 25 square miles, being a Reserve for gold and other purposes, is a great hinderance to the progress of the town of Bingera and the extension thereof, there being only two diggers on it?

(2.) Is it intended to cancel this Reserve, or to bring it under the operation of the 14th clause of the Lands Act?

(3.) What course is intended to be taken with Salter, M'Manus, and others, who took up land thereon before this Reserve was notified?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A representation to that effect has been received.

(2.) The question of cancelling the Reserve awaits a report from the Mining Department.

(3.) The cases referred to will be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

- (5.) Reserves and Tanks:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The nature of the reports received, and what decision has been arrived at, with regard to applications made for Reserves and Tanks between the Barwon and Narren Rivers, also at Bulgau, on the Namoi River, and Baradine?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member in the different cases specified by him can hardly be given in the shape of a reply to the question, but he will be officially informed by letter of what has been done in a day or two; or, if moved for, a Return giving the required particulars can be laid upon the Table.

- (6.) Additional Magistrates for Country Districts:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint additional Magistrates in Country Districts where needed; and when?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Yes; as soon as proper inquiry can be made as to the fitness of the large number of persons recommended for the Commission of the Peace.

- (7.) Mr. Henry Ricketson:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has Henry Ricketson of Curnallo and Derulaman Stations applied for leave to ring-bark trees, as required by clause 66 of the Land Regulations, under the amending Act of 1875?
 (2.) Is the Department aware that ring-barking and destroying of valuable timber has been carried on extensively by this Crown tenant, and that this Crown tenant has subsequently applied to purchase this land as improved land?
 (3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and if the law has been broken, will he instruct the offender to be prosecuted?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; one application has been granted, and the other is under reference to the Moama Forest Ranger.

(2.) Several applications have been received in virtue of ring-barked timber, clearing, and other improvements.

(3.) The Crown Lands Bailiff has been called upon to report.

- (8.) Mr. Keele, Inspector of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any person been appointed for the New England District to do the work of Conditional Purchase Inspector in place of Mr. Keele?

(2.) Has Mr. Keele received instructions to proceed to his district; if not, will he give instructions for him to proceed to his proper district at once?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) As stated in reply to a previous question by the Honorable Member, Mr. Inspector Wild was appointed to do the work in place of Mr. Keele. Mr. Wild's arrival was delayed at first by illness in his family, and more recently through having been summoned to attend inquiries in his former district, from which, however, he has now returned. Other changes are proposed in the distribution of these officers, with a view to the more efficient and economical arrangement of the Service.

(2.) Mr. Keele is now employed in the district of Deniliquin, to which he was some time since re-appointed.

- (9.) Mr. Jules Joubert:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What salary is Mr. Jules Joubert to receive as Secretary to the Paris Exhibition?

(2.) Is he aware that he is also appointed to act as Secretary for Queensland; and if not aware of it, will he cause proper inquiries to be made if he is to be paid by the Queensland Government?

(3.) If Mr. Joubert is to be paid by the Queensland Government, will he instruct him that he cannot act for this Colony and Queensland?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) £500 per annum and actual travelling expenses, including cost of residence in Paris.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) I do not think that Mr. Joubert should act for more than one Colony; and if the arrangement can be now altered without grave inconvenience to Queensland, it will be intimated to Mr. Joubert that he cannot be allowed to act both for New South Wales and Queensland.

- (10.) Railway Accident near Penrith:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government decided what recompense is to be given to the widows and relatives dependent on the Guards and other persons killed by the late Railway accident?

(2.) If so, what amount is to be given to each person?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It has been decided that, till other provision can be made by the Government, the widows and relatives of the men who lost their lives or were injured in the late Railway accident are to be paid the wages the deceased were receiving at the time of their death or accident.

2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELL'S CREEK:—Mr. Macintosh (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return on Order laid upon the Table of this House on 22nd August, 1876, the Correspondence laid upon the Table of this House on 20th February, 1877, and the Petition of Thomas Cox, presented to this House on 31st January last, in reference to a Mineral Selection at Mitchell's Creek, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
 Question put and passed.

3. OYSTER FISHERIES:—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Oyster-dredgers and Residents of the Clarence River Fishery District, complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster; and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.
 Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Secretary for Public Works on the causes of the Railway Accident at Emu Plains on 30th January, 1878; and System of working the Traffic; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report from the Commandant, with Memorandum thereon by Colonel Scratchley, respecting reorganization of the Volunteer Force.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 12th February, 1878, in reference to Immigration Regulations.
 - (3.) Further Return to an Address, adopted on 6th July, 1877, in reference to Immigration.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lynch moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. CONDITIONAL DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Despatches addressed by His Excellency to the Secretary of State, and of any Despatches received in reply from the Secretary of State, in reference to the question of Conditional Dissolution or qualified acceptance of ministerial advice in regard to the ministerial crises of 1877.

Question put and passed.

7. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th instant from the Mayor and Aldermen of Municipality of Armidale, in reference to Public Water Supply, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. BUILDING AND FURNISHING SCHOOLS :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Schools under the Council of Education, Provisional as well as Public Schools, should be built and furnished out of the money voted by this House for the purpose of Education.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Beyers,

Tellers.

Mr. Watson,
Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Cameron.
Dr. Bowker,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. SALARIES OF THE CIVIL SERVANTS :—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause (regard being had as well to the privations which in the years 1871 and 1872 were borne by all classes of Public Servants, through the reduction of their rates of pay, as also to the present prosperous state of the Public Revenue) provision to be made on the Estimates for 1878 for the payment of a bonus or gratuity to the Civil Servants, members of the Police Force, and Workmen under the Government; such bonus or gratuity to be for each Public Servant, of whatever grade, equal in amount to the loss which he sustained by reason of the general reduction of salaries and wages in the years above referred to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Thompson,

Tellers.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. J. Davies.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Murphy,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Bowker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Windeyer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. RAILWAY FROM SYDNEY TO JERVIS BAY :—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Districts of Illawarra, Kiama, and Shoalhaven, having regard to their agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, “demands” the construction of a Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay.

(2.) That the Government should proceed with all reasonable energy to the construction of such work.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sutherland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “demands,” in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the completion of the Trial Surveys, with a view to the preparation of Plans and Estimates of a Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay.”

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

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1878, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. W. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Harris,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Day,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Driver,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Harris,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. W. Davies,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Day.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Dr. Bowker,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker—in order to afford the House another opportunity for considering the matter—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Reserve between the Paterson and Maitland:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Water Reserve (4 acres 3 roods) between the Paterson and Maitland a Public Reserve or Church and School land?
- (2.) If Church and School land, is it competent to convert it into a public watering place?
- (3.) Does Mr. Nowlan's fence obstruct the road leading to the Reserve, or prevent access to the watering place on the river Paterson?
- (4.) Did the Crown Solicitor write to Mr. Nowlan on the subject of the Water Reserve?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No, it is not a Reserve, it is Church and School land.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Crown Solicitor stated that the necessary proceedings could not be taken without description showing metes and bounds, which has now been furnished by the Survey Office, and forwarded to the Crown Solicitor this day.

(2.) Lock-up at Moree:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Will provision be made on the Additional Estimates for 1878 for a new Lock-up and Lock-up Keeper's Quarters at Moree, providing more adequate accommodation than the present old and unsuitable premises, and on a new site nearer and more convenient to the new Court House now building at Moree, thus rendering the escort of prisoners through the public streets less risky and objectionable?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Yes.

(3.) Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The total amount paid by Stockowners as contributions under the Diseases in Sheep Act?
- (2.) What proportion of the contributions under the Diseases in Sheep Act is absorbed by salaries of Inspectors and incidental expenses in connection with the office of Chief Inspector of Stock?
- (3.) How is the balance of the fund, if any, appropriated?
- (4.) Is it the duty of Sheep Inspectors to inspect cattle; and if so, from what fund are they paid for such service?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) £117,874 2s. 8d.
- (2.) Salaries, £98,331 14s. 11d.; incidental expenses, £17,383 19s. 5d.; total expenditure, £115,715 14s. 4d.
- (3.) Balance at credit of the fund, £2,158 8s. 4d., on 31 December, 1877, which is carried forward to this year's account.
- (4.) Yes, they do inspect cattle, but receive no pay for that duty.

(4.) Establishment of Money Order System with the United States:—Mr. Johnston asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish the Post Office Money Order System between this Colony and the United States of America?

Mr. Burns answered,—In the month of January, 1876, I caused a communication to be addressed to the United States Government, proposing that the Money Order System should be established between that country and this Colony, which was replied to by the postal authorities at Washington in the month of March following. The United States Government declined the proposal, on the ground that the amount of business which was likely to be transacted would be small, and that the fluctuations in the value of their national paper currency made it inexpedient to establish a system of exchanges by means of International Money Orders. I intend, however, to have the matter again brought under the notice of the United States Government.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. Mansfield, Architect to Council of Education:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What salary does Mr. Mansfield, the Architect to the Council of Education, receive per annum?

(2.) What amount did he receive as commission from the Council of Education during the year 1877?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the necessity of appointing an Architect whose sole duties shall consist in looking after the building of Public Schools and houses for Masters?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) £350.

(2.) £829 3s. 4d.

(3.) Yes, inquiry will be made without delay.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the propriety of making provision for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1878, together with provision for other Services of an urgent character.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th February, 1878.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Inquiry into charges against the Gatekeeper at the Sydney Infirmary.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 29th January, 1878, in reference to the resignation of the Captain of No. 1 Company, Highlanders.

(3.) Report on a Supply of Water for the Town of Goulburn, by W. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd January, 1878, in reference to the appointment of Polling-places in the Electorate of The Clarence.

(5.) Return to an Order, made on 12th February, 1878, in reference to the claim of Police Pensioner M'Hale for a gold medal.

Ordered to be printed.

4. OYSTER FISHERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. C. Browne, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th February, from Oyster-dredgers and other Residents of the Clarence River Fishery District, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. THE REV. J. GRAHAM LOVE:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from Thomas Johnston, and other Residents of Mornya, respecting the case of the Rev. J. Graham Love, now a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, praying for an investigation into the case.
Petition received.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £371,539,—being £324,539 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1878, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1877, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1878; £40,000 for wages of Railway Employés, for the month of March, 1878; and £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of March, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1878, the sum of £371,539 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1878; and for Wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of March, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cohen, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Cohen then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1878,*"—which was read a first time.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Volunteers Grants Repeal Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bingera and Warialda:—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Bingera and Warialda, the money for which has been voted by Parliament?

(2.) Have the sites for these buildings been definitely fixed; and if so, the particulars of the sites determined upon, or cause of delay in doing so?

(3.) Is there not a Government site available in the main street at Bingera for Post and Telegraph Offices there?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) In the case of Bingera the plans are in course of preparation, and tenders will be invited as soon as possible. Plans have not been prepared for the Warialda building, as no site has yet been secured.

(2.) The Bingera site has been fixed at the corner of Finch and Maitland Streets, opposite the Court House. In June last steps were taken to procure a site at Warialda, and whilst the inquiries were going on, viz., on the 28th July, the Honorable Gentleman, Mr. Dangar, strongly advised the selection of a portion of the Police Reserve. Application was then made to the police authorities for the site suggested, but it was ascertained that the land could not be granted. The Honorable Member subsequently suggested the present Public School site, contingent on the Council of Education agreeing to erect the school on another site. The department communicated at once with the Council of Education, who replied on the 25th January that they were in correspondence with Mr. Dangar and the Local Board, and could not at present give a decision. On the 5th instant Mr. Dangar called attention to a sale of land to take place at Warialda on the 4th March, and stated that a portion of the land would be suitable for the new building. Instructions were thereupon issued to a local officer to inspect the land.

(3.) The site chosen for Bingera has been described in reply to question 2. I am not aware whether it is in the main street.

- (2.) The Case of *E. Harrington v. Angus Robertson*:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When is he likely to give a decision in the case of *E. Harrington versus Angus Robertson*; and what is the cause of the delay in deciding this case?

(2.) Is it not a fact that in all cases where lessees of runs have applied to purchase land under 2nd clause of Land Acts in virtue of fencing, that all such applications have been refused, and that Mr. Garrett's decision in favour of *A. Robertson* was the first case where such an application had been approved of?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I have not been furnished with an answer to this question, but I can answer the first part from memory—a decision has been come to in reference to *Harrington's* case.

- (3.) Application of Messrs. Galvin and Consadine for a Road:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been made for a road by Messrs. Galvin and Consadine, of Wybong Creek, Muswellbrook District?

(2.) If so, what is the cause of the delay in granting this road, and is it likely to be granted as applied for?

(3.) Are the Government likely to provide in the new Land Bill to give the Minister power to proclaim and open roads when applied for, as in the above-mentioned persons case?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Parish Roads Act is quite inapplicable to this case, in which only three families require access through alienated land to a leading road and to water, and only new legislation can meet this and similar cases.

(3.) It does not appear to be a matter for introduction in the new Land Bill, but it will be considered in the preparation of any new Roads Bill which may be submitted to Parliament.

(4.) Miss Tickling's Conditional Purchase at Warialda:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received a letter from Mr. Rusden, P.M., Moree, in reference to a Conditional Purchase of 80 acres taken up by Miss E. Tickling at Warialda, on 5th April last?

(2.) Is he aware that this Conditional Purchase is claimed by Mr. J. McDonald, lessee of Mungi Bundi Run, under the 31st clause?

(3.) Is he likely to give a speedy decision in this case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A letter has recently been received from Mr. Rusden on the subject alluded to.

(2.) The land is claimed on behalf of the lessees of Mungi Bundi Run as having been applied for under the 31st clause, on 19th February, 1876, and as containing improvements.

(3.) The case has not been brought before me ripe for a decision, but attention has been called to it, with a view to the decision being expedited.

(5.) Sale of Pre-leases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the pre-leases of many Conditional Purchasers have been and are measured for sale by auction at the request of the lessees of Crown Lands, whilst there is a large quantity of Crown Lands forming part of their leases unsold?

(2.) Will he issue a circular to all surveyors advising them that when any pre-leases are applied for to be measured in lots for auction sale, that before such pre-leases are measured all surveyors shall apply to the Lands Department for instructions prior to measuring any pre-leases for auction sale?

(3.) Will he endeavour to put a stop to the practice of measuring and selling pre-leases of selectors by auction?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, but only in a few cases.

(2 and 3.) I do not think that any circular is necessary; but the matter having been brought under my notice, every care will be taken to prevent injustice being done in dealing with any application for the sale of such pre-leases.

(6.) Public School at Grass-tree:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in building the Public School at Grass-tree?

(2.) On what date was the land granted for this School?

(3.) Will he give immediate instructions to have this School built at once, as the present School is tumbling down?

Mr. Leary answered,—It appears that the land for which application was made by the Council of Education has not yet been granted, but immediate steps will be taken to expedite the issue of the requisite grant for the purpose in question. By the provisions of section 23 of the Public Schools Act, the Council is precluded from expending money upon buildings the site of which is not vested in the Council.

(7.) System of Sale and Survey of Crown Lands in Victoria:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any report been received from the Surveyor General or Deputy Surveyor General as to the system adopted in Melbourne Land Office as to sale and survey of Crown Lands?

(2.) If such report has been received, will he cause it to be printed, and laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the Territorial System, now in operation in the Melbourne office.

(2.) There will be no objection to the production of the papers.

(8.) Salaries in Colonial Secretary's Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain moneys saved from Salaries, &c., in his office have been divided amongst the clerks and messengers?

(2.) If so, on whose authority was this done?

(3.) Will he cause these amounts to be refunded by the persons who have received them?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—No such process has taken place during my incumbency of office.

(9.) Waterloo Mills Grant:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to the 10 acres which the Government have the right to resume for public purposes out of the 1,400 acres granted on 27th May, 1823, and known as the Waterloo Mills Grant, will he give immediate instructions to have this 10 acres dedicated for a Public Park without delay?

(2.) Will he cause immediate inquiries to be made as to the best site out of the above grant where the 10 acres should be resumed for a Public Park, &c.?

Mr. Farnell answered,—In reply to questions put in behalf of the Honorable Member on the 6th instant, relative to this matter, I stated that inquiries would be made as soon as practicable. I really have been unable, in the pressure of more urgent matters, to give this question attention hitherto, but will do so as soon as practicable.

(10.) Public School at Brewarrina:—Mr. Barbour, on behalf of Mr. Coonan, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received any application from the members of the Public School Board at Brewarrina in reference to the Public School?

(2.)

- (2.) Is he aware that parents have withdrawn their children, alleging the insufficiency of accommodation for the present number of attendants?
 (3.) Has the Minister or Council of Education taken any steps in the matter; and if not, will he or they do so?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) An application has been received from the Public School Board at Brewarrina with reference to the Public School buildings.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am informed that the Council instructed its architect, on the 24th November last, to prepare a sketch-plan of a new school building. The plan has now been received, and the necessary action will be taken by the Council.

- (11.) Reserves near Western Railway :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Resolution passed by the Assembly on 1st May, 1877, relative to Reserves near the Western Railway, be complied with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—According to usual practice, the Return referred to having been moved for in the last Parliament, remains in abeyance until moved for; but there will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House.

2. SIMONS ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from James Simons and John Simons, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the persons beneficially entitled to certain land under the Codicil to the Will of William Simons, deceased, to sell the said land and to distribute the proceeds of sale thereof.

And Mr. Greville having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Goulburn Herald and Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 22nd January, 1878, in reference to the case *Cone v. Clarke—Cattle Shooting*.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 19th February, 1878, in reference to the Conditional Dissolution of Parliament.

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE LAND LAW :—

(1.) Mr. Shepherd presented a Petition from the Two-mile Creek Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association, praying that Auction Sales of Land may be abolished, and that all Reserves may be withdrawn from lease.

(2.) Mr. Shepherd, on behalf of Mr. Coonan, presented a similar Petition from the Burrawang Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association.

Petitions received.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. Driver, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until To-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Question put and passed.

6. THE REV. J. GRAHAM LOVE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th February from Residents of Moruya, respecting the case of the Rev. J. G. Love, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Volunteers Grants Repeal Bill.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, that report was adopted.

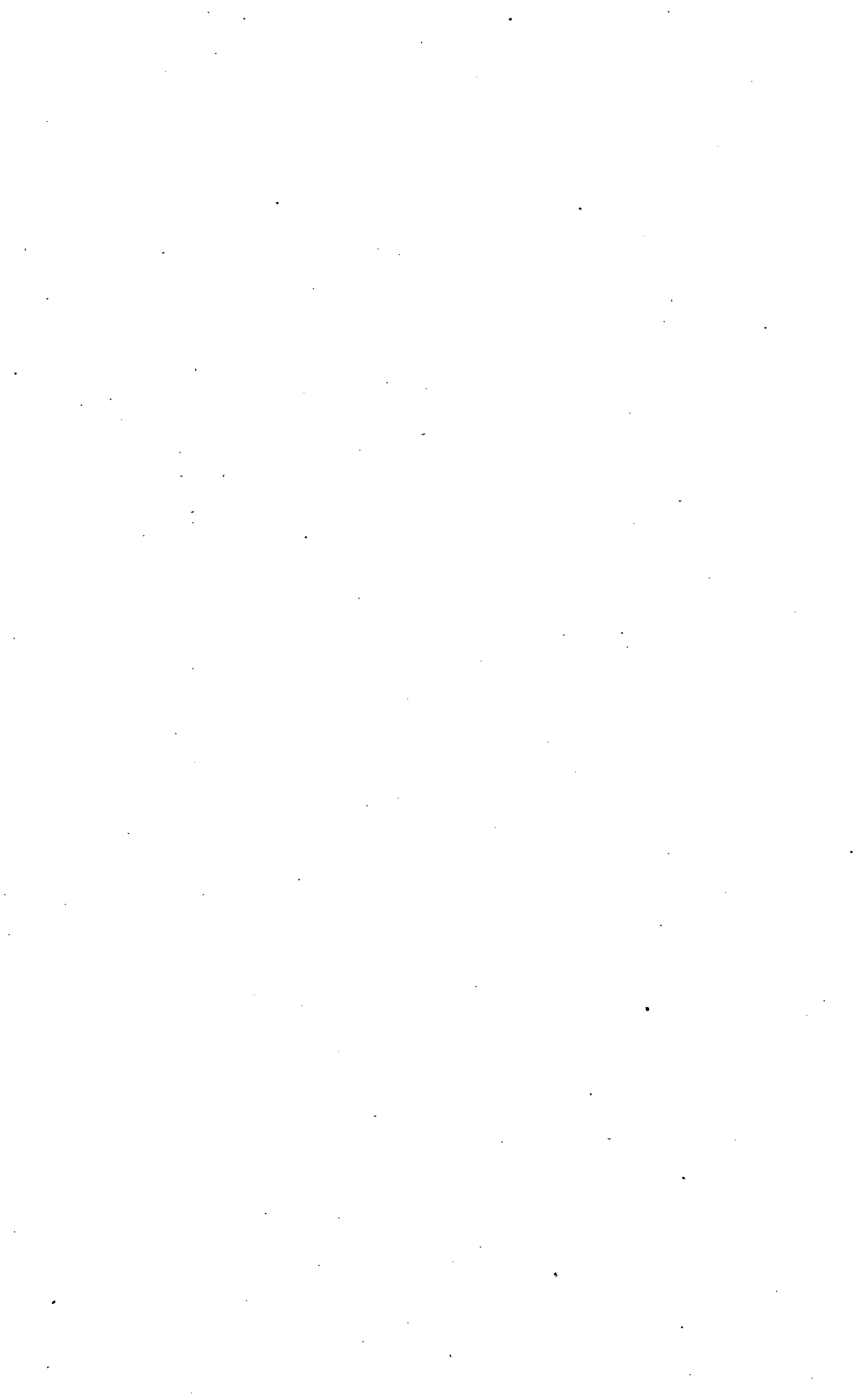
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at *Seven o'clock*.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Postal Irregularities between Maitland and Clarence Town:—Mr. Johnston asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has a letter or article in the *Maitland Mercury* of Saturday, 9th instant, been brought under his observation, headed "Postal Irregularities between Maitland and Clarence Town"; will he cause inquiry to be made with a view to put a stop to such irregularities?

Mr. Burns answered,—I had not noticed the article referred to by the Hon. Gentleman till it was brought under my notice by his question. It appears, from inquiries which I have caused to be made, that a Railway Guard was to blame for the postal irregularities complained of. Steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of such irregularities.

- (2.) Mr. Hanrahan, Land Agent, Dubbo :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a person named Hanrahan Land Agent at Dubbo?
- (2.) Has he left his district; if so, has he left with a large deficiency in his accounts?
- (3.) If so, what is the total deficiency of money shown in the accounts?
- (4.) Has a warrant been issued for Hanrahan's apprehension; and do the Government intend to prosecute him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Hanrahan was Assistant Land Agent at Dubbo.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A deficiency of £859 16s. 6d. has been discovered in his accounts.
- (4.) A warrant for his apprehension was issued in November last.

- (3.) Road between Scone and Merriwa :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have not Petitions been sent in praying that the old road (used for over forty years) between Scone and Merriwa shall be opened?
- (2.) Has it been stated that this road has been fenced in by Mr. Findlay and others, causing serious inconvenience to the public?
- (3.) What is the cause of the delay in opening this road; and will he give imperative instructions to have this road opened without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An application for a road from Scone to Merriwa Crossing has been made, and reported on by the local Surveyor, and has been referred to the Acting District Surveyor for further report.

- (4.) Kelly's Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The decision arrived at in the case of John Kelly, conditional purchaser of 40 acres, parish of Burindi, stated to be on a Reserve; and when is it likely this man's refund will be made to him?
- (2.) The decision arrived at in the case of William Kelly, deceased, conditional purchaser, 40 acres, parish of Buckland, taken up in November, 1876?
- (3.) Is it true that 18 acres of this selection were subsequently sold at the Land Office, Gunnedah, in April of last year?
- (4.) If so, is it intended to support Kelly's widow in her claim to this land, or compensation for loss sustained?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The conditional purchase has now been declared void, as the land is situated within Reserve 167, notified 3rd August, 1866, and an order for refund of deposit this day forwarded to the selector.

(2.) The case of William Kelly, involving some complication, is not yet ripe for decision.

(3.) It is true that 18 acres of land embraced by this selection were sold by auction as stated, the land not having been identified as interfering with the selection, which was not measured when the plan of this portion was dealt with.

(4.) It has to be decided whether the selection could properly include this area, which was partially improved, and bounded by a road that has been made a frontage to it. The case will be immediately dealt with on its proper merits.

(5.) Police Station at Clarence Town :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 for a Police Station at Clarence Town?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, a sum of £900 will be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for a Police Station at Clarence Town.

(6.) Site for Church at Coolongoolook and Wangwauk :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government accede to the prayer of a Petition presented by him in or about the month of July, 1877, asking for the grant of two acres of land as a site for a Church at Coolongoolook and Wangwauk, M'Lean River?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not customary for the Government to grant land for Union Churches, but to make temporary reservations to the extent of 1 acre. In this case the surveyor was instructed, on 1st February, 1878, to report, and, if unobjectionable, to measure the land.

(7.) Cemetery at Coolongoolook and Wangwauk :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will site for Cemetery at Coolongoolook and Wangwauk, on the M'Lean River, be surveyed, dedicated, and handed over to trustees?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Surveyor was instructed to report, and, if unobjectionable, to measure the Cemetery, on the 25th of April last, was subsequently reminded, and has been again reminded to-day.

(8.) Road from Washpool, on Stroud and Gloucester Road, to Clarence Town :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause a survey of road to be made from Washpool, on Stroud and Gloucester Road, to Clarence Town (as asked for in his letter, dated 19th November last); if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An application similar to the one referred to was made some years since by Mr. Nowlan, at that time the Member for the District, and was refused on the report of the District Surveyor that there would be great obstacles to the establishment of the road; for the same reason the request in Mr. Johnston's letter referred to cannot be complied with.

(9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Stroud :—Mr. Johnston asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend amalgamating the Post Office and Telegraph Office at Stroud, Port Stephens; if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to amalgamate the Post and Telegraph Offices at Stroud so soon as certain changes in the Telegraph Department, which are in contemplation, can be carried into effect.

(10.) Public School at Trunkey :—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Public School at Trunkey, for which plans were approved of some time ago?

Mr. Leary answered,—Tenders for the erection of school buildings at Trunkey cannot be invited until the Council of Education is satisfied that a sufficient population has become permanently settled to warrant the Council in incurring the necessary expenditure. For the same reason plans have not yet been prepared.

(11.) Court House at Trunkey Creek :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of a Court House at Trunkey Creek, for which money has been voted by two Parliaments?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A plan for the building has just been received, and if approved, Tenders will be invited without delay.

(12.) Road through Brownlow, from Rocky to Campbell's River :—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the road through Brownlow, from Rockley to Campbell's River, be repaired and made ready for traffic?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I have not yet been able to obtain a reply from the local officer, who was instructed to proceed with this work. There was some question between Mr. Brownlow and the Lands Department about fencing unsettled. A reply will be given in a day or two, on the return of the local officer.

(13.) Bridge across Campbell's River :—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Bridge across Campbell's River, on road from Rockley to Swallow's Nest, be proceeded with?

(2.) Will he urge the early completion of this work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The vote was not available until October. A tender was accepted in November last, and bond has been executed. It is reported by contractor that he is engaged procuring the timber.

(2.) Unless the work is commenced forthwith the contract will be cancelled.

(14.) Post and Telegraph Office, Rockley :—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Post and Telegraph Office be erected at Rockley, promised about twelve months since?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders have not been invited, as no site has yet been procured, but the matter is receiving attention, and Tenders will probably be called for the erection of the building in the course of a few weeks.

(15.) The case of *E. Harrington v. Angus Robertson*:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When is he likely to give a decision in the case of *E. Harrington versus Angus Robertson*; and what is the cause of the delay in deciding this case?

(2.) Is it not a fact that in all cases where lessees of runs have applied to purchase land under 2nd clause of Land Acts in virtue of fencing, that all such applications have been refused, and that *Mr. Garrett's* decision in favour of *A. Robertson* was the first case where such an application had been approved of?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A decision has been given, and will be at once communicated to the parties interested.

(2.) No, there are other cases in which fencing has been allowed as an improvement in deciding upon applications under the 2nd clause, although such cases may not be exactly parallel with that of *Mr. Robertson's* as regards form of measurement and other particulars.

(16.) Association Cricket Ground, Moore Park:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Having reference to a statement of the Minister for Lands, made in reply to a question by *Mr. O'Connor*, on 23rd January, to the effect that the matter of whether it was lawful for the Trustees of the ground known as the "Civil and Military Cricket Ground," recently dedicated for public recreation, to charge the public for admission thereto was then under the consideration of the Attorney General,—Has the Attorney General given such opinion, or minuted an opinion; and if so, what is such opinion or minute?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The opinion of the Attorney General has been received. It embraces several points bearing upon the question at issue, and is very lengthy, and it is hardly possible therefore to state in the shape of a reply to a question with any clearness what the general purport of the opinion is. There will be no objection, however, to lay a copy of the opinion upon the Table, if the Honorable Member wishes.

(17.) *Regina v. Marshall and others*:—*Mr. Danger* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) To whom was the conduct of the criminal case *Regina v. Marshall, Braithwaite, Conlan, Ferguson, and Burton*, charged at the present sittings of the Criminal Court with the forgery and uttering of the will of *Robert Hancock*, deceased, entrusted?

(2.) Is the Government aware that the Honorable *Edward Butler, Q.C., M.L.C.*, appeared at the Criminal Court, instructed by the attorney of *Mr. George Hill, junior*,—a person who had purchased interests under the will of the said *Hancock*?

(3.) Did *Mr. Butler* hold a brief from the Crown; and if so, was the Government at the time he was instructed aware that he had held a brief from *Hill*?

(4.) Is the Government aware of the Resolution of the Assembly prohibiting the public employment of Members of either branch of the Legislature?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) *Mr. G. B. Simpson*, Barrister-at-law, has been retained by the Crown to assist the Attorney General in the case *Regina v. Marshall and others*; and on the 19th instant, when the case was called on and postponed for want of a sufficient panel to try it, *Mr. Simpson* conducted the proceedings for the Crown. The case is now fixed for trial on Tuesday, the 26th instant, and a panel has been ordered sufficiently extensive to ensure the actual trial on that day, when it is the intention of the Attorney General to conduct the prosecution in person.

(2.) The Government is aware that the Honorable *Edward Butler, M.L.C.*, was retained by some persons having private interests involved in the will of *Hancock* to watch the case on their behalf, and to render any assistance in the prosecution which the Crown might permit.

(3.) *Mr. Butler* did not hold a brief from the Crown, but was informed that he would be permitted to assist the Crown in such way as the Attorney General, or Counsel representing the Crown, should see fit, without in any way interfering with the control of the case, which would remain in the hands of the Crown.

(4.) Yes, the Government are so aware.

(18.) Land Sale at Narrabri:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, at Narrabri, between Narrabri Creek and Namoi River, be submitted to auction?

Mr. Farnell answered,—These lots were sold by auction at Narrabri on the 5th December last to *Jas. Lillyman*, of Narrabri.

(19.) Reserve Pamphlets:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have all the Reserve Pamphlets of the Settled Counties and Pastoral Districts been printed; and are they now ready for distribution to the public?

(2.) When is it intended to revise all the Reserve Pamphlets of the different districts, from date made up to the present time, adding all new ones made, and striking out those cancelled?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) All, with the exception of *Monaro*, now in the hands of the Government Printer.

(2.) Three have been revised to date, viz., *Albert, Darling, and Gwydir*. Further revisions will be published from time to time.

(20.) Metropolitan Police Act Extension Bill:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the amendments tabled in the Legislative Council by the Representative of the Government to be proposed to the Metropolitan Police Act Extension Bill prepared by the gentleman employed as Parliamentary Draftsman?

(2.) If so, what is his name, and what fee was he paid, or is he to receive for the same?

Mr.

Mr. Leary answered,—The amendments in question were voluntarily prepared by Mr. George Milner Stephen, Barrister-at-Law, without fee or reward, to support the views of the Honorable the Member for the Lower Hunter; but I am informed they would not effect that object, and will not be proposed.

- (21.) Bridge across river in Parramatta Park:—*Mr. Stuart*, on behalf of Mr. Long, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken any steps, and if so what, towards the construction and erection of the Wrought-iron Lattice Bridge across the river in Parramatta Park, and for which a sum of money was voted on the Supplementary Estimates of 1877?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The drawings are being prepared, and tenders will shortly be invited.

- (22.) Railway Foot-passenger Bridges:—*Mr. Stuart*, on behalf of Mr. Long, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken any steps, and if so what, towards the construction and erection of Wrought-iron Lattice Foot-passenger Bridges across the Railway line at Sydney and the Parramatta Junction, and for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Engineer for Existing Lines has reported that drawings are now in hand for these Bridges, to be composed of timber, with iron parapet fences, and they will be completed on an early day.

- (23.) Ladies Waiting-room at Sydney Railway Station:—*Mr. J. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that great inconvenience has been occasioned by the want of a Second-class Ladies Waiting Room at the Sydney Railway Station?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a properly appointed Ladies Waiting Room for the convenience of second-class passengers on the departure side of the Sydney Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government is not aware that any inconvenience has been occasioned; no complaint has been made, and as a matter of fact the Ladies Waiting Room for first-class passengers has been made available for second-class passengers.

(2.) The question of a separate Ladies Waiting Room for second-class passengers is under consideration.

2. THE REV. J. GRAHAM LOVE:—*Mr. Baker* presented a Petition from Residents of Braidwood, and others, respecting the case of the Rev. J. Graham Love, now a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, praying for an investigation into the case.
Petition received.

3. LANDS PURCHASED AND APPLIED FOR TO BE PURCHASED (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the number of acres of land purchased under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts since 1st January, 1872, to date.

(2.) The like Return as to number of acres applied for to be purchased under the 2nd clause of Lands Acts from 1st January, 1872, to date.

(3.) The number of acres purchased under the 31st clause from the passing of the amended Lands Act in 1875 to date.

(4.) The like Return as to number of acres applied for to be purchased under the 31st clause from passing of the Act to date.

Question put and passed.

4. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Minutes, and other Documents which were prepared for the information of Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer, on the Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.

Question put and passed.

5. GAME PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Day* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the protection and preservation of Game in New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

6. THE LAND LAW (*Formal Motions*):—

(1.) *Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st February from Two-mile Creek Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association, relative to Auction Sales of Land and withdrawal of Reserves from Lease, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Coonan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented on 21st February from Burrawang Branch of the Western Districts Free Selectors Association, relative to Auction Sales of Land and withdrawal of Reserves from Lease, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. PAY OF MILITARY OFFICERS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. C. Browne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return showing the present rate of pay of all Military Officers in the permanent employ of the Colony, and also the pay such Officers would have received had they held similar positions at Sydney in the Imperial Service at the time of the departure of the Imperial Troops: The Return to show, also, whether the Officers of the Imperial Service were or were not entitled to house accommodation, or a money allowance in lieu thereof; as also what gratuities or half-pay the respective Officers, in accordance with Imperial or local regulations, are entitled to on retirement.

(2.) A Return giving the official record of the services of the respective Officers in the Permanent Military employ of the Colony.

Question put and passed.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1878.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1878,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd February, 1878.*
9. GAME PROTECTION BILL:—MR. Day presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the preservation of Imported Game and during the breeding season of Native Game,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th March.
10. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—MR. Farnell (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
11. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—MR. Stuart moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—MR. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brown, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Companies Bill postponed until Friday, 8th March.
14. COLONIAL PRODUCE DISTILLATION BILL [*Heretofore DISTILLATION BILL*]:—The Order of the Day having been read,—MR. Bawden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order.—MR. Greenwood called Mr. Speaker's attention to the 9th clause of this Bill, which provides for the appointment of certain officers, and consequently an appropriation of a part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony; and requested his ruling whether the Bill had been regularly introduced, not having been recommended by Message from His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Speaker said that he had no doubt that the clause to which his attention had been called did indirectly involve a charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and that the Bill, not having been first recommended by a Message from the Governor, was improperly before the House.
15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Mining on Private Lands Legalizing Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 8th March.*
(2.) Bridge over the Wollondilly; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*
(3.) Primary Education; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 22nd March.*
(4.) Lyndhurst Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next.*
16. BRIDGE ACROSS VALE CREEK AT KING'S FALLS:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject having been read, and no Member taking any action in regard thereto, it dropped.
17. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dangar, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876, to regulate the driving of Stock, and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass; and to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver* (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the Report be now received.

Mr.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876, to regulate the driving of Stock, and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of *Mr. Dangar*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) *Mr. Dangar* presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866’ and the ‘ Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876,’ to regulate the driving of Stock and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th March.

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day in reference to Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay postponed until Friday, 15th March.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. Farnell* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court House, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the date of Contract for completion of Walgett Court House?
 (2.) What progress has been made towards its completion, or is it true little or no work has been done to the building?
 (3.) Will steps be at once taken to compel the completion of this building without further delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) A bond for the work has not yet been executed; the date of the acceptance of the Tender is 26th September, 1876.
 (2.) According to the last report of the Inspecting Officer, in January, the foundations were completed ready for the walls; but he adds, that in consequence of the then existing and long-continued drought, it had been quite impossible for work of this kind to be carried on.
 (3.) The Contractor has been called upon to account for the delay, which he did, by stating that under the conditions of the weather and want of water it had not been possible for him to do more. Now that the drought has broken up, the Contractor will be urged to complete the work without further delay.

- (2.) Local School Board, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Local School Board at Narrabri tendered their resignation to the Council of Education?
 (2.) If so, will there be any objection to state the reasons assigned for such resignation?
 (3.) Will there be any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence that has taken place between the Council of Education and the Narrabri Local School Board relating to the matter of resignation by the latter Board?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) There will be no objection to do so, but I am informed that the Council of Education knows of only one letter, which I shall be glad to show to the Honorable Member, if he desires to see it.

- (3.) Clerks in Traffic Manager's Office:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that a Mr. Ward is a Clerk in the Traffic Manager's Office?
 (2.) By whom was he recommended?
 (3.) What salary does he receive; and how long has he been in the Railway Department?
 (4.) Is it true that a Mr. Falconer is the Record Clerk in Traffic Manager's office?
 (5.) What salary does he receive; and how long has he been in the Railway Department?
 (6.) Is it true that a Mr. S. Smith has been appointed Chief Clerk to the Traffic Manager; if so, do his qualifications and length of service in the Department entitle him to fill such a position?
 (7.) Is it true that a Mr. Elliott (who was Chief Clerk to the late Traffic Manager, and dismissed the Service by the late Commissioner) is now employed as Clerk to the Secretary for Railways; by whom was he recommended for the position; what salary does he receive; and who filled the position previous to his being appointed?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1, 2, 3.) There is no person of the name of Ward in the Traffic Manager's office; the only person of that name in the Traffic Branch is Station-master at Richmond.

(4.) Mr. Falconer is not Record Clerk.

(5.) He receives 8s. a day; and has been three years in the Railway Department.

(6.) Mr. Smith has not been permanently appointed—he is performing the duties on trial; his qualifications for filling this situation are being tested. He is the Senior Clerk in the office of the Traffic Manager, and if qualified to take the office he is entitled to it.

(7.) Mr. Elliott was not dismissed, he was paid off, as his services were no longer required in consequence of its having been decided that Mr. Inspector Richardson, who formerly held the position, should resume the duties; a necessity for further assistance at the Head Office arising, his services were again availed of; he is not engaged specially as Clerk to the Secretary. The re-engagement of Mr. Elliott was recommended by the Commissioner for Railways; he is paid at the rate of £200 per annum.

(4.) Bridges over Wollombi Brook and Lancaster Creek:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any Tender been accepted for the erection of a Bridge over Wollombi Brook, on the road Warkworth to Howe's Valley?

(2.) When will Tenders be invited for a Bridge over Lancaster Creek, near Broke?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 22nd instant.

(2.) In this day's *Gazette*.

(5.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Broke and Jerry's Plains:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish Courts of Petty Sessions at Broke and Jerry's Plains; and if so, when?

Mr. Leary answered,—Yes; so soon as the requisite accommodation can be provided, and other necessary arrangements made. The requisite steps are now being taken in reference to same.

(6.) Salaries in Colonial Secretary's Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain moneys saved from Salaries, &c., in his office were divided amongst the clerks and messengers by the previous Government?

(2.) If so, on whose authority was this done?

(3.) Will he cause these amounts to be refunded by the persons who received them?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The late Colonial Secretary.

(3.) It is not intended to ask the refund of the amount so paid.

(7.) Fees for Examination of alleged Lunatics:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Government to pay fees for the medical examination of persons alleged to be insane upon the remand or discharge of the patient equally as upon his committal to the Receiving House?

(2.) How many persons brought up for medical examination under the charge of lunacy last year were sent to the Receiving House; how many discharged; how many remanded; and how many sent from the Receiving House to the several Lunatic Asylums of the Colony; and what was the amount of medical fees paid for the examination of each class of the abovenamed patients?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes, if certified by the Magistrates.

(2.) 320 lunatics were sent to the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville from the Reception House last year. To obtain the other information asked for, the country Benches (in addition to the city Benches) will have to be referred to.

(8.) Lodging Allowance to Permanent Artillery Force:—Sir John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice.—

(1.) Are the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners of the Permanent Artillery Force who have hitherto had allowance to provide for lodging still receiving it?

(2.) If not, will the Minister be good enough to say how many persons of each rank have had allowance of that kind discontinued, distinguishing in each case whether married or unmarried?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Since Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond and Captain Strong left the Barracks, one Captain and three Lieutenants, who used then to receive lodging allowance, have ceased to do so, quarters in Barracks being at their disposal. The Captain and two of the Lieutenants are married. No Non-commissioned Officer has had lodging allowance stopped. The issue of lodging allowance to four married Gunners of No. 1 Battery, four married Gunners of No. 2 Battery, and five married Gunners of No. 3 Battery, has been held in abeyance, pending inquiry, they being in excess of the married establishment authorized by the regulations.

(9.) Electoral Bill:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to introduce the new Electoral Bill, promised by the Premier in his explanation to the House on re-assembling after the Ministerial Elections?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I purpose to introduce the Electoral Bill to-morrow.

(10.) Travelling Stock Reserve from Cobbedah to Moree:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has a Travelling Stock Reserve been proclaimed and gazetted from Cobbedah to Moree; if so, when, and extent?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; by notices of 1st July and 31st December, 1874. On the road from Cobbedah to Bingera, the Crown Lands within half a mile on the right-hand side; thence from Bingera *via* the Gwydir River, the Crown Lands within 10 chains on each side of the road; and thence from Paramellowa to Moree, the Crown Lands within half a mile on the left-hand side of the road.

2. **PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN**:—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Patrick Griffin and Michael Griffin, of Oranmeir, near Braidwood, stating that in the year 1866 they were arrested and tried on a charge of providing sustenance to Thomas Clarke, an Outlaw,—and honorably acquitted; and also that after their acquittal they were instrumental in the apprehension of the said Thomas Clarke; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to justice being done to them for the suffering they endured, and the services they rendered to the Crown.
Petition received.
3. **IMMIGRATION**:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from M. Guest, Chairman of the Working Men's Defence Association, praying the House to eliminate from the Appropriation Act the item seventy-five thousand pounds for Immigration.
Petition received.
4. **MINING FOR GOLD ON RESERVES AND COMMONS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize Mining for Gold on certain Reserves and Commons.
Question put and passed.
5. **SITE FOR POLICE BARRACKS AT SINGLETON (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other documents in reference to the purchase of a site for Police Barracks at Singleton.
Question put and passed.
6. **SIMONS ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the persons beneficially entitled to certain land under the Codicil to the Will of William Simons, deceased, to sell the said Land, and to distribute the proceeds of sale thereof.
Question put and passed.
7. **NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with the Deed of Grant from the Crown of the Newcastle Glebe lands, with the cancellation of the reservation for Coals endorsed thereon; also Deed of Appointments of the present Trustees; also Deed of Conveyance of the lands to the present Trustees.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1878.*
8. **THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with an attested copy of the Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble, and a Certificate of the death of Ewan Wallace Cameron, one of the Trustees.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1878.*
9. **SIMONS ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Greville having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the persons beneficially entitled to certain land under the Codicil to the Will of William Simons deceased to sell the said land and to distribute the proceeds of sale thereof.*"—read a first time.

10. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AS LAND AGENTS:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and dangerous alike to the independence of Members of this House and Ministers of the Crown, that Members of the Legislative Assembly should practise the profession of Land Agents in the transaction of business with the Lands Office and other public departments.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this "House," no Land Agent should be allowed to have any communication with the Minister for Lands, or any officer of the Lands Department, in any way but by letter, on account of the enormous amount of time lost by the Minister and officers of the Lands Department by personal interviews with Land Agents.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greenwood moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from the 2nd Resolution of all the words after the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "some arrangement should be made in the administration of the Lands Department for the more speedy despatch of public business, and for the prevention of the enormous waste of time in interviews with Ministers and Officers of the Department."

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

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. W. Davies,	
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Dr. Bowker,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Thompson,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Lackey,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Beyers,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Teecc.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and dangerous alike to the independence of Members of this House and Ministers of the Crown, that Members of the Legislative Assembly should practise the profession of Land Agents in the transaction of business with the Lands Office and other public departments.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, some arrangement should be made in the administration of the Lands Department for the more speedy despatch of public business, and for the prevention of the enormous waste of time in interviews with Ministers and Officers of the Department.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Teece,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Burns,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Merriman,	
Dr. Bowker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY:—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway ought to be extended from the present Terminus at Redfern to the Circular Quay, or to some other suitable place at the northern end of the City, without delay, and that the necessary provision "should be made" to carry out the "same" during the present Session.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greenwood moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "should be made," in the third line of the 1st Resolution, with a view to their insertion after the word "same," in the fourth line.

Question

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

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

12. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. W. Davies moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the Petition of the Shareholders of the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company, complaining of injury and loss of property sustained by them on account of the deprivation of their rights under a certain Mineral Lease from the Crown to them.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gray, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. McElhone, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridges over Namoi River and Narrabri Creek:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The date allowed for the completion of the Bridge over the Namoi River, near Cooma, and over Narrabri Creek?

(2.) Is it true no work of any kind has been done to the former Bridge, and that all work has been suspended on the latter?

(3.) Will inquiry be instituted as to cause of delay in the completion of these Contracts, the period for which is stated to have nearly expired?

(4.) Will steps be taken to necessitate the completion of these Bridges without further delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Namoi River Bridge, nine months, from 26th February, 1877; Narrabri Creek Bridge, twelve months, from 26th February, 1877.

(2.) The Contractor has been arranging for the timber for the former Bridge, and work has been suspended on the latter.

(3.) The cause of delay in both cases has been the almost unprecedented drought.

(4.) The Contractor has already been informed that unless better progress is now made with the works the Contracts will be cancelled.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Office, Narrabri:—Mr Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the New Post and Telegraph Office now in course of erection at Narrabri provides accommodation totally inadequate to the growing requirements of the place more so than the present rented buildings, the room intended for Post Office and Operating Room being scarcely large enough to hold the mail bags?

(2.) Has any request, with plan, been made to convert two rooms into one, add an additional room, battery room, and kitchen of brick; if so, has such request been complied with, or will it be, and when?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The accommodation proposed to be provided appeared to be adequate when the plans and specifications were prepared, but a suggestion as to the necessity for additional accommodation has since then been received, and is now receiving attention.

(2.) The request for extended accommodation has been referred for the report of the Colonial Architect, and it is probable it will be granted.

(3.) Land Sale at Coonabarabran:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the following town and other lots in the Town of Coonabarabran be submitted to auction sale:—Section No. 5, allotments 1 to 8, and the adjoining sections between Eden, Camp, Cassilis Streets and town boundary, 1 to 5 and 1 to 4, facing Castlereagh River, between Horseley, Drummond, and Cowper Streets?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Instructions to measure section 5 were sent to District Surveyor Dalglish, 30th November, 1877, transferred to Licensed Surveyor Davidson, on 10th December, but no plan has yet been sent in. The other land mentioned is not yet measured according to map, and no instructions appear to have been issued with regard to it.

(4.)

- (4.) Sewer along Bourke-street to Shea's Creek :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place the sum of £20,000 on the Additional Estimates for the present year for the construction of a public Sewer along Bourke-street to Shea's Creek, as recommended by the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board, and approved by Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer ?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to place the required amount on the Additional Estimates for the present year. The whole question of Sewerage will be taken up by the Government as early as possible in the next Session of Parliament.
2. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Waverley, praying the House to pass this Bill:
Petition received.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858 and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 13th March.
4. THE REV. J. GRAHAM LOVE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Baker, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd February from Residents of Braidwood, relative to the case of the Rev. J. Graham Love, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February from M. Guest, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Working Men's Defence Association, relative to Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February from Patrick and Michael Griffin, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. SIMONS ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Simons Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Day, Mr. Teece, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Thompson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2) :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 27th February, 1878. President.
- (2.) Corporation Debentures Bill :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain Moneys*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 27th February, 1878. President.

CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th February, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, lines 4 and 5. Omit "certain of the said debentures shortly fall due and become
"payable"
" " line 5. Omit "advisable and"
" " lines 7 and 8. Omit "any moneys secured by any"
" " line 8. After "respectively" insert "have or may"
" " " 11. Omit "on the current liability"
Page 2, clause 1, " 9. After "Act" insert "has or"

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

(3.)

(3.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill:—

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th February, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Volunteers Grants Repeal Bill; second reading;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.*
 (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until to-morrow.*
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply; and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in the said Committee for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1878.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th February, 1878.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount of pay is the Inspector General of Police allowed to deduct from the pay of the police as a contribution to the Superannuation or Pension Fund?

(2.) What amount is deducted from the Police as payment to this fund; and will he see that no more is deducted from their pay than the law allows?

(3.) How many common policemen have received their pensions out of this fund, their names, and amount paid to each since the new Police Force was instituted?

(4.) How many superior officers have received pensions out of this fund, their names, and amount paid to each since the new Police Force was instituted?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1 and 2.) 2 per cent. contribution to the Police Superannuation Fund is deducted under the authority of the 19 sec. 25 Vic. No. 16. By the authority of the Colonial Secretary (letter dated 13th August, 1868) the deduction was increased to 3 per cent., the consent to such increase having been obtained from every member of the force then serving, and all who have since joined. No Act of Parliament has been passed to legalize the increased contribution.

(3 and 4.) This information can be most conveniently given in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table presently.

(2.) Postmaster at Liverpool:—*Mr. Beyers*, on behalf of *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Postmaster at Liverpool resign his office in consequence of objection having been made to his holding that position in conjunction with the Returning Officership of the Electorate of Central Cumberland?

(2.) What was the date of his resignation?

(3.) Why was the resignation not accepted?

(4.) Does the Postmaster still hold the position of Returning Officer for Central Cumberland?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to do anything further in the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Postmaster at Liverpool, who is also Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, tendered his resignation of the office of Postmaster on the 8th July, 1876, which was to have taken effect from the 30th September following, but, at the request of the Postmaster General, he agreed to hold the office until he heard to the contrary from the Postal Department. The acceptance of the resignation was postponed because it did not appear that a better arrangement could be made in the interest of the public for the conduct of the postal duties at Liverpool. If *Mr. Scrivener* should still continue to hold the office of Returning Officer, steps will be taken during the recess to relieve him of the charge of the Post Office.

(3.)

- (3.) Postmaster at Campbelltown:—Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*) asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has any inquiry been made into the matter of complaint made by Mr. James Fitzpatrick against the Postmaster, Campbelltown; and if so, with what result,—Has the Postmaster General arrived at any conclusion in the case?

Mr. Burns answered,—An inquiry has been made by a Postal Inspector into the matter of the complaint made by Mr. James Fitzpatrick against the Postmaster at Campbelltown; and I have arrived at a decision in the case. If the Honorable Member should desire it, I shall have no objection to his being furnished with a copy of my decision.

- (4.) Flooding of Properties at head of Darling Harbour:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to take any steps to avert another flooding of the properties at the head of Darling Harbour; and if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government has already obtained the report of its responsible officer, to the effect that the Government is in no way answerable for the damage done. The Government intend to have a report from a competent Board on the whole subject as early as possible.

- (5.) Court House, Warialda:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have instructions been issued, or will they be, for making additions to Warialda Court House, to erect an additional room, kitchen, &c., to the lock-up keeper's quarters there, secure and strong exercise yard for prisoners, and paling round Court House, in accordance with particulars furnished to the Inspector General of Police?

(2.) Were not Tenders invited, and one of them approved of, for this work; if so, what has delayed the work from being carried out?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The Colonial Architect reports that he has received no instructions with respect to additions to the Court House, Warialda; but in October last the Inspector General's application for additions and fencing to the lock-up at that place was referred to him.

(2.) I am informed that Tenders, large in amount, and exceedingly discrepant, were forwarded by the Inspector General of Police. Neither was accepted, and the Colonial Architect gave instructions to an officer of his department to make an examination of, and report on, the premises. He has not been able to do so hitherto, but purposes to proceed there from Armidale on Monday next; on receipt of his report further action will be taken.

- (6.) Salaries in Colonial Secretary's Office:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to his question of the 26th February,—What sum of money which was saved from money voted by this House was divided amongst the Clerks and Messengers by the authority of the late Colonial Secretary?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The sum was £112. I will lay a Return upon the Table presently showing the distribution of it.

- (7.) Railway Guards Uniforms:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that many Guards and others on the Railway have not had their Uniforms for a long time?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in issuing the Uniforms; and will he give instructions to have them issued at once?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I find that a few Guards Uniforms still remain unsupplied, in consequence of the men either failing to call at the storekeeper's office for the necessary order to the contractor, or through their furnishing incorrect measurements.

(2.) Steps are being taken to supply the remaining suits as speedily as possible, and it is expected that they will be all complete in about a week.

- (8.) The case of *E. Harrington v. Angus Robertson*:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to paragraph No. 2 of question 15 on Business Paper of Friday last, as to case of *E. Harrington v. A. Robertson*,—Is it not a fact that the answer to question No. 2 is wrong, and that it is a fact that no previous decision had been given allowing any person to purchase land under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts in virtue of fencing?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The answer I gave was perfectly correct.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Papers respecting the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

(2.) Letter respecting disbursement of savings on Salaries in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the proposed distribution of Vote on Estimates for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.

(2.) Return showing the proposed distribution of Vote on Estimates for Subordinate Roads under Officers of Roads Department.

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 13th June, 1877, in reference to the Railway from Goulburn to Yass.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 7th February, 1878, in reference to Engine Drivers Time Sheets.

4. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woollahra, praying the House to pass this Bill.

Petition received.

(2.)

- (2.) (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Lucas*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th February from Municipality of Waverley, in favour of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. INQUIRY OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF LANDS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. C. Browne* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence in reference to the proposed establishment of an Inquiry Office in connection with the Department of Lands.
Question put and passed.
6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until "Tuesday next."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Greenwood moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Tuesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "to-morrow, at Seven o'clock."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Eckford,</i>
<i>Mr. Leary,</i>	<i>Mr. Teece,</i>
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>
<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowman,</i>
<i>Mr. Hungerford,</i>	<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Simson,</i>
<i>Mr. Cohen,</i>	<i>Mr. Terry,</i>
<i>Mr. W. H. Suttor,</i>	<i>Mr. Stephen Brown,</i>
<i>Sir John Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>
<i>Mr. Watson,</i>	<i>Mr. Beyers,</i>
<i>Mr. T. R. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Day,</i>
<i>Mr. J. Davies,</i>	<i>Mr. McElhone,</i>
<i>Mr. Thompson,</i>	<i>Mr. Roseby,</i>
<i>Mr. Taylor,</i>	<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>
<i>Mr. W. C. Browne,</i>	<i>Mr. Merriman,</i>
<i>Dr. Bowker,</i>	<i>Mr. Murphy,</i>
<i>Mr. Bennett,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>
<i>Mr. Driver,</i>	<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>
<i>Mr. Harris,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hurley (Narellan),</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. W. Davies,</i>	<i>Mr. Dangar,</i>
<i>Mr. Bawden,</i>	<i>Mr. Pilcher.</i>

Noes, 6.

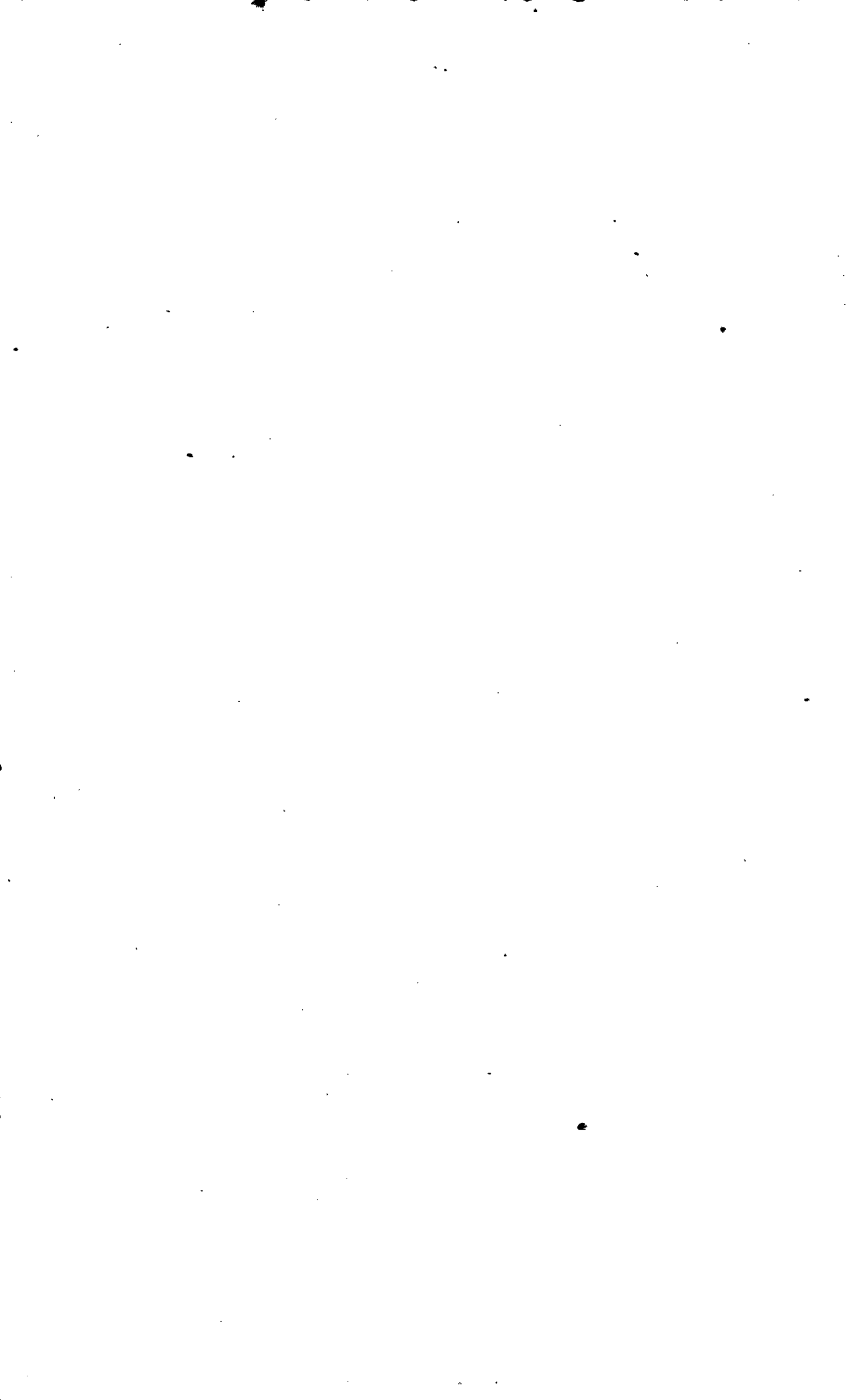
<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>
<i>Mr. Windeyer,</i>
<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>
<i>Mr. Clarko,</i>
<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Greenwood,</i>
<i>Mr. Greville.</i>

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT 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 8th February, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
8. PAPER:—*Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 10th October, 1877, in reference to the Suspension of *Mr. Pretious*, of the Occupation Branch of the Lands Department.
Ordered to be printed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Farnell* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at nine minutes before Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1878.

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

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 8.

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 the amendment of the Law relating to Diseases in Sheep.

Government House,

Sydney, 28th February, 1878.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Trial Survey from Richmond River to Tweed River:—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that a Trial Survey for Railway purposes is being made by the Queensland Government from Brisbane to the Boundary of this Colony near the Tweed River?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to undertake a Trial Survey from the Richmond River to the Tweed River, with a view to the opening up for settlement the rich lands between those rivers, and connecting with the projected Queensland line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government have been informed that no such survey is being made.

(2.) Not at present.

(2.) Boundary Line between New South Wales and Queensland:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the 29th parallel of latitude, being the dividing line between this Colony and Queensland, extending from the Moonie to the Baloo River, has never been run or marked by competent surveyors of both Colonies, and only exists as an imaginary line?

(2.) If so, will immediate steps be taken with the Queensland Government to have this Boundary Line marked, and thus enable lessees of runs in that locality to fence them in, who are now suffering great inconvenience from the delay in this line being undefined.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Boundary Line between the two Colonies has not been accurately marked upon the ground.

(2.) The instruments for the purpose of determining it have arrived, and the necessary star observations are being taken; and as soon as the services of a competent surveyor capable of performing the necessary astronomical work can be spared the work will be commenced.

(3.) Queensland Border Duties:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware of the great annoyance, inconvenience, and expense parties are said to be subjected to in the neighbourhood of the Barwon, Moonie, Baloo Rivers, &c., by the imposition of Border Duties between the Colonies of New South Wales and Queensland?

(2.) Has any attempt been made to establish a uniform Tariff between the two Colonies, and Free Trade across the Border; if so, will there be any objection to state the result of such correspondence?

(3.) Will this Government endeavour to carry out such between this Colony and Queensland?

Mr.

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Endeavours have been made, on more than one occasion, during the last few years, to avoid the collection of Queensland Border Duties, by payment of a Consolidated Rate in lieu thereof, but the negotiations fell through, in consequence of the inability of the respective Governments to agree upon a Consolidated Rate. A further attempt will be made.

(4.) Michael Allen's Conditional Purchase at Moama:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named Michael Allen take up a selection at Moama on 25th August, 1870?

(2.) Has this person paid interest on this selection; if so, for what years was the interest paid?

(3.) Has this selection been cancelled; if so, when, and by whom?

(4.) Did Sir John O'Shanassy get the deeds for the land selected by Michael Allen; if so, when?

(5.) On what date did Sir John O'Shanassy purchase this land?

(6.) Is it not a fact that it has been decided by a Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court that when a selector has paid interest on, and made his declaration of residence and improvements, the Crown has no power to cancel the selection?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Interest has been paid into the Treasury on account of this selection to the 24th August, 1878.

(3.) The forfeiture of the selection has not yet been formally declared, but has been recommended to the Governor and Executive Council, it having been shown by an inquiry under the Act 39 Victoria No. 13, that the conditions of purchase had not been fulfilled by the applicant. The declaration received in November, 1874, was questioned on receipt, and never was accepted.

(4.) Yes; on 5th September, 1870.

(5.) On 26th August, 1870, as a selection after auction.

(6.) It has been decided that the default of a selector in the fulfilment of the conditions of his selection cannot be taken advantage of by any other party until the forfeiture has been duly notified by authority of the Government; but I am not aware of any decision to the effect described by the Honorable Member.

(5.) Map of County of Durham:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to issue a new Map of the County of Durham; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is intended to issue a new Map of Durham, which is urgently required, but the scarcity of skilled draftsmen renders it doubtful if a new edition can appear in less than nine months. It is proposed to prepare a temporary Map instead of a new edition, and this will occupy three months.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Goulburn:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will plans and specifications be completed for the Goulburn Post and Telegraph Offices?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The plans will comprise the whole of the public buildings, somewhat similar to the arrangement at Bathurst, and I do not think they can be got ready in less than two months from now.

(7.) Elizabeth and Phillip Streets, Waterloo:—Mr. Stuart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Elizabeth-street, from Wellington-street to Bourke-street, in the Municipality of Waterloo, which was notified in the *Gazette* under date 7th March, 1876, as confirmed by His Excellency the Governor, with advice of Executive Council, been made or formed at the public expense?

(2.) Is it the intention of Government to make or form Phillip-street, from Elizabeth to Jung-street, in the same Municipality, the confirmation of which was contained in the same notification?

(3.) If so, when will the work be undertaken?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes, the length alluded to was proclaimed a Main Road on 4th September, 1876, and has been formed partly at the public expense and partly at that of Sir Daniel Cooper.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered in No. 2.

(8.) Reserves near Bridges at Mugundi and Goondawindi:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have suitable Reserves been made to the approaches on the New South Wales side of the new Bridges about being erected at Mugundi and Goondawindi?

(2.) Will there be any objection to state the particulars of such reservations?

(3.) Will the Queensland Government be requested to make similar Reserves on the Queensland side in order to make these Bridges thoroughly available to the public?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The area at Mugundi is 300 acres; the area at Goondawindi is 1,100 acres.

(3.) Yes.

(9.) Railway Foot-passenger Bridges:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his question of the 7th August, 1877, and the Minister's answer thereto, for the erection of Foot-passenger Bridges at the principal Railway Stations, as well as to his other questions and the answers thereto, on the same subject,—When, and at what Stations, will the said Bridges be erected?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Engineer for Existing Lines informs me that the drawings of these Bridges will be ready in a few days. These Bridges will be erected at Newtown, Petersham, and Parramatta Junction.

- (10.) Members of the Legislative Assembly as Land Agents :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware whether in the transaction of any business with the Lands Department the name of Michael Fitzpatrick is used in connection with a firm carrying on the profession or calling of a Land Agency; and does the said Michael Fitzpatrick sit in this House as Member for Yass Plains and as Colonial Secretary?
 - (2.) Is the name of Hanley Bennett so used; and does the said Hanley Bennett sit in this House as Member for Liverpool Plains?
 - (3.) Are there any other Members of this Chamber known to the Government in the transaction of business with the Lands Department as Land Agents; if so, what are their names?
 - (4.) What is the date of the latest transaction with the Lands Department in the case of each of the names included in the foregoing questions; and which of them have business still pending?
 - (5.) What steps do the Government intend to take for the purpose of giving effect to the Resolution passed by this House on the 26th instant, to the effect "That, in the opinion of this House, it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and dangerous alike to the independence of Members of this House and of Ministers of the Crown, that Members of the Legislative Assembly should practise the profession of Land Agents in the transaction of business with the Lands Office and other Public Departments"?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick's name has not appeared in connection with any business with the Lands Department since his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary, nor for a week previously to that date. Mr. Fitzpatrick does sit as the Member for Yass Plains.
- (2.) Mr. Hanley Bennett frequently communicates with the Lands Department on land business, but whether or not in the capacity of a paid Land Agent I am not aware.
- (3.) There are Members of the Assembly known to the Minister in their transaction of business with the Lands Department as paid Land Agents. Their names are—Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. James Hoskins, and Mr. E. Greville. I would add, that there are many other Members, I might say about one-fourth, who transact business with the Lands Department, but I am not aware whether they do so as Land Agents or not.
- (4.) The last business communication from Mr. Fitzpatrick was dated 23rd November, 1877, previously, as before stated, to his acceptance of office. From Mr. H. H. Brown, 28th February last; from Mr. Hoskins (Hoskins and Blomfield), the 4th instant; and from Mr. Greville (Withers and Greville), 19th February last. These last three gentlemen have business still pending.
- (5.) The present Colonial Secretary, who previously to his acceptance of office had acted as a Land Agent, has, in deference to the Resolution of the House, absolutely disposed of his business as such Land Agent. Beyond this the Government do not feel called upon to take any step to give effect to the Resolution. Of course, practical effect could only be given to it by an Act of Parliament, but it is not the present intention of the Government to introduce a Bill.

- (11.) The Volunteer Force :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—The name and rank of each officer referred to in the following extract from the letter signed John S. Richardson, Colonel-Commandant, laid upon the Table of this House, dated 13th December, 1877 :—"Many of the best officers have expressed their intention of retiring from the service, which, I may observe, has only been prevented by their zeal, added to my personal solicitation"?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Lieutenant-Colonel Goodlet, Commanding 2nd Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson, Commanding Volunteer Artillery; Major Wells, Volunteer Artillery; Major Phillips, 2nd Regiment; Captain Davey, No. 4 Company, 1st Regiment; Captain Farrell, No. 3 Company, 1st Regiment; Captain Wilkinson, West Maitland Corps; Captain Loder, Singleton Corps; Captain Guise, No. 4 Company, 2nd Regiment; Captain Byrnes, Parramatta Corps; Captain Paul, Bathurst Corps; Captain McLachlan, Orange Corps; Captain Bradley, Volunteer Artillery; Captain Dymock, Jamberoo Corps; Captain Myles, Volunteer Artillery.

- (12.) Irregular running of Goods Trains between Bathurst and Blayney :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the case that a down goods train leaving Bathurst for Blayney on the 24th May last had to return to the Bathurst Station to avoid a collision with an approaching train from Blayney to Bathurst?
- (2.) By whose order was the down train referred to started from the Bathurst Station?
- (3.) Has the Minister for Works caused any inquiry to be made into this matter; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I find on inquiry that this was the case.
- (2.) The train from Bathurst was started by the Station-master (Mr. Higgs).
- (3.) The case was inquired into at the time. It appears that the line was opened without railway telegraphic communication being provided; consequently the trains were being worked under great disadvantage, as the Working Orders could not be made use of, and the Staff and Ticket system had not then been applied to this line. The train was started from Bathurst in accordance with the arrangements made, and it was the train which was coming into Bathurst which should not have been on the road. It was returning from Blayney to Bathurst in consequence of Mr. Higgs and the Guard of the train misunderstanding the orders given by Inspector Goold, which the Commissioner considered indefinite. The Commissioner censured Mr. Higgs, disgraced the Guard, and fined the Station-master at Blayney a week's pay.

- (13.) Post Office, Liverpool :—Mr. McCulloch asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government decided upon a site for the Post Office to be erected at Liverpool?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Government have decided upon a site for the Post Office to be erected at Liverpool; and the Honorable Gentleman will receive a communication from the Department on the subject to-morrow.

(14.) Head-lights for Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Stuart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When did the twenty powerful Head-lights for Locomotive Engines which were ordered from America arrive?

(2.) Have they been fitted to any of the engines in manner similar to the Baldwin engine, so as to throw light ahead of the train a longer distance than the ordinary lamps; if not, is it the intention of the Government to have this done?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Head-lights were received on the 1st December last.

(2.) The Engineer for Existing Lines reports that he has not yet made use of these lights for other than the Baldwin engine. Instructions, however, have been given that they are to be made use of without further delay.

(15.) Land Offices, Brewarrina and Moree.—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to grant separate Land Offices at Brewarrina and Moree, in accordance with petitions forwarded?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There does not appear on inquiry to be any sufficient ground for the establishment of separate Land Offices at Brewarrina and Moree. In accordance, however, with a petition from the inhabitants of the latter place, it was decided that town and suburban lots might be sold at Moree instead of Warialda, which is the Land Office of the district.

(16.) Refunds on account of Land Purchases:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The decision arrived at in the case of Thomas Wyatt, 6 December, Robert Millar, 12 October, Alfred Woods, 24 August, and Hugh McKinnon, 13 October, 1877—applications for refunds not yet attended to?

(2.) When will these parties receive a refund of their money?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) In the cases of H. McKinnon and Alfred Woods, the selections were declared void, and refund orders forwarded to the applicants on the 31st October, 1877, and 18th February, 1878, respectively. A similar course is now being taken with regard to the case of Thomas Wyatt; that of Robert Millar is at present receiving attention in the Survey Department. These are the only selections apparently held by the parties named, though the dates do not correspond with those given in the question.

(2.) With the exception of the case last-mentioned, the money may be obtained on application at the Treasury.

(17.) Foot-bridge over the Page River:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Foot-bridge over the Page River be erected; and what is the cause of the delay in erecting this Bridge?

(2.) When was the money voted for this work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Tenders will be invited as soon as plans, which are now in course of preparation, are completed. The causes of delay have been the press of other work and the late period at which the Appropriation Act of 1877 was passed into law.

(2.) The vote was not legally available until 11th October, 1877.

3. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL [*Heretofore* SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL]:—Mr. J. Davies presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862 and to make provision for the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

4. MINOR ROADS:—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., alleging that the system of forming and repairing Minor Roads is unsatisfactory; and praying that these Roads may be included in Municipalities.
Petition received.

5. GAME PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from Richard Sadler, R.N., in reference to the Game Protection Bill; and praying that precautionary measures may be adopted to prevent the introduction into the Colony of destructive birds and animals.
Petition received.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report for 1877 of Superintendent of Industrial School for Girls at Biloela.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd February, 1878, in reference to the pay of Military Officers.
Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th February from Municipality of Woollahra, in favour of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on this Bill.
Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY ACCIDENTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Evidence, Minutes, and all Papers on the subject of the Railway Accidents at Lithgow, Redfern, Liverpool, and Jerrawa, and the report of the Engineer for Existing Lines on the Accident at Emu Plains, referred to in the papers connected with the suspension of the Traffic Manager, and the accident at Emu Plains, laid upon the Table of the Assembly on 5th and 19th February.
Question put and passed.

9. **GRAMMAR SCHOOLS** :—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying,—
- (1.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made in the Estimates for the year 1879 for the establishment of Grammar Schools at Maitland, Goulburn, and Bathurst.
 - (2.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates an annual sum not exceeding £1,500 to provide for the education for five years in the Grammar Schools of the Colony of ten boys, to be selected annually by competitive examination from the Public Schools of the Colony; and for the education in the University of five boys, to be annually selected by competitive examination from the boys of the said Grammar Schools, and whose abilities, in the opinion of the examiners, make it desirable that they should receive the advantage of a University education.
 - (3.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause Regulations to be framed for the conduct of the above examinations.
- Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
10. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** :—Dr. Bowker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return giving the following particulars of each Public School in this Colony, viz. :—
- (1.) The height, length, and breadth of its schoolroom or schoolrooms.
 - (2.) The average number of pupils attending such School, with the maximum and minimum number of pupils during the six months immediately preceding the date of the Return.
 - (3.) The number and size of the windows and other openings in each schoolroom.
 - (4.) The general plan of ventilation of each schoolroom.
 - (5.) If the teacher's residence be under the same roof as the school or schools.
 - (6.) The material of the roofing.
 - (7.) If the school be of one or two stories.
 - (8.) The distance of the ground floor from the earth.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday, 29th March*.
 - (2.) Common Lodging-houses Bill; second reading;—
 - (3.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading;—
 - (4.) Real Property Act further Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report.
 - (5.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
 - (6.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
 - (7.) Bridge over the Wollondilly; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—
- } *until Tuesday next.*
12. **LYNDHURST SALE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Day then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that Mr. Wisdom do take the Chair in the said Committee for this day only.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wisdom reported the Bill with an amendment.
Ordered that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
13. **BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That Mr. W. H. Cooper, Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of the House with reference to the passing of a Bill to relieve Frederick Beer, M.D., from all disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of felony.
Question put and passed.
The learned Counsel (Mr. W. H. Cooper) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolutions of the House under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and then withdrew.
On motion of Mr. Hurley, the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill was postponed until Friday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Permanent Commons:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it intended to grant Permanent Commons to the various country towns where such Commons are not already granted before all suitable land for such purpose is alienated?
 (2.) Has a Permanent Common been granted to Bingera, as applied for; if so, extent?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) I can hardly give a definite reply to such a question as this at present. Each case will have to be dealt with on its merits. I will, however, inquire into the subject as soon as I can find time to give it my attention.

(2.) No; the matter awaits the report of the District Surveyor.

- (2.) Produce received at Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The quantity of tons per week, each separately, of wheat, flour, corn, potatoes, and hay received at the Railway Station, Sydney, from 1st January, 1878, to present date?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will presently lay a Return giving this information upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Gall Bros. Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When was the case of Gall Bros. (Gwydir-field, Moree), two Conditional Purchases, referred to the Inspector of Conditional Purchases for report; has such report been received, the nature thereof, and decision arrived at; if not, the cause of delay in the Inspector furnishing his report; and will he be instructed to do so without delay?

(2.) When will the deeds of this land be ready, the full balance of which was paid in July, 1876, and all conditions fulfilled.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) On 15th April, 1877. The reports have not yet been received. The cases were delayed owing to the Inspector to whom they were referred having been removed to another district, and his successor (after having delayed his arrival for a considerable period) was ultimately allowed to resume his former position. Another officer has, however, now been despatched to the district, with instructions to give early attention to all such arrears.

(2.) The deeds will issue on the fulfilment of the conditions being verified by inspection.

- (4.) Drivers and Firemen on Suburban Railway:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that Drivers and Firemen on the Suburban Railway are compelled to work from twelve to fifteen hours daily; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made to have it remedied?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not aware that Drivers and Firemen work these hours. I recently gave directions that ten hours were to be considered a day's work, except in cases of emergency over which the Department could not have control—as, for instance, the unexpected detention of trains. I will cause inquiry to be made.

- (5.) Plank Bridge over Concrete Walls, Parramatta River:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an application made by the Borough Council of Parramatta to the Secretary for Public Works, on 15th February, 1876, asking that a Plank Bridge be erected over the two concrete walls erected in the Parramatta River, at French Factory?

(2.) If granted, will he give instructions for the work to be carried out?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The then Minister for Works ordered a report to be obtained on this subject, and as it was found that a 20-feet plank across the 15-feet drain was all that was required, which would have to be replaced after every flood; no action was taken, as it was considered a matter for the local body interested to attend to.

- (6.) Hospital Reserve, Parramatta :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Was an application, dated the 30th May, 1877, received from the Borough Council, Parramatta, asking that a portion of the ground situate on the banks of the Parramatta River, and known as the Hospital Reserve, be granted to them for the purpose of erecting Public Baths; if so, when will a reply be sent?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; and the application has been reported on by Mr. Surveyor Hedgeland. A decision will be given, and communicated to the Council without delay.

- (7.) Roads in Electorate of The Williams :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the amount of money granted by Parliament to be expended on Roads in the Electorate of The Williams for the year 1877?

(2.) Will the Government state the amount to be expended on each Road separately, stating at same time what is to be expended under the supervision of local Trustees, naming the Roads, and what amount of money is to be expended under the superintendence of the Department, also naming the Roads?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) £6,905.

(2.) This information is more readily given in a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (8.) Road from Forster to Bulahdelah :—Mr. Johnston asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he grant the prayer of a Petition presented by him on the 13th February last from Residents of Forster, Cape Hawke, Bungwall Flat, and Bulahdelah, asking to have a line of Road surveyed from Forster, Cape Hawke, to Bulahdelah, *viâ* Bungwall Flat?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A report has been received from a surveyor, by which it appears that survey of the road referred to is quite unnecessary, as the bridle-track at present in use is unobstructed, and wholly through Crown land where it has not been reserved.

- (9.) Service of Summonses under Masters and Servants Act :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a modified circular been issued relative to the serving of Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act, in compliance with the Resolution of this House of 5th February last?

(2.) If such a circular has been prepared, has he any objection to place a copy of it upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) A modified circular has been prepared on the subject in question, which has been in the hands of the Government Printer for some little time, and is now ready to be issued.

(2.) There will be no objection to place a copy of the circular upon the Table of this House, and I shall be prepared to do so to-morrow.

- (10.) Court of Quarter Sessions at Inverell :—Mr. Dillon asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Quarter Sessions at Inverell; if so, when?

Mr. Leary answered,—Inquiry will at once be made as to sufficiency of gaol accommodation, for the purpose of establishing Quarter Sessions there, and, should it be deemed expedient, steps will at once be taken to establish Quarter Sessions at Inverell.

- (11.) Railway Extension beyond Tamworth :—Mr. Dillon asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the plans for the extension of the Great Northern Railway beyond Tamworth yet ready?

(2.) Have the Government decided upon the route of the proposed extension?

(3.) If not, when will a decision in the matter be arrived at?

(4.) If the route has been fixed, when will Tenders be invited for the work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The plans are not yet ready.

(2.) The route which the Government will be prepared to ask Parliament to adopt has not finally been decided on.

(3.) The plans for the extension of the Railway beyond Tamworth will be laid upon the Table of the House next week.

(4.) Tenders cannot be invited till Parliament has approved of the plans, in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Act.

- (12.) Australian Museum :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many meetings were held by the Trustees of the Australian Museum in 1877?

(2.) How many times did each of the Trustees attend at the aforesaid meetings?

Mr. Leary answered,—I have directed the preparation of the requisite information, and will lay the same upon the Table to-morrow by way of a Return.

- (13.) Australian Museum and Free Public Library :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the daily average number of visitors to the Australian Museum and the Reading Room of the Free Public Library respectively?

(2.) What is the average number of visitors to each place on Saturdays?

(3.) How many persons are required to be in daily attendance at each place, and what is the annual amount of their remuneration, excluding the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library?

Mr. Leary answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table in a Return to-morrow.

(14.)

(14.) Branch Line of Railway to Berrima:—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to place a sum of money on the Loan Estimates next Session for the purpose of constructing a Branch Line of Railway to Berrima?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government has not yet decided what amounts will be placed on the Loan Estimates for next year for Railway construction.

(15.) Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House, as promised by him in answer to question having reference thereto, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents relating to the tendering for and construction of the Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Copies will be laid upon the Table on Tuesday next.

(16.) Post Office, Quipolly:—Mr. Bennett asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Postmaster General decided to move Quipolly Post Office (now in "Spridgeon's Inn") from Mr. Spridgeon, who has held it for a number of years, to "Burden's Inn," giving the appointment to Mr. Burden?

(2.) Is it true that a Petition was received by the Postmaster General from a number of residents of Quipolly, praying that the office may not be removed, and expressing want of confidence in the exchange, and their intention not to let their correspondence pass through Quipolly office if made?

(3.) Is it known that Mr. Burden has already publicly threatened to annoy the contractor for mails on this line if he is appointed?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The proposal to remove the Quipolly Post Office from Mr. Spridgeon's to Mr. Burden's has been postponed till a further report can be obtained from a Postal Inspector.

(2.) It is not true that a petition has been received by me from a number of residents of Quipolly expressing want of confidence in the proposed change, and their intention not to let their correspondence pass through the Quipolly office if it should be carried out; but it is true that I have received a petition in opposition, and another in favour of the change.

(3.) I know nothing of the alleged threat of Mr. Burden to annoy the mail contractor.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dillon moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:—Mr. Simson presented a Petition from the Municipal District Council of Hay, praying that provision may be made for a comprehensive system of Water Supply for all Corporate Towns in the Colony.

Petition received.

4. MINOR ROADS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th March from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to forming and repair of Minor Roads, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. GAME PROTECTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th March from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Game Protection Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Fitzpatrick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

7. CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain Moneys.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th March, 1878.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th February, 1878, in reference to the proposed Inquiry Office at the Lands Department.

Ordered to be printed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow:—

(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.

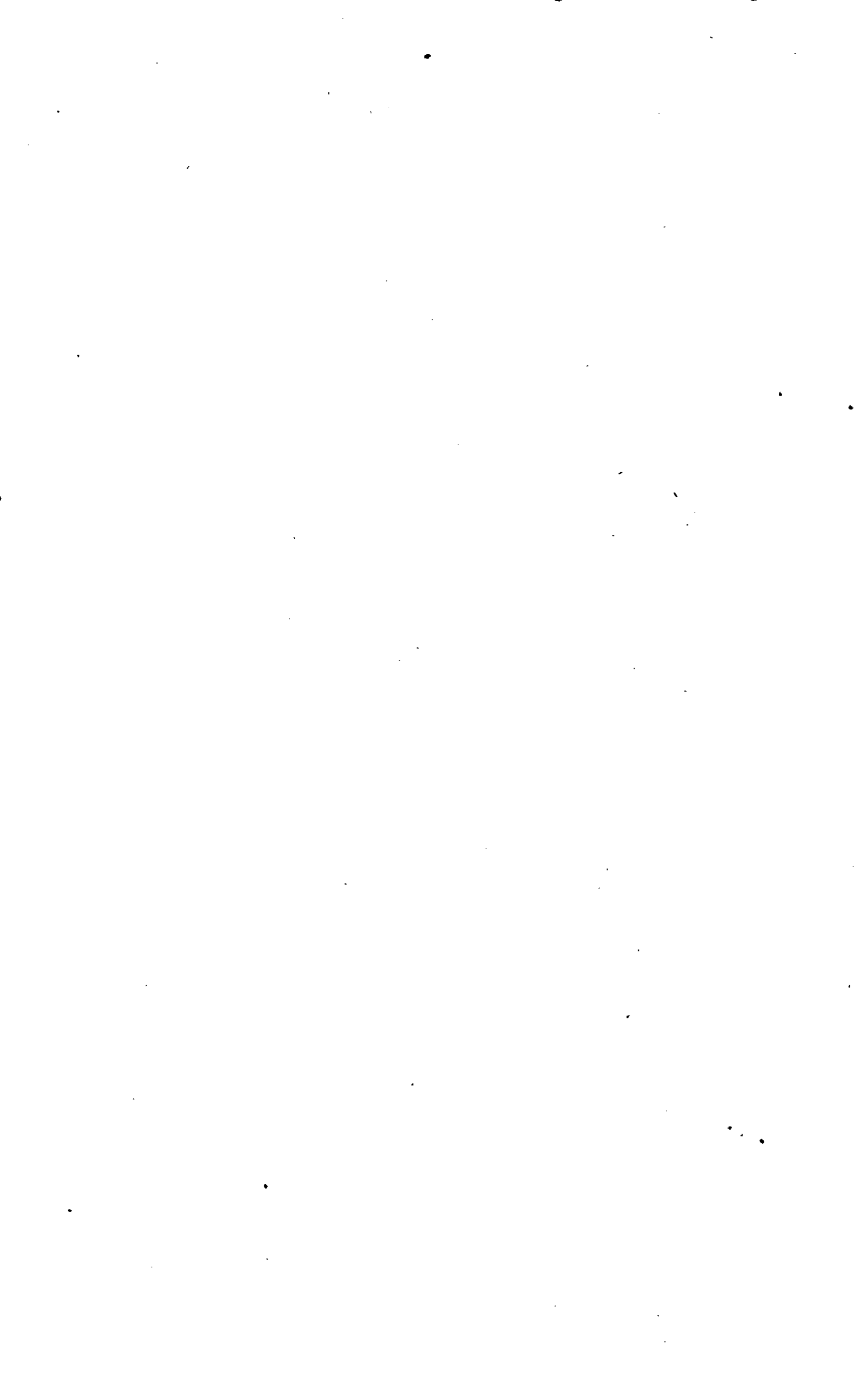
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Namoi Timber Forest Reserve:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to cancel all, or any portion, and if so what, of the Namoi Timber Forest Reserve No. 1,088, notified 20th March, 1877, and amended in *Gazette* No. 270 of 22nd August, 1877, No. 1,104?

(2.) Is the Government aware that on some portions of this Reserve there is no valuable timber at all?

(3.) Will the Government cancel that portion of this Timber Reserve lying to the east of Bohemia or Brigalow Creek?

(4.) Has any report or recommendation been received from Mr. Surveyor McMaster, or any other person, on this subject; if so, the nature thereof?

(5.) Are lessees of Crown Lands, or others, or lessees of runs, upon which this Timber Reserve exists, permitted to ring-bark the timber thereon; and have the Forest Rangers been directed, or will they be instructed, to prevent such being done?

(6.) Will the Government call for a special report by a competent officer on this Reserve, reserving those portions of it that may contain valuable timber, and cancelling such portions as may not?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Not at present.

(2.) It is reported by Mr. Forest Ranger Ward that no good timber is to be found on the space between Turrowan and Brigalow Creeks.

(3.) Not at present.

(4.) Reports have been received from the Forest Ranger and the District Surveyor, pointing out the importance of the Reserve.

(5.) Lessees are not permitted to ring-bark timber without special sanction from the Minister, which has not been sought in this case. Forest Rangers are directed under general instructions on this matter.

(6.) A report will be obtained, with a view to cancelling such portions of the Reserve as may not contain valuable timber.

- (2.) Overtime to Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the men employed in the Railway Goods Shed have repeatedly complained of not being paid for overtime worked by them?

(2.) Will he kindly inquire into this matter with a view to grant relief from the complaint referred to?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that any complaint has been made.

(2.) I have given directions that any overtime worked by the men is to be paid for in the usual way.

- (3.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the wages of the men working in the Locomotive Branch of the Railway Department recently classified and altered on the score of length of service?

(2.) If so, is he aware that several cases of low payment still require to be dealt with; and will he give his attention to the matter?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The wages of the men were revised by Mr. Secretary Hoskins.

(2.) I am not aware that this is the case; but since my accession to office I have directed Returns to be prepared of the wages paid to all the men employed in the Railway Department, with a view to their revision on an early day.

(4.) Travelling Stock Routes, Bundella to Coolah and Coonabarabran:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Travelling Stock Routes from Bundella to Coolah and Coonabarabran been granted and surveyed as applied for?

(2.) If so, what is the width granted, the name of the lessee or lessees, and the run or runs through which such routes are made?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No stock routes have been notified from Bundella to Coolah and Coonabarabran, and nothing is known of any applications on the subject.

(5.) Main Northern Road between Curley's and Wolfe's:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Donnelly, Local Road Officer stationed at Murrurundi, carried out the instructions of the Commissioner of Roads with reference to forming and making about 10 chains length of the Main Northern Road between Curley's and Wolfe's business places, north of the town Quirindi?

(2.) If not, will the Minister give instructions that this work be done without delay, it being represented that this portion of the said road is almost impassable?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No instructions to the effect stated to have been given by the Commissioner for Roads can be traced. The Road Superintendent reports the portion of road referred to (which is not on the Main North Road) is not, as described, nearly impassable; on the contrary, the metalling is completed to near Curley's door.

(2.) Further inquiry will be made, and any other necessary work required will be executed?

(6.) Water Tank at Jindera:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

Is it the intention of the Government to accede to the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Jindera, to place a sufficient sum of money on the Additional Estimates for this year to cover the expense of sinking a Water Tank at that township?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No trace of the petition alluded to can be found.

(7.) Land Office, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

When will the plans and specifications be prepared for the erection of the new Land Office at Albury?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans are nearly ready, and Tenders will be invited without delay.

(8.) Albury Gaol:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for the alterations and additions to the Albury Gaol?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—So soon as some requisite information has been obtained plans will be prepared and Tenders invited.

(9.) Medical Officer for Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Coonan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to appoint a Government Medical Officer for Darlinghurst Gaol?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—So soon as we have sufficient leisure to carefully consider the claims of the various applicants.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Produce received at the Sydney Railway Station.

(2.) Return respecting Roads in the Electorate of The Williams.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Twenty-first Annual Report of the Municipal Council of Sydney on Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply, for 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Papers connected with certain Departmental Changes.

Ordered to be printed.

3. AUCTIONEERS LICENSING ACT:—Mr. F. B. Suttor presented a Petition from Alfred Newman, Auctioneer, Hill End, praying for an amendment of the Auctioneers Licensing Act. Petition received.

4. RECOMMENDATION OF MR. J. C. FOSTER, OF MARENGO, TO THE COMMISSION OF THE PEACE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to recommendations by Mr. D. C. Macgregor, J.P., as to the appointment of Mr. J. C. Foster, of Marengo, to the Commission of the Peace. Question put and passed.

5. THE PARTITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Partition. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McCulloch presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Partition*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th March.

6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Cohen (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—
(1.) Gloucester-street Alteration Legalizing Bill; second reading.
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

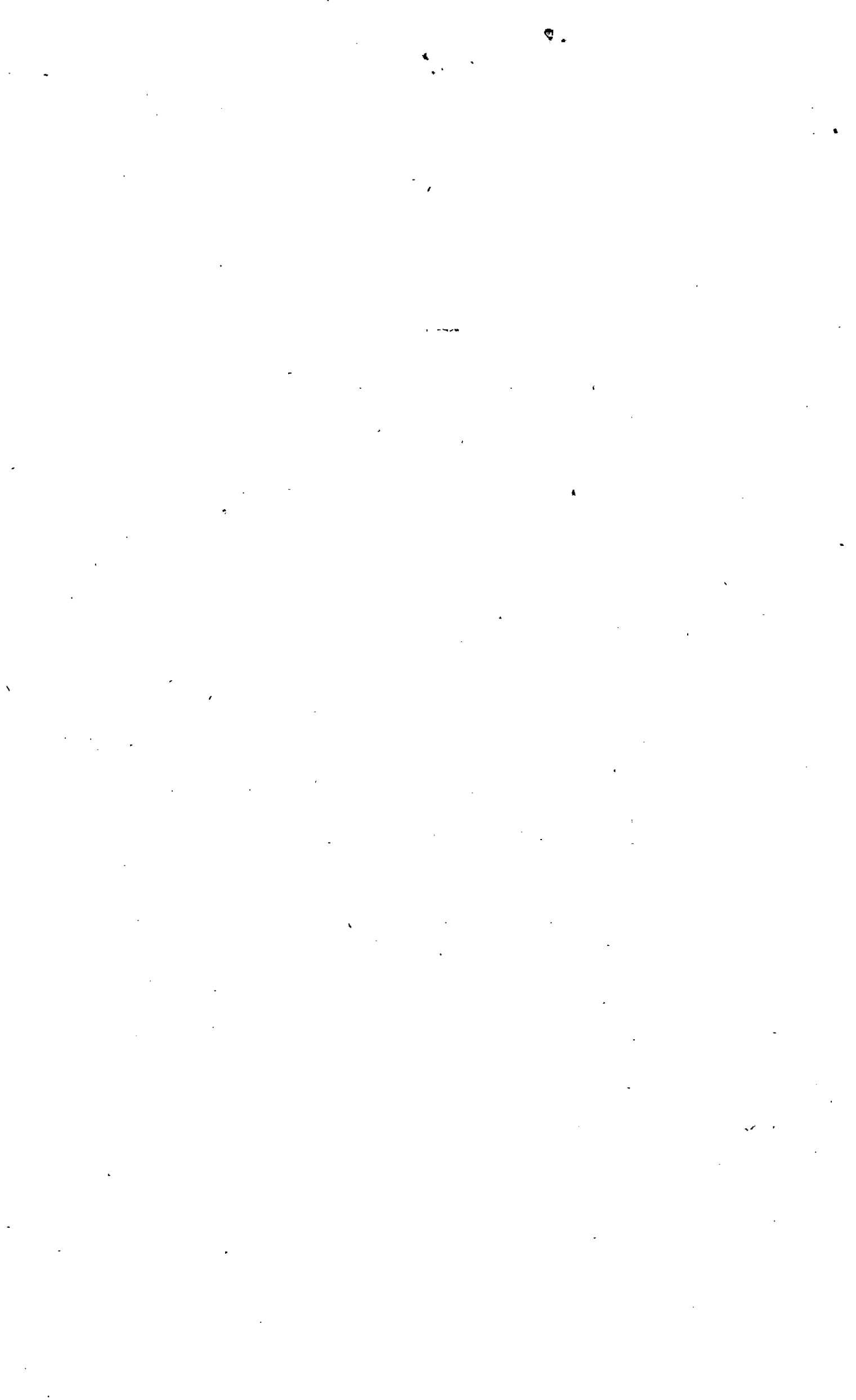
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH, 1878.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Simson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Terry,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY 12 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Singleton Telegraph Station :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause Telegrams to be received and delivered up to 10 p.m. at the Singleton Telegraph Station?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Station-master at Singleton having reported that he cannot extend the duties of his office unless he is provided with additional assistance, the question of whether extra assistance can be given must be deferred till it can be ascertained whether the increased business at the Singleton Office from the extension of time would justify the increased expense.

(2.) Parramatta Telegraph Station :—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause Telegrams to be received and delivered up to 10 p.m. at the Parramatta Telegraph Station?

Mr. Burns answered,—Arrangements are in progress under which the time for the receipt and delivery of Telegrams at the Parramatta Station will be extended to 10 p.m.

(3.) Police Paddock, Bingera :—Mr. Coonan, on behalf of Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to grant a piece of land for a Police Paddock at Bingera; if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The application for the land is under reference to Mr. District Surveyor Greaves for report and measurement of the site, if unobjectionable. The matter has been delayed in consequence of an application for a racecourse being included in the same letter.

(4.) Clerks in Auction Branch, Lands Department :—Mr. Coonan, on behalf of Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The name of the clerk on the Permanent Staff who receives the salary of £250 a year voted for the Auction Branch; and the names of the two clerks who receive the £200 each in same Branch?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The clerk who received the salary of £250 when the vacancy occurred was Mr. John Blaxland, of the Records Branch, he being the senior on the next lower grade of salary. Mr. Hubert Rich receives one of the salaries at £200; the other one has to be filled up by transfer of a clerk, at same rate of salary, from another Branch, *vice* Mr. Cope, who has left the Auction Branch.

(5.) Station-master Crook :—Mr. Murphy, on behalf of Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the date of the removal of Station-master Crook from Mount Victoria?

(2.) What was the immediate cause of that officer's removal?

(3.) Were the Working Orders in force at the time?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Mr. Crook was removed from Mount Victoria in May, 1877.

(2.) He gave the guard of the train an incorrect order, in writing, to cross his train at Clarence Tunnel instead of at Mount Wilson; the mistake was discovered before the train left Mount Victoria by Mr. Vernon, who thereupon suspended Mr. Crook.

(3.) Yes.

(6.) Public Tanks :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the next or Supplementary Estimates for Public Tanks between Narrabri and Moree, at Baradine, Bulgan, and on the roads from Yowindah, Barwon River, to Narren, *via* Grawin, from Walgett Bridge to Gumblegubbin, Narren River, and on the 60-mile track from Werrabilla, Barwon River, to Narren?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to make provision on the next Supplementary Estimates. A report will be obtained in each case, with a view of making provision on the next Estimates-in-Chief.

(7.) Parramatta Post and Telegraph Office :—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Mails received, sorted, and forwarded at the Parramatta Post Office daily, from 1st July, 1877, to 31st January, 1878?
- (2.) The number of Letters received and forwarded during the same period?
- (3.) The number of Telegrams received and forwarded during the same period?
- (4.) The number of persons engaged in Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta?
- (5.) The names and amount of salaries paid to each person annually?

Mr. Burns answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return containing the information asked by the Honorable Member.

(8.) Campbell's Garden, George-street :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume possession (for the purpose of widening the street) of any portion of the land known as Campbell's Garden, situated on the east side of George-street North; if so, will they take the necessary steps for carrying out that intention prior to the 2nd of April next, on which day the said land is advertised for sale by auction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to purchase any land for the purpose of widening the street, which they believe is the full width according to law.

(9.) J. W. Forrester's Conditional Purchase at Warialda :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did one Thomas Frost take up at Warialda a Conditional Purchase of 320 acres, and after a period of three years and three months the same was declared void?
- (2.) Was this said land afterwards conditionally selected by William James Forrester, at Warialda, on 29th March, 1877, there being no improvements on it?
- (3.) Has the said William James Forrester built a house on the same, and complied with all the conditions of the Act?
- (4.) Did Amy Williams occupy and put some improvements on this land five months after Forrester selected?
- (5.) What decision has been arrived at in the case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Thomas Frost took up a Conditional Purchase of 40 acres on 28th August, 1873, which was cancelled, on the ground of non-survey within twelve months, at his own instance, on the 6th September, 1876.
- (2.) A selection was made by J. W. Forrester in March, 1877, of land in part identical with the foregoing.
- (3.) No official information is to hand as to how far Forrester has complied with the conditions of his selection.
- (4.) It is represented on behalf of Amy Williams, who selected land adjoining the above, that she has occupied and improved certain land not described in her application, and which, if allowed to her, would prejudice the Conditional Purchase of Forrester. An application to amend the description was refused in 1875.
- (5.) The case has quite recently been brought forward for a decision, which has not yet been arrived at, but will be given immediately.

(10.) New Street between George and Pitt Streets :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What has been done with a view to the opening of the new street between George and Pitt Streets?
- (2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all additional Correspondence, Minutes, Letters, &c., having reference to the resumption of the land in Pitt-street for the extension of the Post Office in Pitt-street, and the opening of a new street?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) On the 27th November last, when the Honorable Member for East Sydney was Postmaster General, a communication was addressed to the Works Department, stating that the Cabinet had decided that steps should at once be taken to open the proposed new street, it being limited, as regards width, to the extent of the land possessed by the Government; and that, in order somewhat to relieve the unsightliness of the rugged walls of the existing buildings on the adjoining property, a wall should be erected from George-street to Pitt-street, and a row of trees planted near such wall. On the 7th instant the Colonial Architect reported that "to throw open the street for general traffic would be to put an end to the idea of forming a piazza for foot-passengers only, and would prevent the land being used for preparing the materials used in erecting the intended extension of the Post Office to Pitt-street. Without the use of this land the extension will take a longer time to complete, and would also add very much to the cost. The proposed wall and trees would be very much in the way." Since the receipt of this report the Government have not had time to further consider the matter.

(2.) There is no objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all additional correspondence, &c., having reference to the resumption of the land in Pitt-street for the extension of the Post Office and the opening of a new street.

(11.) Post Office, Armidale :—*Mr. Day*, on behalf of Mr. Terry, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the new Post Office, Armidale?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—Before Tenders can be invited for the new Post Office at Armidale it will be necessary to pull down the old lock-up, which occupies a portion of the site intended to be used for the new office. I understand that the lock-up cannot conveniently be removed until the new one now in progress has been completed, which will probably take place in the month of June next.

- (12.) Bridge over the River Peel, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be invited for erection of the additional Bridge over the River Peel, Tamworth ; as also for the widening of the Road and the Bridges between Pell-street, Tamworth proper, and the Railway Station, Tamworth ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The design for Bridge over the Peel, at Tamworth, is now under consideration. The local officer has already been instructed to take the necessary steps for the widening of Road and Bridges at the place named.

- (13.) Gaol, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has the site selected at the north end of the town of Tamworth, on which it is intended to erect the new Gaol, been surveyed ?
 (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay ?
 (3.) What is the name of the surveyor to whom instructions have been forwarded to carry out the survey ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) The case has been in abeyance pending the receipt of information from the Colonial Secretary's Department, which has since been received ; and the local surveyor will now be instructed to make the necessary survey.

- (14.) Dwyers Conditional Purchases, Balranald :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several selections were made by the Dwyer family in December, 1875, and January, 1876, at Balranald, and that a portion of such lands were afterwards sold by auction, and the remainder claimed by C. B. Fisher, lessee of Yanga Run, under 2nd clause of Lands Acts Amendment Act ?

(2.) That selectors have not yet received instructions from his Department respecting their holding, and that such delay has occasioned severe loss and inconvenience ?

(3.) That the records of his Department show all papers to be in the hands of his Under Secretary since April last ?

(4.) Will he give early decision in the case, cancel later auction purchase, and decide as to amount to be allowed under 2nd clause, and ratify selectors holding of the remainder ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The selectors have not yet been instructed.

(3.) No ; they were sent to the Under Secretary in October, but were afterwards borrowed from him by the Survey Office, and again returned. The case is, however, connected with two different Branches of the Department ; and it was further delayed through the change of Government subsequently to dissolution of Parliament.

(4.) A decision will be now given immediately.

- (15.) Reserves on Namoi Hut Run :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the fact that the following Reserves have been fenced off and the public debarred access thereto :—Reserve 423, on Namoi Hut Run ; Reserve 359, on Namoi Hut Run ?

(2.) Is the Government aware that the inhabitants and the travelling public are seriously inconvenienced by being deprived of the use of the above Reserves ?

(3.) Will steps be taken to throw open these Reserves to the public, and to remove the obstructions ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Government have not received any complaints of the fencing off of these Reserves. Report has been called for by telegram.

(3.) This will be determined as soon as the information called for has been obtained.

- (16.) Roads in the Electorate of The Williams :—Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Johnston, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of money has been expended for the years 1877 and 1878 on the different Roads within the Electorate of The Williams, specifying the Roads, giving their classification, the amounts spent on each Road separately, distinguishing those under the supervision of local trustees and those under the Department ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The desired information will be best given in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (17.) Mail between Molong and Obley :—Mr. Coonan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has he received a petition from the residents of Molong and Obley requesting the establishment of a tri-weekly Mail between these towns ; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter ?

Mr. Burns answered,—A petition for a tri-weekly, or an extra Mail per week, between Molong and Obley was received in the month of July last, and the prayer of the petition was refused on the report of a Postal Inspector. Since then another application has been received, and the decision on the case will depend upon the amount which may be asked by the contractor for the extra service.

- (18.) Court House, Walgett :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The cause of delay in completing the Bond for Walgett Court House ?

(2.) Will immediate steps be taken to compel the execution of this Bond by the contractor ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The necessary documents were forwarded by the Crown Solicitor to Tamworth, but have not since been returned ; inquiries are being made.

2. **INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Angus Fletcher, William Wilberforce Fraser, Charles Campbell, Colin Ross, Peter M'Gregor, and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the Town of Inverell, in the Colony of New South Wales, held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Macintosh having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Inverell Dispatch*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. **PAPERS**:—
- Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return showing the particulars of work performed, and salaries paid to persons employed in the Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return of amounts expended on Roads in the Electorate of The Williams in 1877 and 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Copy of a Circular Letter relative to the serving of Summonses under the Masters and Servants Act.
 - (2.) Information respecting the number of Visitors, and persons in daily attendance, at the Australian Museum.
 - (3.) Information respecting the number of Visitors, and persons in daily attendance, at the Free Public Library.
 - (4.) Information respecting the number of Meetings held by the Trustees of the Australian Museum.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the same Act.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 - (2.) Reports of Examiners of Titles on the case of James R. Powell.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL**:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Waverley, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
5. **PATRICK RYAN**:—Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from Patrick Ryan, of Mousehole Creek, near Molong, alleging that he conditionally purchased, and improved, certain portions of land at Mousehole Creek, of which land he was deprived by the Government; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
6. **OYSTER FISHERIES**:—Mr. Roseby presented a Petition from Residents of the Shoalhaven Fishery District, complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster; and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.
Petition received.
7. **MR. HENRY RICKETSON, OF KERRARBERRY, CURNALLO AND DERULAMAN, AND ARATULLA STATIONS (Formal Motions)**:—
- (1.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the land secured by Henry Ricketson, of Kerrarberry Station, showing,—
 - (1.) The number, acreage, and situation of each portion.
 - (2.) The nature of the improvements, and the valuations allowed.
 - (3.) The name of the officer or officers who valued each of the improvements.
 - (4.) The improvement purchases applied for, but not yet purchased or paid for, showing situation, acreage, and nature of the improvements.

Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the land secured by Henry Ricketson, of Curnallo and Derulaman Station, by virtue of improvements, showing,—
 - (1.) The number, acreage, and situation of each portion.
 - (2.) The nature of the improvements, and the valuations allowed.
 - (3.) The name of the officer who valued each of the improvements.
 - (4.) The improvement purchases applied for, but not yet purchased or paid for, showing situation, acreage, and nature of the improvements.

Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the land secured by Henry Ricketson, of Aratulla Station, by virtue of improvements, showing,—
 - (1.) The number, acreage, and situation of each portion.
 - (2.) The nature of the improvements, and the valuations allowed.
 - (3.) The name of the officer who valued each of the improvements.
 - (4.) The improvement purchases applied for, but not yet purchased or paid for, showing situation, acreage, and nature of the improvements.

Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Simson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th March from the Municipality of Hay, respecting Public Water Supply, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. GOODS TRAINS BETWEEN BATHURST AND BLAYNEY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murphy, on behalf of Mr. Thompson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Evidence, Minutes, and Papers on the subject of the irregular running of Goods Trains between Bathurst and Blayney on the 24th May last.
Question put and passed.
10. AUCTIONEERS LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. F. B. Suttor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March from Alfred Newman, of Hill End, relative to amendments in the Auctioneers Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should subscribe towards the funds of St. Vincent's Hospital the sum of one pound sterling out of the public funds for every pound subscribed towards this Institution by the public, as is done in the case of all other Charitable Institutions in the Colony.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Simson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. McElhone.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cohen,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Cameron,
Dr. Bowker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Stuart,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. SIMONS ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Greville, 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 the Bill was referred on 27th February, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
13. JOSIAH PITY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT DENILQUIN:—Mr. Barbour 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 a conditional purchase of land of 128 acres made by Josiah Pitty at Denilquin on the 20th May, 1869, and the subsequent sale by auction of this land, and the claim (if any) for compensation for depriving Josiah Pitty of this land.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Driver, Mr. McElhone, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Harris, Mr. Jacob, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. MR. HENRY RICKETSON, OF BARATTA STATION:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the land secured by Henry Ricketson, of Baratta Station, by virtue of improvements, showing,—
(1.) The number, acreage, and situation of each portion.
(2.) The nature of the improvements, and the valuations allowed.
(3.) The name of the officer or officers who valued each of the improvements.
(4.) The improvement purchases applied for, but not yet purchased or paid for, showing situation, acreage, and nature of the improvements.
Question put and passed.
15. TEMPORARY COMMON NEAR SINGLETON:—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to an application from the Borough Council of Singleton for the conversion of the Temporary Common near Singleton into a permanent one.
Question put and passed.
16. GAME PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and no action being taken in reference thereto, it dropped.
17. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that Mr. Driver do take the Chair in the said Committee.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 5th April.

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the City of Sydney Improvement Bill postponed until Friday next.
19. **REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
 (1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
 (2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
21. **BRIDGE OVER THE WOLLONDILLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Davies moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the erection of a Bridge, at the old township, over the Wollondilly, near Goulburn;—and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in the said Committee. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver* (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be now received. *Mr. Driver* then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Wollondilly, near Goulburn. On motion of Mr. Davies, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
22. **COMMON CARRIERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. Mr. Windeyer then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in the said Committee. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
23. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) District Court Judges Salaries and Retiring Allowances; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 29th March*.
 (2.) Mining Companies Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next*.
24. **MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS LEGALIZING BILL**:—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Baker moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th March.
25. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Dangar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Mr. McElhone moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Debate continued. Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived. Original Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. Mr. Dangar then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in the said Committee. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
26. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 22nd March*.
 (2.) Grammar Schools; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next*.

27. **LYNDHURST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL**, [*Heretofore LYNDHURST SALE BILL*]:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
28. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of Beer's Disabilities Bill postponed until Friday, 29th March.
29. **CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Farnell then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in the said Committee.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
30. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH, 1878.

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

CORPORATION DEBENTURES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 9.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Corporation of Sydney to re-borrow certain Moneys*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th March, 1878.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Deeds for Land purchased at Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When is it likely the deeds of land (town lots) purchased by different parties at Narrabri on 18th July, 1877, will be ready for delivery to the purchasers?

(2.) Has a petition been received from the buyers of such land, complaining of the delay in the issue of these grants, and of their inability in consequence to take advantage of the benefits of the local Building Society?

(3.) Will directions be given for an early issue of these grants?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The final report of sale has been sent on for the preparation of deeds.

(2.) Yes; a petition, without date, was received at the Lands Department on 6th March.

(3.) Yes.

(2.) Accommodation for the Insane:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the representations of Dr. Manning, the Inspector of the Insane, contained in his letter to the Principal Under Secretary, dated the 28th January, 1878, as to the present utterly insufficient accommodation for the insane?

(2.) Are the Government taking any steps to erect the additional asylum buildings for which sums amounting to £125,000 have been voted by Parliament, and the plans for some of which Dr. Manning states have been ready for some months?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(1.) *Hospital for Insane, Gladesville*.—Plans for a new wing to accommodate 150 patients have been approved. The cost is estimated at £35,000, towards which £24,000 was available, leaving a deficiency of £11,000, which was voted last Thursday night. In December last a contract was taken for permanent buildings, to replace temporary structures, to accommodate eighty patients, and to be completed in July next, at a cost of £3,600.

(2.)

(2.) *Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.*—Plans involving an expenditure of £38,000 for temporary additions to accommodate 350 patients have been approved. The money available is £25,000, and work to that amount was authorized, the deficiency, £13,000, being included in the Estimates for 1878. These additions were intended to relieve the present buildings, with a view to their re-construction, as well as to provide for some additional patients. The £13,000 in question was voted last night, and tenders for the work may be invited next week.

(3.) *Callan Park, temporary accommodation.*—A contract for temporary wooden additions to accommodate 100 patients, and cost £7,635, has been entered into; the date fixed for their completion is 18th January, 1879.

(4.) *Callan Park, New Lunatic Asylum.*—Plans for a new asylum to accommodate 666 patients, prepared after frequent conferences with Dr. Manning, and modified to meet the views of that gentleman, have been approved. A contract could not be taken, as so large a proportion of the cost has yet to be provided. The estimated cost is £205,000; the amount available, £78,679; and the sum to be voted on next Estimates, £127,000. This further sum has not yet been voted; but tenders for erection of the building may be invited in about a fortnight after the money becomes available.

(3.) Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the patients in the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum cannot be adequately supplied with clean clothing in consequence of the defective state of the laundry arrangements?

(2.) Are the Government taking any, and if so what, steps to utilise the expensive steam machinery lying unused upon the premises, and the utilisation of which Dr. Taylor, the Medical Superintendent, has urged upon the Government for three years past?

(3.) Are the Government aware that no means exist within the walls of the same Asylum for the extinction of fire?

(4.) Will the Government take immediate steps to carry out the recommendations on these important subjects contained in Dr. Taylor's letter to the Colonial Secretary, dated February 9th, 1878, and which he has made in vain for some time past?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Dr. Taylor has reported that with the existing appliances the present allowance of clean linen to the patients weekly cannot be increased.

(2.) There is some difficulty in settling where the machinery should be erected, pending the erection of a wholly new building.

(3.) There is no special provision for the extinction of fire; but in the new building proposed to be erected this matter will be duly cared for.

(4.) Yes.

(4.) Carriage of Cattle and Sheep by Railway:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount received by the Government for the carriage of Cattle and Sheep on the Southern Railway, to and from Homebush, from the 1st July, 1877, to 1st March, 1878?

(2.) The same information with regard to the Western Line of Railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The amount received was £7,256.

(2.) Do. £6,211 5s. 11d.

(5.) District Hospital, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in calling for Tenders for the repairing the Parramatta District Hospital, for which the money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The cause of delay in calling for Tenders is the non-completion of the plans and specification, which are in course of preparation.

(6.) Coal-miners:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware whether there are any Coal-miners on board the immigrant vessels now in port?

(2.) Have instructions been sent Home not to send out any more Coal-miners for the present?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes, there are.

(2.) The Agent General has been instructed to discourage the emigration of miners; but the vessel now in port had sailed or filled up before that instruction was given.

(7.) Field Battery, Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Field Battery of 16-pounder guns ordered in England some time ago have arrived, and are now lying in Government Stores?

(2.) Are they ready for service, and how long have they been so?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to arm the Volunteer Artillery with the new Field Battery in place of the present unserviceable one?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Four guns, with a small proportion of ammunition, have been ready since December last.

(3.) Not until the guns are all provided with the full complement of ammunition, and the training of the Field Batteries will justify the issue of so valuable an arm. The present Field Battery is still serviceable under existing circumstances.

(8.) Railway Passes issued on recommendation of Mr. Macintosh:—Mr. Lynch, on behalf of Mr. F. B. Suttor, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total number of Railway Passes issued to persons upon the recommendation of Mr. J. Macintosh, M.P., between January 1st, 1877, and present date?

(2.)

(2.) How many of these persons have since paid their fares, as promised when receiving the pass?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The number issued was 2,240.
- (2.) Nothing has been received.

(9.) Indecent Pamphlets:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that sundry weekly pamphlets of a libellous and indecent character are being sold in the streets?
- (2.) Will he take steps to prosecute the parties so offending?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Certain pamphlets of that character were brought under my notice, but I thought it became the parties libelled to take action in the matter; but as it was also alleged that the publication was not duly licensed or registered, I brought it under the notice of the Honorable the Attorney General, as he has the matter in his hands at present.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 30th January, 1878, in reference to Mail Route between West Maitland, Paterson, and Dungog.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Report for 1877 from the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville.
Ordered to be printed.

4. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—Mr. Charles presented a Petition from Maria Charlotte Plunkett, widow of the late Honorable John Hubert Plunkett, stating that she is in a destitute condition; and praying the House to take her case into consideration.
Petition received.

5. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. Stephen Brown. From Inhabitants of Newtown.
 - (2.) By Mr. Driver, on behalf of the Honorable Member for The Glebe. From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of The Glebe.
- Petitions received.

6. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Angus Fletcher, William Wilberforce Fraser, Charles Campbell, Colin Ross, Peter M'Gregor, and William Cameron, to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the town of Inverell, in the Colony of New South Wales, held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.

7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th March from Inhabitants of Waverley, relative to Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Real Property Act.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Real Property Act,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th March, 1878.

9. CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act intituled 'An Act to make preferential Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted Shares of Five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act intituled 'An Act to make preferential Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted Shares of Five pounds each in the capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with the duplicate Deed of Settlement of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th March, 1878.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Macintosh moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Metropolitan Police Act Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to extend the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th March, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th March, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 9. Omit "and be in operation in"
 " 1, " 2, " 12. Omit "all" insert "respectively any"
 " 1, " 2, " 12. Omit "s" from "superintendents"
 " 1, " 2, " 12. Omit "s" from "Inspectors"
 " 1, " 2, " 12. Omit "s" from "Sub-Inspectors"
 " 1, " 2, " 13. Omit "s" from "Sergeants"
 " 1, " 2, " 13. Omit "and" insert "or"
 " 1, " 2, " 13. Omit "s" from "Constables"
 " 1, " 3, " —. Omit clause 3 as printed, insert new clause 3, viz. :—

"The Police Courts mentioned in the twenty-second section of the Act aforesaid and the Central Police Office or the Water Police Office in the twenty-third section of the said Act shall mean and include any Police Court within the Police District in which the Station House therein mentioned is situate."

Examined—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 22nd March.

(2.) The Bible Society's Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th March, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th March, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 6. After "Colony" insert "as set forth in the Schedule hereto"
 " " " 9. Omit "Schedule hereunder written," insert "said grant"
 " 3, clause 6. Omit clause 6.
 Pages 3 and 4, clause 7. Omit clause 7.
 Page 4, clause 8. Omit clause 8.
 " Schedule. Omit Schedule as printed, insert new Schedule, viz. :—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 76/99.

Land Grant Register Book vol. 259 folio 2.

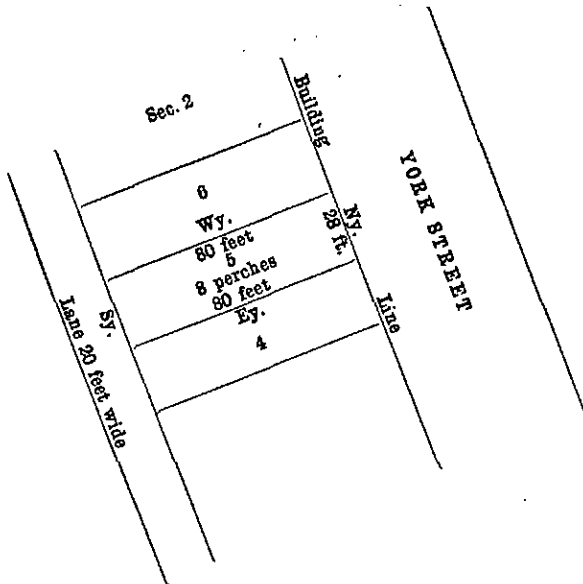
Grant of Land as the site for a Bible Hall under sec. 5 of the "Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861."

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 a certain society or association called or known as "The New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society" hath been for some time back established in our said Colony And whereas His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony hath determined that it is desirable for the public interest that the land hereinafter described shall be dedicated as the site for a Hall for the said society or association and shall

shall be granted unto George Wigram Allen of Sydney in the said Colony Esquire Ewan Wallace Cameron of Balmain in the said Colony Esquire and George Foster Wise of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and their heirs upon the trusts with the powers and subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned Now know ye that we of our special grace with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony and in consideration of the quit-rent hereinafter reserved have granted and for us our heirs and successors do hereby grant unto the said George Wigram Allen Ewan Wallace Cameron and George Foster Wise and their heirs all that piece or parcel of land in our said Colony containing by admeasurement eight perches be the same more or less situated in the county of Cumberland parish of St. Phillip city of Sydney at Barrack Square allotment five of section two commencing on the western building-line of York-street at the north-eastern corner of allotment four and bounded thence on the east by that building-line bearing northerly twenty-eight feet on the north by the southern boundary-line of allotment six westerly at right angles to York-street eighty feet to a lane twenty feet wide on the west by that lane southerly parallel with York-street twenty-eight feet and on the south by the northern boundary-line of allotment four as aforesaid easterly at right angles to York-street eighty feet to the point of commencement as per plan in the margin hereof with all rights and appurtenances thereto belonging to hold unto the said George Wigram Allen Ewan Wallace Cameron and George Foster Wise and their heirs for ever yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and successors yearly and every year the quit rent of one peppercorn on demand subject to the conditions reservations and provisoes hereinafter mentioned and upon and for the trusts intents and purposes hereinafter declared of and concerning the said land that is to say—upon trust to use the said land as the site for a hall or building to be used by the said society or association called or known as the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society and for no other use or purpose whatsoever



Scale—One chain or sixty-six feet to an inch.

Provided always and it is hereby declared that it shall or may be lawful for the committee for the time being of the said society or any four of the said committee with the president treasurer and secretaries or secretary for the time being to make all any or every such rules and regulations for the use of the said land or any part thereof or for the management of any building or buildings that may be erected thereon and to vary or alter the same from time to time as such committee may think fit for any of the purposes of the said society or association Provided always and these presents are upon the express condition that if the said land, hereinbefore described or any part thereof shall be used for any other purpose than is hereinbefore provided or declared in and by the said trusts the said trusts shall cease and 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 Colony or some person by him authorized in that behalf to re-enter upon the said land or any part thereof and the said grantees and their successors therefrom wholly to remove Provided always that in case of any vacancy in the office of trustee by death resignation or any other cause whatsoever it shall be lawful for four or more of the members for the time being of the said committee and the president treasurer and secretary or secretaries for the time being as aforesaid to appoint some other person or persons to the said office and immediately after such appointment the said lands and premises shall be conveyed to and vested in such new trustees or trustee either alone or jointly with the remaining or continuing trustees or trustee as the case shall require and such new trustee or trustees shall have the same power and authority as if he or they had been originally named trustee or trustees in these presents.

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 twenty-ninth day of April in the thirty-ninth year of our reign and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

HERCULES ROBINSON.

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 5th April.

12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Roseby moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

SEAL

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Simson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Harris,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElbone,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. W. C. Browne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

13. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received, through Sir John Robertson, a letter from Mr. Garrett, tendering his resignation of the office of Chairman of Committees,—which letter Mr. Speaker read, as follows:—

“To the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Sydney, 1878.

“Sir,

“I have the honor to tender my resignation of the office of Chairman of Committees.

“I regret I have to take this step, owing to the state of my health, which necessitates a visit to England in order to restore it.

“I have the honor to be, Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“THOS. GARRETT.”

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Letter Delivery at Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to provide an earlier Delivery of Letters in the town of Parramatta than that which now exists?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been found impracticable to effect a general delivery in Parramatta before 10.15 a.m., as the morning mails from Sydney do not arrive there till 9.55 a.m. An offer was, however, made, on the 15th ultimo, to the Mayor of Parramatta and to the Honorable Member (Mr. Taylor) of a delivery of the Southern and Western mails at 8 a.m. in the business portion of Parramatta, if such an arrangement would be acceptable, and I am now awaiting a reply.

- (2.) Court House, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the contractor for the internal fittings to Court House, Tamworth?

(2.) When was such contract entered into; and the time to complete such work?

(3.) If it is found the said work has not been done, will the Minister cancel the contract and invite fresh Tenders?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) The contractor's name is Michael Burke.

(2 and 3.) The Tender was accepted on 21st July, 1877; and the work was to have been completed by 21st November, 1877. Burke asked that the contract might be transferred, but afterwards recalled that request. No transfer was made. I believe the work has been completed, although I have not had a report to that effect, nor any complaint to the contrary. I have not had an officer in that neighbourhood for some time, or I should have been acquainted with the exact condition. I will institute further inquiries into the matter.

- (3.) Joseph Martin's Conditional Purchase, Forbes:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named Joseph Martin make a Conditional Purchase of Crown Lands at the Land Office, Forbes, on the 26th February, 1874; if so, what was the area?

(2.) Has the said land been surveyed; if not, what has been the cause of the delay?

(3.) What is the name of the surveyor to whom, if any, instructions were forwarded to carry out such survey?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; 240 acres.

(2.) The survey was not carried out under that application, the surveyor to whom it was referred having reported that the land applied for contained improvements, whereupon the selection was declared void. An appraisalment having subsequently been held, and the improvements having been found insufficient to bar selection, the voidance of the selection was reversed, and the final declaration of the selector referred, in the usual course, to the Inspector of the district for verification. A portion of the land has, in the meantime, been measured for another applicant, but the survey has been returned for amendment.

(3.) The original application was referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Johnson. The survey referred to in the reply to the previous question was made by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Ebsworth.

- (4.) Railway from Dubbo to Bourke:—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government decided on taking the Railway on from Dubbo to Bourke?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause a Trial Survey to be made from Dubbo to Brewarrina, on the Darling River; and if so, when?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; the field work of the Trial Survey has been completed, and the plans and sections are in course of preparation.

(2.) It is not the present intention of the Government to have a Trial Survey made from Dubbo to Brewarrina.

(5.) Commissioner and Engineer for Roads :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the duty of the Commissioner and Engineer for Roads to give any, and what, personal inspection throughout the Colony of works under his control, whether executed by contract or by day labour?

(2.) How often, and how long, has the Engineer for Roads been absent from Sydney on duty during the last six months; and what works has he inspected during that time?

(3.) What amount of money has been expended during the past financial year under the Roads Department, either by contract work or by day labour?

(4.) What is the amount proposed to be spent by the Roads Department, either by contract or day labour, for the present financial year?

(5.) Are payments made to contractors by the usual mode of vouchers through the Treasury; if not, by what other mode, and what sum has been so paid during the past year?

(6.) Have the various sums said to be expended on particular works been so expended; if not, why were they so charged?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question will be best answered by a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(6.) The late Robert Hancock :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the late Robert Hancock die intestate?

(2.) If not, was any will of his found?

(3.) Did the Curator of Intestate Estates take possession of his property?

(4.) Has the Curator of Intestate Estates received any sum of money from any person in connection with the late R. Hancock's estate?

(5.) If so, how much, and on what account did he claim and receive this money; and has he any legal claim to claim commission out of this estate?

(6.) Who is the agent to the Curator of Intestate Estates; and what commission (if any) is he entitled to claim out of proceeds of intestate estates?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Curator that an affidavit of death and intestacy was sworn by a Mr. Robert Hancock, an employé of the deceased.

(2.) A will was found after an order to collect and realize had been granted.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) £800, being 5 per cent. commission on £16,000 reduced into possession. Unless the Curator had a legal claim the amount would not have been received.

(6.) Thomas John Chapman, who is entitled to claim 3 per cent. commission.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Bank, from 1st January to 31st December, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Paper respecting the Commissioner and Engineer for Roads.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order, made on 10th October, 1877, in reference to the Suspension of Mr. Pretious, of the Occupation Branch of the Lands Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 12th February, 1878, in reference to the Reserve for National School Paddock, Bombala.

(2.) Rules of Supreme Court relating to Admission of Barristers and Attorneys.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Murphy presented a Petition from H. M. Joseph, on behalf of Electors of the Bombala Division of the Monaro Electorate, praying for increased representation in Parliament.
Petition received.

4. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Paddington, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.

5. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK :—Mr. W. Davies (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 13th February, 1874, the Report from the Select Committee brought up on 4th August, 1875, and the Petition from Shareholders of the Milburn Creek Copper Mining Company presented on 1st February last, in reference to "Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

6. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Charles moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th March, from Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th instant from the Inhabitants of Newtown, relative to the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of the Honorable Member for The Glebe, on 13th March, from the Borough Council of The Glebe, relative to Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of Landowners and others of Sydney and Suburbs, on 8th February, in favour of the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the working of the "Real Property Act," be referred to the Committee now sitting on this subject.
Question put and passed.
9. PUBLIC LIBRARIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return containing a list of the several places in this Colony where Public Libraries receiving, or having received, pecuniary aid from the Public Revenue are established, distinguishing those which are Libraries of Reference only from those which are Lending Libraries; stating also, in each instance, the amount of public money received by such institutions, and the fees charged in each for the use of them.
Question put and passed.
10. PATRICK RYAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour, on behalf of Mr. Coonan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th March from Patrick Ryan, of Mousehole Creek, near Molong, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. OYSTER FISHERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Roseby, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th March from Residents of the Shoalhaven Fishery District, relative to Oyster Fisheries, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. LYNDBURST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy M'Carthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson Trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy M'Carthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson Trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with the Indenture and Order of the Supreme Court referred to in the Preamble.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th March, 1878.*
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Greenwood moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that Mr. Driver do take the Chair in the said Committee.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Driver reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
15. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
On motion of Mr. Driver, the Debate was adjourned until Thursday next.
16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.

17. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Cohen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Quirindi to Werris Creek:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Great Northern Railway been completed from Quirindi to Werris Creek, a distance of about 11 miles?

(2.) If so, is it intended to open a Passenger Station there for the benefit of the Northern and North-western public, and thus enable the Namoi and other districts to have the benefit of this extension, and to have their mails despatched from and received at Werris Creek in lieu of Quirindi?

(3.) If not, is it intended that the public should not have the benefit of this extension until the line is completed to Tamworth; and if so, for what reason?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Although the rails have been laid to and beyond Werris Creek, the line is not yet completed to that place.

(2.) It is not the intention of the Government to open a Passenger Station at Werris Creek until the line to Tamworth has been completed.

(3.) The road from Werris Creek to Breeza is a mere bush track, and does not connect with the proposed site for the Junction Station. To connect this track and other roads with the Station it will be necessary to make a road about three-quarters of a mile in length, and to build a large bridge over Werris Creek; and further, if the line be opened to the Junction, the completion to Tamworth will be materially retarded.

- (2.) Railway from Quirindi to Werris Creek:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the extension of the Great Northern Railway Line from Quirindi to Werris Creek be opened for traffic?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to my answer to the last question.

- (3.) Police Quarters, Tambar Springs:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has John H. O'Rourke's contract for Police Quarters, Tambar Springs, been completed, the work passed, and vouchers signed for the balance due, £130 or £125?

(2.) If so, what is the cause of delay in not paying O'Rourke the balance due him on this contract, and when will it be paid?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—This is a contract made by the Police. The work is completed. A voucher for the balance due was received from the Inspector General of Police on the 7th instant, and sent to the Treasury on the 13th instant.

- (4.) Expedition to New Guinea:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Whether, in view of the calamity likely to follow a rush of miners to New Guinea, the Government will consider the advisability of sending a practical and responsible person to accompany the projected expedition, which sails on the 20th instant, to that place, for the purpose of reporting thereon to the Government?

Mr. W. H. Suttor answered,—Persons proceeding to New Guinea do so upon their risk and responsibility. Warnings against the uncertainty of any greater success attending the search for gold there than here, and the unhealthiness of the climate, have been thrown out by the Geological Surveyor in his published report upon the supposed discovery of gold at that place. It is not the intention of the Government to send any person to report specially upon the prospect of gold discovery in New Guinea.

(5.)

(5.) Tide Waiters:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What are the duties of Tide Waiters in Her Majesty's Customs?
- (2.) Are any grades assigned to those gentlemen on their appointments from the Treasury?
- (3.) What is the nature of the duties called special services; and how are they classified?
- (4.) By what Tide Waiters have such services been performed since the 1st of January; and what qualifications entitle a Tide Waiter to perform those duties?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) A Tide Waiter's duties are to proceed when ordered on board ships on arrival to protect the revenue until their services are again dispensed with. When required, to assist the Landing Waiters in taking account of the discharge of cargo. In like manner to attend the loading of outward ships; to attend removals from one Bond to another; to attend to re-stowage of stores on vessels; to attend auction sales in Bond; to act as night watchmen on board ship, or on shore, as may be required; to ship powder and exports on vessels in stream.

(2.) No.

(3.) Special duties are any official or clerical duties required in the Customs other than those of a Tide Waiter.

(4.) Messrs. A. B. Taylor, R. J. Griffin, E. Elliott, A. R. Read, D. Dompsey, P. Brophy, J. C. Brown, J. Shaughnessy, J. J. Coates, W. Davies, W. H. Anson, W. C. Davies, J. F. M'Donnell, R. Dodwell, W. P. Dunshee, J. E. Smith, T. W. Connolly, J. White, M. D'Arcy, T. Miller, G. H. Singh, F. Crosthwaite, E. M'Conville, P. J. Davies, W. H. Sharples, J. C. Fussell, E. Osler, M. Mallon, W. R. Gainford, A. Tunks, R. Herring, J. S. Farnell, R. Somerville, H. Passmore, P. Rooney, R. Mooney. No qualifications are required of officers performing special duties but the capacity to fulfil them.

(6.) Steamship "Lubra":—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that the Steamship "Lubra" arrived in this port on the 5th instant with a large deck cargo, and, after remaining twenty-four hours, proceeded to sea without being visited by the Tide Surveyors?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The steamer "Lubra," having on board a valuable lot of cattle from Victoria for Queensland, called at Sydney in distress for water. The Captain presented his papers at the Custom House, and he was allowed to proceed on his voyage without entering in and out. The proper flags were not exhibited on her arrival, so that the boarding officer was not aware of her arrival, and when he heard of it and went to look for her she was gone. Mr. Assistant Tide Surveyor Fay was aware of the arrival of this steamer, but did not board her to examine her stores, though specially employed for that duty.

(7.) Road near Mr. Badgery's property at Sutton Forest:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the line of Road decided upon at Sutton Forest, near the property of Mr. Henry Badgery, senior, be opened?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not the intention of the Government at present to take any further action as regards the opening of the road from M. McWilliam's 60 acres on Stone-quarry Creek to the road from Sutton Forest to Meryla and Shoalhaven, within C. Throsby's 700 acres, (which is supposed to be the road here referred to) owing to the fact that the persons for whose benefit it was intended object to its adoption; two of them on the grounds that it will take some of their own land in affording access to those beyond them, and two of them on general grounds.

(8.) Professional Staff in Railway Department:—Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that during the last five years the office professional staff of the Railway Department has made repeated applications, through the Engineer-in-Chief, which have been recommended by that officer, for improved classification and increased remuneration?

(2.) Is he aware that the gentlemen of this Department, nominally called Draftsmen, are in reality Assistant Engineers, and are employed as such in preparing designs, estimates, specifications, &c., for the various important works of the Department?

(3.) Will he take into his consideration the position of these officers; and will he be pleased to take some steps to ameliorate their condition on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief has repeatedly, but unavailingly, recommended certain officers of his Department for increased remuneration.

(2.) The officers designated as Draftsmen are employed upon duties ordinarily performed by Engineering Draftsmen.

(3.) Yes.

(9.) Decisions in regard to Conditional Purchases at Bingera:—Mr. Bawden, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The decision arrived at in the case of Jacob Steele, Conditional Purchaser, Bingera, 5 August, 1877, between lots Nos. 40 and 41, supposed to be within population boundary of Bingera?

(2.) The decision arrived at in the case of Denis M'Manus, Bingera, 300 acres, unimproved land on Bingera Run; application about May, 1877; five shillings per acre paid June, 1876, on this Conditional Purchase, and supposed to be on a proclaimed Gold Field outside the town, No. 381?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No such Conditional Purchases appear to have been made at Bingera, or any of the adjacent Land Offices, in the names, or on dates mentioned, or since the year 1875.

(10.) Harbour Works, Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken any, and what, steps to secure the services of Sir John Coode to inspect and report upon the Harbour Works of the Clarence River Heads, in accordance with the request of the Deputation which waited upon the Minister some short time since?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Government did put itself in communication with Sir John Coode, but the remuneration asked appeared to them to be so excessive that they reluctantly felt compelled to decline to accept his services.

(11.)

- (11.) Telegraph Line from Bulahdelah to Tea Gardens, Myall River :—Mr. Johnston asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 to cover the cost of construction of a Telegraphic line between Bulahdelah and Tea Gardens, Lower Myall River?
Mr. Burns answered,—No application has been made for the construction of a Telegraph line from Bulahdelah to the Tea Gardens, Lower Myall River. It is not probable that a sum of money will be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 for such a work.
- (12.) Police Protection at Back Creek Diggings, Barrington River :—Mr. Johnston asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has an application been made, or a petition presented, from Gold-miners and other Residents at Back Creek Diggings, Barrington River, asking for Police protection?
(2.) Will application or petition be granted; if so, when?
Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Should additional provision be made by Parliament for extra police, a constable will be placed at Barrington River; in the meantime instructions have been given to the constable at Gloucester to visit the place as frequently as his other duties will permit.
2. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—
(1.) By Sir Henry Parkes. From Inhabitants of the Suburban District of Leichhardt.
(2.) By Mr. Driver. From Inhabitants of the Suburban District of Redfern.
Petitions received.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Leary presented a Petition from George Mair, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors of the Electorate of The Murrumbidgee, praying that in the Bill now before the House provision may be made for the division of this Electorate, and for an additional Member.
Petition received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 29th January, 1878, in reference to complaints against W. S. Caswell, Esq., Police Magistrate of Moruya.
Ordered to be printed.
5. WILLIAM RYMAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MURRURUNDI (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Letters, Documents, and other Papers with reference to, and connected with, the Conditional Purchase of Crown Land made at Murrurundi by William Ryman, on the 31st August, 1876.
Question put and passed.
6. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th March from Borough Council of Paddington, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th March from H. M. Joseph, on behalf of Electors of Monaro, relative to the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Shepherd, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day in reference to Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of The Partition Bill.
10. THE PARTITION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be considered in Committee on Friday next.
11. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay; consideration in Committee of Resolutions ;—*until Friday, 29th March.*
(2.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading ;—
(3.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—
(4.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—
(5.) Common Carriers Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—
(6.) Mining Companies Bill; second reading ;—
(7.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee ;—
(8.) Grammar Schools; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 29th March.*

12. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the remainder of the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. Hoskins,
Dr. Bowker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pilcher,	
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Bawden.

Noes, 10.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Barbour,

Tellers.

Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Driver made his acknowledgments to the House.

13. RAILWAY FROM REDFERN TO THE CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters and Papers suggesting, as well as Plans depicting, schemes for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay received by the various Ministers for Public Works since 1st January, 1870.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19-MARCH, 1878.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 15th March, 1878, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Richard Driver, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize RICHARD DRIVER, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer, from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

“Given under my Hand, and the seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the forty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“HERCULES ROBINSON.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“MICHAEL FITZPATRICK.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Introduction of Bills by the Government:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government during next Session of Parliament to introduce Bills,—

(1.) For the conservation of water in the interior parts of the Colony?

(2.) To legalize the construction of Dams?

(3.) To amend the present Impounding Act?

(4.) To compel lessees of runs to pay half cost of fencing runs with their neighbours, the same as they have to do in Queensland and Victoria?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A measure of the character referred to will be introduced.

(2.) This matter will be included in the Bill last referred to.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) It is intended to bring in a Bill relative to dividing fences, which will apply generally.

(2.) Conditional Purchases at Armidale, Walcha, and certain other Land Offices:—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The total area of land selected, and number of selections made, from the 1st of March, 1876, to same date of 1877, and from the latter date to the 1st of March, 1878, at each of the following Land Offices, viz., Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House presently a Return of land selected after auction, as requested; and to-morrow I hope to lay upon the Table of the House a Return of land free-selected, as requested.

- (3.) Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Into what fund is the money paid which is received on account of paying patients in the Government Lunatic Asylums?
 - (2.) Is the Medical Superintendent at Gladesville allowed to act as a private medical practitioner in Sydney or elsewhere?
 - (3.) Have the Government determined upon building a large asylum at Garryowen?
 - (4.) Have they any professional advice respecting the inexpediency of massing more than 200 or 300 patients in one institution?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (2.) No special injunction appears to have been imposed on Dr. Manning; but, as a matter of fact, Dr. Manning does not act as a private medical practitioner in Sydney or elsewhere.
 - (3.) A former Government determined to do so; and this Government purpose carrying out the intention.
 - (4.) In this matter our predecessors were, I believe, acting under the advice of Dr. Manning, who has had a very large experience in the treatment of the insane.
- (4.) Letters from the Member for Hartley to the Government:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he cause a reply to be given to his letter of 14th April, 1877, having reference to land in dispute between Messrs. Harris and Davis?
 - (2.) And also a reply to his letter of 27th June, 1877, in regard to selection of John Archer?
 - (3.) And also to his letter of July 4th, 1877, having reference to Thomas Fleming's land, Fish River Creek?
 - (4.) And also to his letter, 23rd August, 1877, in reference to a road, Bogee to Capertee?
 - (5.) And also to his letters, 13th August, in regard to Racecourse and Cattle-track, Rylstone?
 - (6.) Also reply to his letter of October last, in regard to D. M'Lachlan's land near Rylstone?
 - (7.) And to his letter of 12th October last, in regard to a selection of W. Rich's at Combson, Rylstone?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No such letter has been received.
 - (2.) Yes; very shortly.
 - (3.) No such letter has been received.
 - (4.) Yes; in a day or two.
 - (5.) A reply has already been sent on the subject referred to.
 - (6.) Yes.
 - (7.) Yes.
- (5.) Conditional Purchase of John Capel Piedmont:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the report from the Conditional Inspector been received in the case of John Capel Piedmont, Barraba selection, at Warialda, 23 January, 1873, 160 acres, Anderson's Creek, county Murchison, parish Capel; if so, the nature thereof?
 - (2.) If not, the date the case was referred to him, and cause of delay in receipt thereof?
 - (3.) All the conditions and improvements having been fulfilled on this conditional purchase, when is it likely the deeds will be ready for delivery?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The report of the Inspector has not yet been furnished.
 - (2.) The case was included in a list of cases referred to the late Inspector Lord on the 11th October, 1875, and has been delayed for the reason stated in replies to previous questions by the Honorable Member. An Inspector has now been dispatched to the district, with instructions to deal with all cases in arrears.
 - (3.) The deed (as to which no special application has been received from the claimant) will be issued as soon as it shall have been certified that the conditions of purchase have been duly complied with.
- (6.) Mail Stations between Narrabri and Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application been made by R. J. Nowland, mail contractor, to be allowed to take up certain portions of land as Mail Stations between Narrabri and Walgett?
 - (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No decision can at present be arrived at, the information contained in the application being insufficient for the purpose of identifying the land required. Applicant has been so informed.
- (7.) Decisions in regard to certain Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—The decision arrived at in the following cases:—
- (1.) Jeremiah Barr's conditional purchase, Ulumbie, Walgett?
 - (2.) John Whiteman's conditional purchase No. 75-47 aln., No. 76-12,149, 7 July, 1877, Narrabri?
 - (3.) James Kerr's conditional purchase, 50 acres, 12 September, 1872, Walgett; balance paid Sergeant of Police on death of Police Magistrate; declarations made and for what reason land gazetted for sale?
 - (4.) Wm. Salter's conditional purchase, 6th August, 1874, on Bingera Reserve, No. 381, notified 21 August, 1874—Salter's selection having been made previous to the Reserve being gazetted?
 - (5.) W. A. Eather's pre-right in relation to L. Sharkey's 360 acres conditional purchase on Mowle's Creek, Co. Nandewar, Narrabri, taken up 15th February, 1877?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The selection of Jeremiah Barr has not yet been measured. The surveyor has been instructed, as intimated to the selector, to the care of Mr. Dangar, M.P., under date 11th December last, to make the measurement without delay, if the land is available.

(2.) John Whiteman's conditional purchase was declared void on the 9th July, 1877, as interfering with the purchase of another party; but, after further inquiry, the voidance was reversed on the 1st December last, and the case is now being further dealt with in the Survey Department. A favourable report on the selection has been received from the Inspector.

(3.) The selection of James Kerr was declared lapsed in October, 1876, owing to the non-transmission of the necessary declaration at the proper time; but the declaration was subsequently received, under a special representation, and has been referred, in the usual course, to the Inspector of the district for report.

(4.) The selection of William Salter was declared void, under date 3rd July, 1877, as being within the special area of the Bingera Gold Field, reserved from conditional purchase, and also on part of a prior mining lease. Part of the Reserve was thrown open, but not the part including this conditional purchase.

(5.) Eather's pre-lease is under consideration, and will be dealt with at once.

(8.) Reserve at Rose's Lagoon :—*Mr. Coonan*, on behalf of Mr. W. Davies, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Reserve at Rose's Lagoon, near Collector, been sold or leased; if so, to whom?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Village Reserve at Tarrago Lagoon has not been sold or leased.

(9.) Protestant Orphan School :—*Mr. Stuart* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Inspector of Public Charities been instructed to investigate and report upon certain charges made by the Matron of the Protestant Orphan School against some of the officers or servants of that Institution, and into counter-charges made against the Matron?

(2.) If the Inspector has investigated the matter, will the Colonial Secretary lay his report upon the Table?

(3.) If he has not so reported, is it the intention of the Government to call upon him to make such investigation and report?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—No; but J. S. Dowling, Esquire, one of the Metropolitan and Coast District Court Judges, was lately commissioned to investigate, and subsequently furnished his report, upon certain charges of a serious nature at the Protestant Orphan School, which apparently are the charges referred to by the Honorable Member. There will, therefore, be no occasion to call upon the Inspector of Charities to investigate and report on them; and there will be no objection to lay a copy of Judge Dowling's report upon the Table of this House.

(10.) Abattoirs at Glebe Island :—*Mr. Terry* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as alleged by the butchers, that the atmosphere of the Abattoirs is so impure as to render young meat slaughtered there unsaleable?

(2.) How many lambs and how many calves are slaughtered at the Abattoirs weekly?

(3.) Are the persons in charge of the Abattoirs men of a veterinary education, or skilled butchers; and if not, what have been their professions, trades, or employments before being appointed to the Abattoirs?

(4.) Is the situation of the Abattoirs such as to be healthful and wholesome respectively, or otherwise, to the citizens, and to the meat slaughtered there?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to remedy the existing inconveniences?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any such alleged fact.

(2.) The weekly average is—of lambs, 6; calves, 35.

(3.) Neither the Inspector nor the Assistant-Inspector of Abattoirs has received a veterinary education, nor are they skilled butchers; but the experience which they have had—the former over twenty-eight years, and the latter over ten years—in the management of the Abattoirs it is presumed sufficiently qualifies them for the performance of their duties.

(4.) There is no reason, as far as I am aware, to suppose that the situation of the Abattoirs is otherwise than healthful and wholesome.

(5.) The Government are taking steps to provide the necessary machinery for deodorizing the blood and desiccating or otherwise disposing of the offal; and steps are being taken to remedy such inconveniences as have been complained of.

(11.) Railway Siding near establishment of Hudson Brothers :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) By whose authority has a Siding been constructed on the Railway Line near the establishment of Hudson Brothers?

(2.) Is the said Siding on Government land?

(3.) At whose expense was it constructed?

(4.) Will not the construction of this Siding be a considerable advantage, from a pecuniary point of view, to Hudson Brothers in forwarding to the head station at Redfern any rolling stock they may manufacture for the Government?

(5.) Are the Government prepared to grant the same privilege to any other railway contractors whose premises may be adjacent to the Railway Lines of the Colony?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Application for this Siding was made on the 18th September last, and a survey having been made, and the Siding found practicable, the Commissioner for Railways, on the recommendation of the Engineer for Existing Lines, approved of its construction on the 8th January last.

(2.) The Siding is on Government land.

(3.) At the expense of Hudson Brothers.

(4.)

(4.) It will doubtless be of some advantage in this respect, but the chief advantage which will be derived will be from the facility which will be afforded to this firm of obtaining their supplies of timber by Railway from Darling Harbour instead of by the common road, and which will at the same time bring additional traffic to the railway.

(5.) Yes; railway contractors have already obtained this advantage, and on terms more favourable than those granted to Hudson Brothers.

(12.) Signal-men at Parramatta Railway Junction:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the two men employed on the Signal Station at the Parramatta Junction compelled to work twelve hours day and night, with the exception of Friday night and Saturday; and on these days are they compelled to do twenty-four hours work without any break; and what protection have they from the heat and rain?

(2.) If so, will he cause some fresh arrangement to be made to relieve these men of a portion of that work?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) On the 12th of last month the signal-men at Parramatta Junction requested that their hours of duty (twelve hours a day) might be reduced. The Commissioner directed another signal-man to be appointed, so that the hours of duty might be reduced to eight hours for each man.

(2.) The additional signal-man is being instructed in the duties, and directly he is thoroughly proficient the proposed arrangement will come into operation. It is not true that on Friday and Saturday the signal-men are required to work twenty-four hours without a break. Each man's hours average twelve a day, and these are to be reduced to eight hours. The protection afforded them from heat and rain is very good, consisting of a covered cabin sufficiently furnished.

(13.) Road from Tamworth to Bowling Alley Point:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the new line of Road from Tamworth to Bowling Alley Point be open for general traffic?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The road was opened on 15th August, 1877. See folio 3164 of *Government Gazette* of that date.

(14.) Sharp's Conditional Purchase at Sweepy's Creek:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has Mr. Sharp's selection at Sweepy's Creek, county of Wellington, been approved of; if not, how does the matter stand?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The cancellation of the selection had been recommended at the instance of certain persons interested in gold-mining, but it has been found that that course could not legally be taken, as the land was not occupied for mining purposes at the date of selection. This was communicated to the Mining Department on the 28th ultimo. No information has been received to warrant further action in the matter.

15. Mr. P. Brougham, Police Magistrate, Bingera:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any report from Mr. P. Brougham, Police Magistrate, Bingera, in reference to the report received from the Fijian Government, been received?

(2.) Will he lay this report upon the Table of the House, and cause it to be printed, when received?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes; I am informed it was received this morning, but I have not seen it.

(2.) I cannot answer this question until I shall have read the reply, which I have not yet had an opportunity of doing.

(16.) Mr. Mills, Presiding Officer at Election for The Bogan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a person named Mills employed as Presiding Officer at the late Election for The Bogan by the Returning Officer?

(2.) If so, has he been paid the fees due to him by the Returning Officer; and if not, why not?

(3.) If he has not been paid, will he give instructions that he be paid without delay?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The accounts for the Bogan Election were approved and forwarded to the Treasury for payment on the 15th instant. Mr. Mills was so apprised by telegram on same day.

(17.) Curator of Intestate Estates:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What sum of money was received by the Curator of Intestate Estates, as Curator of such Estates, during the years 1876 and 1877?

(2.) What sum, if any, has he to receive from such Estates for the years 1876 and 1877?

(3.) What per-centage does the Agent of the Curator receive for collecting money in Intestate Estates?

(4.) What was the total sum of money received by the Agent to the Curator of Intestate Estates as commission on such Estates during the years 1876 and 1877?

(5.) What sum of money, if any, has he yet to receive as commission out of such Estates for the years 1876 and 1877, the accounts of which are not yet completed?

(6.) Who is the Agent to the Curator in all these Estates?

(7.) What is the total amount of money received as commission by the Agent of the Curator of Intestate Estates since he was appointed to the office; also, the amount received as Travelling Expenses?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) 1876, £30,142 18s. 9d.; 1877, £14,615 5s. 9d.

(2.) The Curator is not aware of any outstanding amounts for these years.

(3.) Every agent receives 3 per cent.

(4.)

- (4.) As the Curator has ninety-six agents in the Colony, and as the question does not show which agent is referred to, he is unable to answer it.
- (5.) All accounts for 1876 and 1877 appear to have been completed.
- (6.) The Curator has no special agent; he has ninety-six agents in various portions of the Colony.
- (7.) As this question does not point out which agent is intended, the Curator cannot, of course, answer it.
3. FRANCIS O'MEARRA :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Francis O'Mearra, of Bathurst-street, Sydney, stating that he served for many years in the Police Force of this Colony, and rendered valuable services to the Government; that he is now old and in destitute circumstances; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
4. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEE :—Sir John Robertson presented a Petition from Farmers, Free Selectors, and others engaged in agricultural pursuits in the District of Mudgee, in favour of the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.
Petition received.
5. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from J. B. Oliffe, Junr., President of the Licensed Victuallers Association of Sydney, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
6. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Borough of Paddington, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
7. OYSTER FISHERIES :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from Residents of Camden Haven, complaining of certain evils connected with the culture of the Oyster; and praying the House to take steps to remedy the evils complained of.
Petition received.
8. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL :—Mr. Macintosh having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Angus Fletcher William Wilberforce Fraser Charles Campbell Colin Ross Peter M'Gregor and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the Town of Inverell in the Colony of New South Wales held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
9. PAPERS :—
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Schedule of Lands selected after auction at Armidale, Bingera, and certain other Land Offices, from 1st March, 1876, to 1st March, 1877, and from 1st March, 1877, to 1st March, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Report from the Agent for Immigration respecting the ship "Lochee," and the disposal of the Immigrants by that vessel.
Ordered to be printed.
10. PATRICK NUGENT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Day 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 Conditional Purchase made by Patrick Nugent.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Leary, Mr. Baker, Mr. F. B. Sutor, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Return to Order in reference to the case, laid upon the Table on 2nd July, 1877, be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
11. ANN JANE COX'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Coonan 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 Conditional Purchase made by Ann Jane Cox at Dubbo, on Inglegar Creek.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Bowman, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
12. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March from the Inhabitants of Leichhardt, relative to Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
13. WATER RESERVE AT LINDSAY'S POINT, NEW ENGLAND (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Letters, and Reports from the local surveyor, or other persons, in connection with the cancellation of Water Reserve No. 175, situate at Lindsay's Point, on Mr. Belfield's run, in the district of New England; likewise, the same information in regard to the re-gazetting of said Reserve.
Question put and passed.
14. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Leary moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March from George Mair, the Mayor, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors of The Murrumbidgee, relative to a division of the Electorate of The Murrumbidgee, and for an additional Member, be printed.
Question put and passed.

15. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th March, from Inhabitants of Redfern, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
16. SEWER ALONG BOURKE-STREET TO SHEA'S CREEK:—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates of the present year the sum of £20,000 for the construction of a public Sewer along Bourke-street to Shea's Creek, as recommended by the Sewage and Health Board, and approved by Mr. Clark, Hydraulic Engineer.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Coonan,	
Mr. J. Davies,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Day,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Beyers,	
Dr. Bowker,	

And so it passed in the negative.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
18. LIGHTHOUSE AT SOUTH HEAD:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports, Letters, and Minutes connected with the condition of the Lighthouse at South Head, or bearing upon the necessity for a new Lighthouse or improved lights thereat, and the estimate for the cost of such new Lighthouse or lights.
Question put and passed.
19. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—Mr. Charles moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to make provision for an Annuity or Pension for the widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Eckford,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hungerford.
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. HUTCHINSON v. KELLIER AND LYNN:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Depositions in the libel case of Hutchinson *versus* Kellier and Lynn, together with a copy of the Attorney General's reasons for refusing to file a criminal information against the accused.
Question put and passed.
21. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraph Site, Bathurst:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the old Telegraph Site in Bathurst be handed over to the Council of Education, in accordance with the promise made by the Secretary for Lands on the 7th February, 1876?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Road Superintendent has this day been instructed to give up possession.

(2.) Messrs. Smith & Wells, Auctioneers:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Did Messrs. Smith & Wells sell a quantity of unclaimed goods at the Sydney Railway Station during the month of January; if so, by whose order, and what was the amount realized by such sale?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not known whether these goods were sold by the firm of Smith & Wells. The Commissioner, on the 31st December last, requested Mr. Wells to sell, and the account sales are made out in his name only. £11 1s. 9d. was realized by the sale. The auctioneer's commission was £1 1s.

2. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Cameron. From Inhabitants of the Borough of Balmain.

(2.) By Mr. Farnell. From Freeholders and Householdors in the City of Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Driver. From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Leichhardt.

Petitions received.

3. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Macintosh. From Citizens of Sydney.

(2.) By Mr. Hungerford. From Members of St. Barnabas Church, Parramatta-street.

(3.) By Mr. J. Davies. From Residents of Sydney.

(4.) By Mr. Harris. From Residents of Pyrmont.

(5.) By Mr. Cameron. From the Minister, Members, and others, of the Baptist Church, Bourke-street.

(6.) By Mr. Dillon. From Officers and Members of H.M. Ship "Sapphire" Independent Order of Good Templars, and others.

(7.) By Mr. Jacob. From the Resident Chaplain and Students of Camden College, Newtown, and others.

(8.) By Mr. Lackey. From the Minister, Members, and others, of the Presbyterian Church, Palmer-street.

Petitions received.

4. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGE:—Sir John Robertson presented the following Petitions, praying for the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudge:—

(1.) From W. B. Suttor, junr., Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Hargraves.

(2.) From James Atkinson, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Mudgee.

(3.) From the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Windeyer.

(4.) From R. N. Collins, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Gulgong.

(5.) From Inhabitants of Gulgong.

Petitions received.

5. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO QUEENSLAND BORDER:—Mr. Dillon presented a Petition from W. Swanson, Mayor of Inverell, on behalf of a Public Meeting of Residents of Inverell and the surrounding Districts, in favour of the route *viâ* Manilla, Bundarra, Inverell, and Vegetable Creek, in preference to that *viâ* Armidale.

Petition received.

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6. FRANCIS O'MEARRA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March from Francis O'Mearra, of Sydney, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEES (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th instant, relative to the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March from J. B. Oliffe, junior, President of the Council of the Licensed Victuallers Association of Sydney, relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March from Inhabitants of Borough of Paddington, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. OYSTER FISHERIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. R. B. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March from Residents of Camden Haven, relative to Oyster Fisheries, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Inverell Free Church of Eastern Australia Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Charles, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Leary, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Day, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. Davies, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
12. MINERAL LEASES, VEGETABLE CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the mineral lands held by lease, or application for mineral lease, in the Vegetable Creek Division of the Clarence and New England Mining District at any time during the last six years; and also of the money received by the Government for these lands.
Question put and passed.
13. MAIL ROUTE BETWEEN WEST MAITLAND, PATERSON, AND DUNGOG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all further Petitions, Minutes, and Correspondence having reference to the proposed Mail Route between Paterson and Dungog, from West Maitland.
Question put and passed.
14. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, SINGLETON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents in reference to the purchase of the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office in Singleton.
Question put and passed.
15. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) 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 23rd January, 1878.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Driver then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 29th March.
Question put and passed.
16. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20th March, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Preamble, line 33. After "them" insert "And whereas the said grant was issued in pursuance of a promise of a grant made in or about the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three And whereas by a proclamation under the hand and seal of His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy the then Governor of New South Wales published in the *Government Gazette* of the twenty-ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty all reservations of mines of coal contained in grants of land issued during the respective Reigns of their Majesties King George the Fourth King William "the

“ the Fourth and Her present Majesty Queen Victoria were abandoned And whereas
 “ a reservation to the Crown of all coal mines was by inadvertence inserted in the
 “ said recited grant of the fifteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
 “ nine And whereas on the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and
 “ seventy-seven there was endorsed on the said grant under the hand and seal of His Excel-
 “ lency Sir Hercules Robinson the Governor of the said Colony a cancellation of the said
 “ reservation And whereas doubts have arisen whether such cancellation is valid”

Page 2, Preamble, line 40. *After* “ provided” *insert* “ Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most
 “ Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and
 “ Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority
 “ of the same as follows” :—

Page 2, clause 1, line 41. *Insert* new clause 1, viz. :—

“ The reservation of coal and coal mines and the right to search for dig take and
 “ carry away the same contained in the said recited grant of the fifteenth day of February
 “ one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine is hereby cancelled released and abandoned.”

Reservation of
 coal mines in
 grant of 1859
 cancelled.

Page 2, clause 1, now 2, line 41. *Omit* “ Be it enacted that”

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into
 consideration on Friday, 5th April.

17. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the
 Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit
 again.

18. METROPOLITAN CATTLE SALE-YARDS :—Mr. Lackey, 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 12th February, 1878.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow, at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
 Speaker.



New South Wales

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the plans and particulars of new line of Road from Narrabri to Walgett (south side of the Namoi River), marked and surveyed by Mr. Surveyor C. J. McMaster, by order of the Government, been received?

(2.) If so, when will this road be proclaimed and opened up by law to the public?

(3.) Is it intended, and have or will instructions be issued to Mr. Surveyor McMaster, through the District Surveyor, for a similar road on the north side of the Namoi River; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) So soon as the pressure upon the Department will allow of the examination of the plans.

(3.) Nothing is known of the necessity for such survey.

- (2.) William Colley's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at in the case of William Colley's, 320 acres conditional purchase, Namoi River, Walgett District, surveyed by and reported on by Mr. Surveyor McMaster?

(2.) Will Colley be granted an extension of time for improvements from date of survey and report, or how will, or has, the case been dealt with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The case of William Colley, who applied for 320 acres at Wee Waa, is probably that alluded to. There is no pending question for decision as to the eligibility of the conditional purchase, except as to the charting of a road.

(2.) The application for extension of the time for making improvements to three years from the date of survey will be complied with.

- (3.) M. Cavanagh's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at in the case of M. Cavanagh's conditional purchase, 50 acres, on Dandry Creek, Coonabarabran, the same having been surveyed by Surveyor Chatfield, cutting off all his improvements, valued at £200?

(2.) Is it intended to allow Cavanagh to have these improvements (plan and letter forwarded, 17/12/77)?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The case has not yet come before me for a decision, the plan and report having only recently been received from the surveyor. A minute thereon from the Survey Branch, bearing the present date, has however been received, and will have early attention.

- (4.) Road from Muswellbrook to Wybong Creek:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When do the Government intend to have the Road from Muswellbrook to Wybong Creek, through Pike's and Macintosh's sections, cleared and repaired?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any deviation of this road, so as to take it out of Pike's section, south-westerly, to meet the Bridge at Merry's Crossing?

(3.) If so, is he aware that if this deviation is made, a number of selectors report that their property will be reduced in value by this deviation?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) When the Appropriation Act is passed the necessary works, as far as funds admit, will be done on this road.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes.

(5.) Volunteer Land Order to Mr. J. B. Bamford :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to grant a Volunteer Land Order to Mr. J. B. Bamford, lately a member of the Volunteer Force?

(2.) Is it not a fact that Sir Henry Parkes introduced a Bill proposing to grant a Land Order to Mr. Bamford and others?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) A Land Order cannot legally issue without special legislation to Mr. Bamford. His case and some few others will be provided for in a Bill next Session.

(2.) Yes; but the Bill did not become law.

(6.) Mr. N. P. Bayly, of Havilah :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are not the parishes of Botobolar, Boogledie, and Bumberra, county of Wellington, within a proclaimed Gold Field, and only open to conditional purchase under the 14th section of Lands Act?

(2.) Is it not a fact that Mr. N. P. Bayly, of Havilah, has made numerous applications, in virtue of Volunteer Land Orders, for land in the above parishes, which have from time to time been measured and allowed to him, although Volunteer Land Order applications are not legally allowed, the said parishes being a Gold Field only open to free selection under the 14th section of Lands Act—the Volunteer Regulation Act only giving power to take up land open to selection under the 13th clause?

(3.) Will he at once cancel all lands taken up by Mr. N. P. Bayly, in virtue of Volunteer Land Orders, in above parishes, which are within the Gold Fields Reserve?

(4.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Bayly has made a number of applications to purchase lands in above parishes in virtue of improvements?

(5.) Will he give immediate instructions to the Land Agent to put a stop to this practice, and not receive such applications from Mr. Bayly?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; all of Boogledie, Botobolar, and nearly all of Bumberra.

(2.) Yes; and allowed upon withdrawal from the Gold Field.

(3.) All that have been ascertained to be within the Gold Field have been submitted for consideration, the Gold Fields Warden having reported in nearly every instance that the sale would not interfere with mining interests.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Applications for improvements are not made through the Land Agent.

(7.) Railway from Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it intended to open the Great Southern Railway from Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is expected that the length from Cootamundra to Bethungra (15 miles) will be open for traffic about the end of next month; and the remainder of the extension—from Bethungra to Wagga Wagga—will probably be completed about the end of next September.

(8.) Marine Board :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many members constitute the Marine Board?

(2.) Is either of them absent from the Colony; if so, for what length of time has such member been absent, and does the Government know when he is expected to return to the Colony?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps in the matter, so as to cause the vacancy occasioned by such absence to be filled up?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Seven.

(2.) One of them has been absent from the Colony since May, 1876. He is expected to return in August next.

(3.) The only course open to the Government in the absence of resignation by the holder of the office is to remove him therefrom; but, in view of his anticipated return, it is not their present intention to take any immediate steps in that direction.

(9.) Land Sale at Walgett :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the unsold allotments in the town of Walgett be submitted for sale, in accordance with a petition sent to the Minister for Lands from the inhabitants thereof, dated 10 December, 1877?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The unsold allotments in the town of Walgett were advertised for sale at Walgett for the 27th February, 1878. The result of such sale is not yet known, as the sale list has not been returned by the Crown Land Agent.

2. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Taylor. From Residents of Parramatta.

(2.) By Mr. Stephen Brown. From Residents of Camperdown.

(3.) By Mr. Stephen Brown. From Band of Courage Presbyterians, Glebe, and others.

(4.) By Mr. Macintosh. From Members and others of the Congregational Church, Bourke-street, Surry Hills.

(5.) By Mr. J. Davies. From the Minister and Members of the Presbyterian Church, Glebe, and others.

(6.)

- (6.) By Mr. J. Davies. From the Gladstone Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, Botany-street School Room, Surry Hills.
- (7.) By Mr. Lynch. From Residents of the Town of Orange.
- (8.) By Mr. Webb. From the Minister and Members of the Mission Chapel, Liverpool and Sussex Streets.
- (9.) By Mr. Dangar. From Office-bearers and Members of the Young Men's Christian Association.
- (10.) By Mr. W. C. Browne. From the Officers and Members of the Crystal Spring Lodge of Good Templars.
- (11.) By Mr. Bennett. From the Officers and Members of the Dayspring Lodge of Good Templars.
- (12.) By Mr. R. B. Smith. From the Minister and Members of the Baptist Church, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
Petitions received.
3. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Sutherland. From Inhabitants of the Suburban District of Woollahra.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
- (2.) By Mr. W. C. Browne. From Inhabitants of the Borough of Darlington.
Petition received.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from Electors and Residents of the Electoral District of Orange, praying for increased representation in Parliament.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
5. MR. E. W. RUDDER:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from E. W. Rudder, alleging that he had a part in the discovery of Gold in this Colony; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from Residents of Balmain, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th March from certain Inhabitants of East Sydney, relative to the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from the Borough of Leichhardt, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from the Chaplain and Students of Camden College, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Sir John Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the five Petitions presented by him on 20th March, in favour of a Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. EXTENSION OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO QUEENSLAND BORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from W. Swanson, Mayor of Inverell, on behalf of the Inhabitants of Inverell, relative to Extension of Great Northern Railway to Queensland Border, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's decision had been obtained thereon.
The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—
On the Committee proceeding to deal with the Bill, objection was taken to its further progress, on the ground that the fourth clause involved an expenditure of public money, and that the Bill had not been recommended by a Message from the Governor;—and Mr. Greenwood submitted for his decision the following Point of Order,—
The Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1858, and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts, is improperly before the Committee, inasmuch as the cost for the additional elections provided for therein imposes an additional charge upon the Revenue, and the said Bill was not introduced by Message from His Excellency the Governor.
Upon which he gave his opinion that the Bill involved a charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and, not having been recommended by a Message from the Governor, was improperly before the Committee.
Mr. Speaker sustained the decision of the Chairman.

12. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the report be now adopted.

Point of Order:—Mr. Webb requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill—having been introduced and treated as a *Public Bill*—was properly before the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled in the affirmative.

The House then adopted the report of the Committee, and ordered that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 postponed, to follow after Order No. 5.

14. VOLUNTEERS GRANTS REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Land, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did John Terry Hughes, on the 15th of August, 1839, purchase an allotment of Crown Land, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, Sydney, upon the express condition that he should construct an archway over the Tank Stream, according to a plan deposited in the office of the Town Surveyor; and on the further condition that he should erect a first-class building on the said land within two years from the 15th August, 1839?

(2.) Did John Terry Hughes carry out either of the above conditions?

(3.) Did John Terry Hughes receive from the Crown a deed of conveyance conveying to him the said allotment of Crown Land, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, purchased upon the express conditions that he should construct an archway over the Tank Stream and erect a first-class building on the said land within two years from the 15th August, 1839; and if so, state date of such conveyance, and the consideration expressed in the deed of conveyance.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; grant dated 23 December, 1839, which included condition to construct an archway over Tank Stream and erect a first-class building; quit rent, one farthing. The building conditions attached to this allotment have been rescinded. *Vide* Colonial Secretary's letter, No. 48/543, of 20th November, 1848, a copy of which is hereto appended:—

“Colonial Secretary's Office,

“Sydney, 20 November, 1848.

“Sir,

“I do myself the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to release the allotments of land sold by the Government in Bridge-street from the building conditions attached to them.

“The Surveyor General.

“I have, &c.,

(Signed.)

“E. DEAS-THOMSON.”

(2.) Clerks in Traffic Manager's Office :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many clerks are employed in the Traffic Manager's Office; what are their names; dates of appointment; and amount of salary?

(2.) Is it true that a Mr. Ware has lately been appointed a clerk in the Traffic Manager's Office, and is in receipt of 10s. per diem; if so, by whom was he recommended; and is not his salary considerably more than that of clerks who have been some years in the same office?

(3.) Is it part of the duties of Mr. George Evans, who has lately been appointed Superintendent of Goods at Sydney, to take charge of Special Passenger Trains; if so, who discharges his duties in his absence—did the present Traffic Manager when Goods Superintendent undertake such duties?

(4.) Is it true that by a minute of the late Secretary for Works (Mr. Combes), Mr. E. Higgs was appointed Inspector of the Western Line, at a salary of £350 per annum, with 12s. per diem for expenses when travelling; and is it true that since the 1st January last he has only received at the rate of £300 per annum, with 8s. 6d. per diem for travelling expenses; if this is the case, by whom were the reductions made?

(5.) Are the Supplementary Orders, entitled “Regulations for Single Line working by Telegraph,” dated 4th February, 1878, and issued by the Commissioner for Railways, in accordance with Rule Book, dated 1st June, 1877, and signed by the late Commissioner, Mr. John Rae?

Mr.

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) There are seven clerks employed, viz. :—Sydney Smith, first appointed March, 1870; present salary, 12s. a day; acting on trial as first clerk. G. H. Mingaye, appointed March, 1874; present salary, 12s. a day. H. Braithwaite, appointed April, 1875; present salary, £175 per annum. George Andrews, appointed December, 1874; present salary, £175 per annum. J. J. Ware, appointed May, 1877; present salary, 10s. per day. Mc V. Falconer, appointed January, 1875; present salary, 8s. per day. C. A. Smithers, appointed November, 1873; present salary, 8s. per day.

(2.) Mr. Ware was appointed in May, 1877, on the recommendation of the Traffic Manager; he is receiving 2s. a day more than Messrs. Falconer and Smithers. Mr. Ware is an experienced railway clerk, and his services are more valuable than are those of Messrs. Falconer and Smithers, who are not at present competent to perform the work of the office as efficiently as Mr. Ware.

(3.) It is not the duty of Mr. Evans to take charge of Special Passenger Trains, unless required by the Traffic Manager to do so. When Mr. Carlisle was Goods Superintendent he was not required to undertake this duty.

(4.) Mr. Secretary Combes, on the 23rd November last, approved of the salaries of the Inspectors being raised to £350 a year; but no provision was made for the increased amount, and nothing was said about travelling allowance. Mr. Higgs, in common with the other Inspectors, has been paid at the rate of £300 a year since the 1st January, because Parliament has made provision for their salaries, &c., at that rate only. As regards travelling allowance, the rate paid in 1873 was 4s. a night. In November of that year I approved of the rate being increased to 7s. 6d. a night. In October, 1875, the Commissioner for Railways (without obtaining Ministerial sanction) raised the allowance from 7s. 6d. to 12s. a night. On the 25th ultimo, the question of travelling allowance to the Railway employes was brought under my attention, and while approving of the allowances to enginemen and guards being raised from 2s. to 3s. a night, I considered it desirable to reduce, from the 1st instant, the allowance made to Inspectors from 12s. to 8s. 6d. a night, especially as it was found that they travelled frequently at night, and that 8s. 6d. would fully cover all expenses which the Department should be called upon to pay. I may add, that this allowance was made to apply to all the Inspectors, and not exclusively to Mr. Higgs.

(5.) The Regulations for Single Line working by Telegraph are in accordance with the Rule Book alluded to; and the Railway Staff have been informed by General Order that they are to be considered as part of the same.

(3.) Collision between steamers "Challenge" and "New England":—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—In regard to the law expenses incurred by the Board in the case of the collision between the steamers "Challenge" and "New England,"—Is it known that one of the gentlemen adjudicating on the case was a director or shareholder interested in one of the steamers, and that another was a director in one of the Insurance Companies; if so, will he take steps to prevent such persons from taking part in matters they are interested in?

Mr. Cohen answered,—One of the gentlemen was a shareholder in the Company owning one of the steamers, and another was the manager, not a director, of one of the Insurance Companies, but held no pecuniary interest therein. No monetary stake was involved in the Board's inquiry. It was instituted solely with regard to the conduct of the officers in charge of the respective ships. No members of the Board have taken any part in such cases in which they are interested, however indirectly, since the Supreme Court decision on this matter nearly two years ago.

(4.) Telegraph Line from Blayney to Orange:—Mr. Lynch asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Telegraph Line from Blayney to Orange is disconnected?

(2.) How is it that Telegrams from Blayney to Orange have to be sent round by Bathurst?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the Telegraph Line from Blayney to Orange is disconnected.

(2.) Blayney has direct communication with Orange; but it is sometimes more expeditious to send messages *via* Bathurst when the direct line is crowded with business. I may add, that arrangements are in progress for placing the Orange and Blayney business on a less busy line.

(5.) R. Patterson's Conditional Purchase, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a final decision been arrived at in the case of R. Patterson, Narrabri, 200 acres conditional purchase, July 1st, 1875, which was not surveyed for thirteen months after being taken up; and if so, the nature thereof?

(2.) Will Patterson be allowed to purchase without competition, or in any way, the frontage to his ground between lots 170 and 171?

(3.) Will the case be again submitted to the surveyor of the district for further report?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The applicant was informed, on the 1st June, 1877, that his selection had been measured in accordance with his description, and could not be amended without encroaching on the population boundary of the town of Narrabri, which would be illegal.

(2.) The only way in which the land within the boundary referred to can be purchased is by auction.

(3.) The surveyor of the district has been instructed to report whether any objection exists to the sale by auction of the land between portions 170 and 171.

(6.) Bridge over South Creek, at Windsor:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. Bowman, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to call for Tenders for the new Bridge over South Creek, at Windsor?

Mr. Burns answered,—In a few days.

(7.)

(7.) Mr. Chapman, Agent to Curator of Intestate Estates :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In what year was Mr. Chapman appointed Agent to the Curator of Intestate Estates ?

(2.) What is the total amount of commission received by him as Agent to the Curator of Intestate Estates since his appointment to date ?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) 1875.

(2.) Including the sum of £480 received by Mr. Chapman in Hancock's Estate, the total amount received by him as Sydney Agent from his appointment to the present date is £778 8s. 4d.

(8.) Mr. Carlisle, Acting Traffic Manager :—Mr. Hungerford asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Did Mr. Carlisle, Acting Traffic Manager, after the Working Orders were withdrawn, issue instructions that the Line Clear Reports were to be observed as formerly ; and if so, will the Government lay the papers referring to the matter upon the Table of the House ?

Mr. Burns answered,—It appears that Mr. Carlisle made some inquiry as to whether Rule 152 was being observed, Mr. Watson, the Telegraph Line Inspector, having informed him that some of the Station-masters were not complying with it. Inspector Higgs was instructed to see to the matter ; and Station-masters at Mount Victoria, Blue Mountains, Katoomba, and Clarence Siding were also telegraphed to by Mr. Carlisle. Some correspondence was carried on from that date (1st December) till 29th January on the subject, but nothing definite appears to have been arranged. I will lay copies of the papers upon the Table.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address, adopted on 6th July, 1877, in reference to Immigration,—ship "Tyburnia."
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL :—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—
 - (1.) By Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*). From Employés of Atlas Iron Works, Pyrmont.
 - (2.) By Mr. J. Davies. From Thomas Gainford, Chairman of a Public Temperance Meeting held at the Mariners Church, Sydney.
 - (3.) By Mr. McElhone. From Officers and Members of the Life-boat Lodge Good Templars.
 - (4.) By Mr. Greville. From Residents of Ashfield.
Petitions received.
4. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL :—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Borough of The Glebe, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
5. THE LAND LAW :—Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from Thomas Baird, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Selectors, Freeholders, and others, of Dubbo, in favour of the maintenance of Reserves, and against the stoppage of Sales by Auction of Crown Lands ; and praying the House to take the subject into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
6. TANKS AND RESERVES BETWEEN NARBEN AND BARWIN RIVERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Correspondence, and Surveyors Reports that may have been received on the subject of Tanks and Reserves between the Narren and Barwin Rivers, at Baradine and Bulgan, and between Moree and Narrabri.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motions*) :—
 - (1.) *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Inhabitants of Woollahra, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Inhabitants of the Borough of Darlington, in favour of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Electors of Orange, relative to Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. MR. E. W. RUDDER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st March from Mr. E. W. Rudder, relative to the services rendered by him to the Country in connection with the discovery of gold in 1851, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL (*Formal Motions*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Residents of Parramatta, in favour of the passing of the Bill for amending the Licensing Act and closing of Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 21st March from the Inhabitants of Camperdown and The Glebe respectively, relative to the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

- (3.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Members of Congregational Church, Bourke-street, in favour of Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Presbyterian Church, Glebe, in favour of the passing of the Amended Liquor Licensing Act and the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (5.) Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Members and Officers of Good Templars Gladstone Lodge, in favour of the passing of the Amended Liquor Licensing Act and the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (6.) *Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Lynch, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Residents of Orange, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (7.) *Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Webb, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Members of the Mission Church, Liverpool and Sussex Streets, Sydney, relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (8.) Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Young Men's Christian Association, in favour of Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (9.) Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from the Crystal Spring Lodge of Good Templars, Sussex-street, relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (10.) Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st March from Dayspring Lodge of Good Templars, Devonshire-street, relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (11.) Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st March from the Minister and Members of the Baptist Church, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (12.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from Citizens of Sydney, in favour of Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (13.) Mr. Hungerford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from Members of St. Barnabas Church, in favour of Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (14.) Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from Residents of Sydney, in favour of the passing of the Bill for amending the Licensing Act and the closing of all Public-houses on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (15.) *Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Harris, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (16.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th March from Members of the Bourke-street Baptist Church, Sydney, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (17.) Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th March from Officers and Seamen of H.M.S. "Sapphire," relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (18.) *Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th March, in favour of the Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1878.*

12. PRIMARY EDUCATION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Greenwood,—

“(1.) ‘That,’ in the opinion of this House, the existing provision for Primary Education in this Colony is not adequate to the requirements of the public welfare.

“(2.) That as early as possible a measure should be introduced by the Government providing for the compulsory attendance at State Schools, within a reasonable distance, of all children not physically or mentally incapacitated, between the ages of six and fifteen years, unless receiving suitable instruction elsewhere, or able to read and write; for the abolition of fees for all subjects of instruction included in the compulsory standard; and for the discontinuance, after due notice, of aid from public funds in support of Denominational Schools.

“(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words after the word “That,” in the 1st Resolution be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Public Schools Act of 1866, and to collect information as to the character and working of the Educational Systems of the adjoining Colonies and other Countries.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Leary, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover,”—

Mr. Driver moved, That this Order of the Day be “postponed until Friday next.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. McElhone moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words “postponed until Friday next,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “discharged from the paper.”

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question for the postponement of the Order of the Day, by leave, withdrawn.

The House then resumed the adjourned Debate on the Order of the Day.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the existing provision for Primary Education in this Colony is not adequate to the requirements of the public welfare.

(2.) That as early as possible a measure should be introduced by the Government providing for the compulsory attendance at State Schools, within a reasonable distance, of all children not physically or mentally incapacitated, between the ages of six and fifteen years, unless receiving suitable instruction elsewhere, or able to read and write; for the abolition of fees for all subjects of instruction included in the compulsory standard; and for the discontinuance, after due notice, of aid from public funds in support of Denominational Schools.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—and negatived.

13. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. Davies moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

“That such Committee consist of Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Charles, Mr. Merriman, and the Mover.”

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

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

Question then,—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

That such Committee consist of Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Charles, Mr. Merriman, and the Mover,—put and passed.

14. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled “*An Act to extend the Act Seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony.*”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd March, 1878.

15. THE PARTITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

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| (1) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading;— | <i>until Tuesday next.</i> |
| (2) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | } <i>until Friday, 5th April.</i> |
| (3) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | |
| (4) Common Carriers Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | } <i>until Tuesday next.</i> |
| (5) Mining Companies Bill; second reading;— | |
| (6) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | } <i>until Friday, 5th April.</i> |
| (7) Mrs. Maria Charlotte Plunkett; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | |

17. VOLUNTEERS GRANTS REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, *passed.*

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867' as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867' as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd March, 1878.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Josiah Turner's Conditional Purchase, Urana:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did one Josiah Turner select at Urana, during October, 1876, portion 4 in the parish of Broome, which portion was afterwards claimed as an improvement purchase?

(2.) Has such improvement purchase been refused?

(3.) If so, what is the reason for delay in dealing with Mr. Turner's application?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) There has been no delay in dealing with Turner's application, which stands correct in the register of the Lands Office.

(2.) Messrs. Hastings Conditional Purchase, Balranald:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Messrs. R. and P. Hastings select at Balranald, during July, 1877, land previously applied for by the Crown lessee illegally under 31st clause?

(2.) Has such 31st clause application been cancelled?

(3.) If so, is it his intention to uphold the selection of the Messrs. Hastings?

(4.) Will the Messrs. Hastings be informed without further delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 19th July, 1877, the applications being for land applied for on the previous day under the 31st clause.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The case has only recently been reported on by the Survey Department. As far as I can judge, from the casual investigation I have been able to make of the matter, the Messrs. Hastings selections should be upheld; but there appear to be one or two features in the case requiring careful consideration.

(4.) They will be informed of the decision as soon as one has been arrived at.

(3.) James Brown's Conditional Purchase, Molong:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did James Brown select at Molong early in 1876?

(2.) Was this selection afterwards found to interfere with a Reserve?

(3.) Was report received from Licensed Surveyor Machattie, recommending the revocation of part of the same Reserve, so as to allow re-selection by Brown?

(4.) Has action been taken since this recommendation to eject Brown; if so, by whose authority?

(5.) Has plan of Brown's selection, by Licensed Surveyor Biddulph, been received?

(6.) If so, when will action be taken to relieve Brown from further suspense, and liability to be treated as a trespasser?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes, on 25th ultimo.

(4.) Instructions were issued through the Occupation Branch for the removal of the selector, but suspended on the circumstances being brought to my notice.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) To give effect to the decision arrived at in this case, the partial cancellation of the Reserve will be necessary to allow of Brown's re-selecting. The papers are now being dealt with in the Charting Branch of the Surveyor General's Office with that view. (4.)

(4.) Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What number of special or private surveys has Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst, Tamworth, executed between the 1st of January and 31st December, 1877?

(2.) Of what nature are such surveys, and where situated?

(3.) Have reports of all the surveys as executed by Mr. Dewhurst during the period referred to above been received by the Minister for Lands?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No special or private surveys have been authorized, and none are supposed to have been made.

(5.) Reserves for Public Purposes and Recreation, Moree:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to grant Recreation and Racecourse Ground, applied for 27/7/77, at Moree; if so, the particulars?

(2.) Also to grant increased Permanent Commonage to the town of Moree?

(3.) Also sites for Mechanics Institute and Hospital, Moree, applied for 27/7/77; if so, particulars?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There is at present some difficulty in granting land for a Racecourse, which it is proposed to remove by legislation.

(2.) No; the Honorable Member was officially so informed by letter of 10th July last.

(3.) This case awaits report from the surveyor.

(6.) Land for Church of England Purposes, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to grant and dedicate, as promised and marked upon Narrabri lithograph of the town, 2 acres, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 17 of section 4, in the town of Narrabri, to Church of England purposes; also, the lot exchanged for the Post and Telegraph Office site in that town,—vesting the same in the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale and Trustees, in accordance with Mr. C. J. Druitt's letter of 30 October, 1877, to the Minister for Lands?

Mr. Farnell answered,—These matters only await a reply to a reference made to the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, until receipt of which nothing further can be done.

(7.) Reserves for Public Purposes and Recreation, Warialda:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to grant a Racecourse to Warialda, in accordance with application and plan forwarded 27th July, 1877?

(2.) Also, Recreation and Cricket Ground (section 74), in accordance with application and plan forwarded 27th July, 1877, facing Day, Queen, Riddell, and Nicholson Streets?

(3.) Also, site for Warialda Mechanics Institute, applied for 27th July, 1877?

(4.) What steps have been taken in these matters; have they been referred to surveyor for measurement, or will they be?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) To this question I must give the Honorable Member the same reply as I gave just now in reference to the application for a racecourse at Moree.

(2, 3, and 4.) Both these cases are awaiting report of the District Surveyor.

(8.) Roads to Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that in many cases persons have selected land who cannot get roads to their selections on account of their number being too small to entitle them to a road under the Parish Roads Act?

(2.) When the Government introduce their Land Bill, do they intend to reserve the right in it to give the Government power to grant roads in cases such as that mentioned in question numbered 1?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There have been cases of the nature referred to.

(2.) It is not a matter to be dealt with in a Land Bill; but it will be considered when introducing a Bill to amend the present Roads Act.

(9.) Reserves for Public Purposes and Recreation, Bingera:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to grant a Racecourse to the inhabitants of Bingera, 200 acres, in accordance with application and plan sent to the Minister for Lands, 27th July, 1877, being part of Reserve for extension of public recreation, a corner within town boundary, and part of permanent common, and to vest same in trustees?

(2.) Also, Cricket and Recreation Ground, applied for 20th July, 1877, with plan, part of Reserve for extension of public recreation, facing Cunningham-street?

(3.) Also, site for Mechanics Institute at Bingera, applied for 27th July, 1877, allot. 7 of sec. 40, facing Riddell-street?

(4.) Have or will instructions be issued to any surveyor (and if so, his name) to mark out all or any portions of these lands for the purposes required?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The application for Racecourse at Bingera was referred to Mr. District Surveyor Greaves for report, 28th September, 1877; and the application for Cricket and Recreation Ground at Bingera was referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Russell for report and measurement, 29th September, 1877; but the Crown Law Officer has recently given his opinion that the granting land for the specific purpose of Racecourse or Cricket Ground is of doubtful legality.

(3.) The application for site for Mechanics Institute was referred to District Surveyor Greaves, 4th December, 1877.

- (10.) H. G. Connelly's Conditional Purchase, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When is it likely the report of the surveyor will be received in the case of H. G. Connelly's conditional purchase, 40 acres, taken up at Walgett, 8 March, 1877, adjoining Reserve No. 170, on Gingie Run?
 - (2.) If report has been received, or case dealt with, in Surveyor General's Office, the nature thereof?
 - (3.) Will the surveyor be requested to expedite his report?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) The surveyor who was employed in the measurement of the selection referred to was called upon in June last to furnish a special report.
 - (2.) Such report has not yet been made.
 - (3.) Yes.
- (11.) Allowances to Railway Guards and Telegraph Line Repairers:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What extra amount of allowance do the Railway Guards receive per day when they are compelled to stay away from home at night?
 - (2.) What extra amount do Telegraph Line Repairers receive per day when away on duty?
 - (3.) Will he inquire into the matter of allowance to Railway Guards when away on duty, with a view to increasing the amount allowed them?
- Mr. Leary answered,—
- (1.) The allowance that has been made for years past has been 2s. a night; this is exclusive of conveniences for sleeping accommodation and housing at the stopping stations. I recently authorized the allowance to be raised to 3s. a night.
 - (2.) The amount of travelling allowances to Telegraph Line Repairers is 12s. a day; but the cases of these men and those of Enginemen and Guards are in no way parallel.
 - (3.) It will be seen by the reply already given that the matter has recently been inquired into, and an increased amount allowed.
- (12.) Road from Bulga Road to S. Anold's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the name of the officer who reported on his application for a subsidy for the road from Bulga Road to S. Anold's conditional purchase; and what is the substance of his report?
 - (2.) Was this officer called on to supply further information respecting this road?
 - (3.) Is it his intention to grant the subsidy?
- Mr. Leary answered,—
- (1.) No application from the Honorable Member to this effect can be traced; but Mr. Moses, M.P., applied verbally for a grant of money for the road in question, and Mr. Carl Weber was the officer who reported upon same; his report was to the effect that no road is now in existence, but that the survey of such a road was what the people asked for.
 - (2.) In a minute, dated 15th January last, Mr. Weber stated that he would report further after another inspection.
 - (3.) There is a road on the opposite side of the Colo River which can be used, except at flood times, but no decision can be arrived at until the further report referred to above has been received.
- (13.) Mr. Scott, Acting Police Magistrate, Coonamble:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that Mr. Fitzsimons was appointed Police Magistrate at Coonamble, and subsequently removed as being insane?
 - (2.) Was Mr. Scott appointed acting Police Magistrate in place of Mr. Fitzsimons?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Mr. Scott permanently as Police Magistrate at Coonamble?
- Mr. Leary answered,—
- (1.) Mr. Fitzsimons was appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonamble, and was lately granted three months leave of absence, which was subsequently extended on account of his ill-health, and it is understood that he has since been removed to an asylum.
 - (2.) Yes, to act as Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions.
 - (3.) The Government have no intention at present to deal with this matter.
2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Sir John Robertson presented a Petition from Francis R. Tindall, Mayor and Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors of Mudgee, praying for increased representation in Parliament.
Petition received.
3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- HERCULES ROBINSON, Message No. 10.
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1878, together with provision for other claims of an urgent character.
Government House,
Sydney, 26th March, 1878.
- Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.
4. INSOLVENCY LAWS:—Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from Miners, Labourers, and others, lately employed in the Mines at Goodrich, praying for an amendment of the Insolvency Laws.
Petition received.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Correspondence with reference to alleged Torture of Prisoners in Berrima Gaol.
Ordered to be printed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Barbour moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **LUNATIC ASYLUMS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of patients received into the Lunatic Asylum, Gladesville, from the time Dr. Campbell took charge until he retired.
(2.) The annual cost to the Country for the maintenance of each patient during that time, including interest on the capital sunk in land and buildings.
(3.) The total number of patients discharged, specifying whether cured or otherwise.
(4.) The number of patients in the asylum when Dr. Manning took charge.
(5.) The number admitted since.
(6.) The number discharged cured during Dr. Manning's administration.
(7.) The number now remaining in the institution.
(8.) The number transferred to Newcastle, Cooma, Garryowen, and Cook's River Asylums.
(9.) The annual cost to the Government of each patient in each of the above institutions, including interest on the capital sunk in land and buildings.
(10.) The amount of private contributions received on account of paying patients during the last ten years, with the number of such patients.
(11.) The per-centage of cures under Dr. Campbell's and Dr. Manning's administration respectively.
(12.) The present per-centage of cures in each of the abovenamed asylums.
Question put and passed.
8. **THE LAND LAW** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd March from Thomas Baird, Chairman of Public Meeting of Graziers, Selectors, and others, of Dubbo, relative to amendment of the present Land Law, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. **SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd March from Employés of Atlas Iron Works, Pymont, relative to Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. **THE PARTITION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McCulloch, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. McCulloch then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Partition.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Partition,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1878.
11. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL NO. 2** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Electoral Act of 1858," and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts.
Question put and passed.
12. **SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL**:—Mr. Roseby presented a Petition from the Ministers and Lay Representatives assembled at the Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
13. **OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS**:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of society generally, to open the Free Public Library and "Museum" on Sundays.
(2.) That the Government shall, as early as practicable, take steps to carry out the spirit of this Resolution.
Mr. Charles moved, That the Question be amended, by the insertion after the word "Museum" of the words "from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Sutor,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. H. H. Brown.
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Roseby.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Barbour then moved, That the Question be further amended, by the addition of the words "That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor." Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

Main Question put,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of society generally, to open the Free Public Library and Museum from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.
- (2.) That the Government shall, as early as practicable, take steps to carry out the spirit of this Resolution.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. McElhone,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. W. Davies,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Merriman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LAND OCCUPIED BY MR. NOWLAN :—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary steps to eject Mr. Nowlan from some Church and School Land, in his possession, on or near the Main Road between Paterson and Maitland; that the said land may not be sold, but left as a watering-place for public convenience; and that Mr. Nowlan be requested to move his fences encroaching on the land.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

15. DISMISSAL OF WILLIAM STAFFORD FROM POLICE FORCE :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Reports, and Minutes thereon that may have taken place with the Colonial Secretary, the Inspector General of Police, and Superintendent Zouch, during 1877, and to date, in reference to the dismissal from the Police Force of William Stafford; also, all Reports and Minutes thereon having reference to an application made by Constable Harrison, of Moruya Station, to Sub-Inspector Medley, for leave to accompany Chinese Informer in the Braidwood District during 1877.
Question put and passed.
16. METROPOLITAN CATTLE SALE-YARDS :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards, brought up on 20th March, 1878, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
17. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him from Rev. Thos. Gainford, Chairman of Public Temperance Meeting, held in the Mariners Church, in favour of Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
18. MINING ON PRIVATE LANDS LEGALIZING BILL :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion "That this Bill be now read a second time," read,—and, on motion of Mr. Copeland, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
19. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 - (1.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 5th April.
 - (2.) Common Carriers Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 3rd May.
 - (3.) Mining Companies Bill; second reading;—until Friday next.

20. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £371,539,—being £324,539 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1878, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1877, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1878; £40,000 for wages of Railway Employés, for the month of April, 1878; and £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of April, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

21. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1878, the sum of £371,539 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1878; and for Wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of April, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

22. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cohen, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Village Reserve at Gadooga:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Referring to Votes and Proceedings No. 24, of 12 February last, and to question and reply received thereto,—Has the surveyor's report, then expected in two days, been received as to the marking out of a Township at Gadooga or Dumble, on Bree River?
 - (2.) If so, the nature thereof; and what has been done towards marking out this Village Reserve, or when will it be measured and laid out?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A report upon the probable site of the township has been received, and will be dealt with upon the receipt of a design of the proposed village, which has been telegraphed for. Upon the approval of the design, instructions will be issued for the measurement of allotments to meet the demand.

- (2.) School Sites, Walgett and Baradine:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have School Sites been granted in the towns of Walgett and Baradine?
 - (2.) Has the latter site been measured by Surveyor Chatfield; if so, particulars of lot?
 - (3.) The particulars of Walgett School Site?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; allotment 1 of section 23, 2 acres.
 - (3.) Allotments 1 and 4 of section 11, 2 acres. I may add, for the information of the Honorable Member, that this was included in the formal abstract of dedications laid before Parliament on the 22nd instant.
- (3.) Hospital Reserve, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant to the Trustees of the Parramatta District Hospital that portion of the Hospital Reserve applied for by them?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not intended at present to formally dedicate the land, but it will be reserved for the use of the Trustees for Hospital purposes.
- (4.) Telegraph to Tingha:—Mr. Dillon asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Telegraph to Tingha, and to establish an office there?
- Mr. Burns answered,—Application was made some time ago for the establishment of a Telegraph Office at Tingha, but as it did not appear from the reports which were obtained that it was probable sufficient business would be obtained to justify the expense, it was decided not to open an office unless the cost of maintaining it was guaranteed. A further report on the condition and prospects of Tingha will be obtained, and the matter will again be considered.
- (5.) Mining Laws:—Mr. Dillon asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in the next Session of Parliament, to introduce a Bill for the amendment of the Mining Laws?

Mr. W. H. Suttor answered,—The Government intend during the coming recess to consider the desirability of introducing a Bill for this purpose.

- (6.) Telegraphic Communication to Crookwell:—*Mr. Tecco*, on behalf of Mr. W. Davies, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government arrived at any decision with respect to the extension of Telegraphic communication to Crookwell?

Mr. Burns answered,—A report has been received in reference to the proposed extension of Telegraphic communication to Crookwell, and the result is that provision will be made for the work in the next Estimates.

(7.)

(7.) Bridge over Allyn River, near Gresford:—*Mr. Dangar*, on behalf of Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice.—

- (1.) What is the reason so much delay is taking place in calling for Tenders for Bridge over the Allyn River, near Gresford?
- (2.) When will Tenders be invited?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The vote was only available in October of last year, and seventy-nine bridges were provided for in the Appropriation Act. Every possible exertion has been used to prevent delay, and the preparation of plans, &c., has been proceeded with as far as possible in the presumed order of their urgency.

(2.) Questions have arisen as to site, and other roads in the vicinity; until these questions are settled, it is better not to invite Tenders.

2. **INSOLVENCY LAWS** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Coonan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th March from Miners, Labourers, and others, lately employed on Mines at Goodrich, relative to amendment of the Insolvency Laws, be printed. Question put and passed.
3. **SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Roseby* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th March from the Ministers and Laymen of the Australian Methodist Church, New South Wales, relative to reform of the Liquor Licensing Laws, be printed. Question put and passed.

4. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Order, made on 29th January, 1878, in reference to the Resignation of the Captain of No. 1 Company Highlanders.

(2.) Annual Report of the Inspector of Public Charities on the Charitable Institutions of the Colony.

(3.) Letters of Registration of Inventions, under 16 Victoria No. 24, for 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation for carrying into effect the Lands Acts Amendment Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL**:—*Mr. Driver* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Borough of Alexandria, praying the House to pass this Bill. Petition received.

6. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 11.

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 the Bill to amend the "Electoral Act of 1858," and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th March, 1878.

Ordered to be printed.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3 postponed, to follow after Order No. 4.
8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Cohen* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of *Mr. Cohen*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of *Mr. Cohen*, that report was adopted. Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Cohen* (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the Bill be read a third time this day.

9. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* moved, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Electoral Act of 1858," and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee. Question put and passed.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the "Electoral Act of 1858," and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts.

On motion of *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Electoral Act of 1858' and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until a later hour of the day.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th March, 1878, A.M.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Circular Quay:—*Mr. Dangar*, on behalf of Mr. J. Davies, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of the delay in the construction of the new Wharf and Jetties at the Circular Quay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The approval of Parliament has not yet been obtained; but the plans for this work will be submitted for the sanction of the Assembly on an early date.

(2.) Sub-Collector of Customs at Maryland:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have there been two Sub-Collectors of Customs at Maryland for the last two years ending 1877?

(2.) What amount of salary and allowance for rent and forage has been paid to the principal Collector during above time?

(3.) What amount of salary, &c., as above, has been paid to his assistant during above time?

(4.) What is the name of the present assistant or extra hand employed; and the amount paid to him during the last four months?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No; there has never been more than one Sub-Collector at Maryland. The salary voted on the Estimates for an additional Sub-Collector is intended for an officer to be appointed to another station on the Border.

(2.) Salary, £250 per annum; rent allowance, £78 per annum; forage allowance, £50 per annum.

(3.) In the year 1876 the sum of £155 8s., and in 1877, £123 7s. 6d., were paid to the extra Tide Waiter at Maryland, being at the rate of 10s. 6d. per day when employed.

(4.) A. G. Morley is the name of the present Tide Waiter. Amounts paid to him during the last four months:—November, £13 13s.; December, £13 13s.; January, £14 3s. 6d.; February, to 23rd, £10 10s.; account not yet received for latter part of February.

(3.) Roads Bill:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a new Roads Bill early next Session, giving them power to make roads where the present Act does not give them power to make roads, more particularly so where the Parish Roads Act does not give them power to grant roads where a few persons have selected, and where they are now prevented from taking a road within a certain distance of a house or garden?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act 4 Wm. IV No. 11 as interferes at present with the carrying out of the desired object, which Bill will include the amendments necessary for that purpose.

--(4.) Mr. Asher, Land Appraiser:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is a person named Asher employed as a Land Appraiser?

(2.) Does he intend to keep Asher on as a Valuator?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. Mr. Asher has been informed that his services as Appraiser under the Lands Department will not be further required after one month from the 16th instant.

(5.)

- (5.) Public Schools in Electorate of Liverpool Plains:—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken with reference to the erection of Public Schools at Jacob and Joseph's Creek, town of Wallabadah Kangaroo Flat, and Quirindi Creek, about 6 miles east of the town of Wallabadah?

Mr. Leary answered,—I have received the following information from the Council of Education:—*Jacob and Joseph's Creek*—No application for a school at this place has been received by the Council. *Wallabadah*—Fresh plans and specifications for brick buildings have been prepared, and tenders for the works will be invited as soon as practicable. *Kangaroo Flat*—Plans and specifications of the proposed school buildings are in course of preparation, and the requisite steps are now being taken in reference to the granting of a site for the above purpose. *Quirindi Creek*—Steps have been taken by the Council towards securing the site offered for school purposes by Mr. J. M'Donald. School buildings will be erected when the land is vested in the Council.

- (6.) New Gaol, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When was District Surveyor Dewhurst instructed to survey the site for new Gaol, Tamworth?
(2.) Has such site been surveyed; if so, when; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) On the 15th instant.

(2.) Application for the site was only made in December last, and referred at once to the Survey Office.

- (7.) Approaches to George's Plains Railway Station:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause Approaches to be made to the George's Plains Railway Station by means of bridges across the Vale Creek at King's Falls, and across the George's Plains Creek?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is proposed to provide Approaches to the George's Plains Railway Station by two bridges near the station, but not by means of a bridge at King's Falls, the advantage of which, it is reported, would be confined to those persons only who reside in its immediate vicinity.

- (8.) Police Station at Boggabilla:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is he aware that although there is a Sub-Collector of Customs stationed at Boggabilla the nearest Police Station, Yetman, is 35 miles distant?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Police Station at Boggabilla which is the Customs Station, and the main crossing-place for stock from Queensland?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Should additional provision be made by Parliament for extra police, two constables will be stationed at Boggabilla.

- (9.) Lithographs of Counties of Gowan, White, and Baradine:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to prepare new Lithographs of the Counties of Gowan, White, and Baradine, revised up to date; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—New editions of Counties of White and Baradine will be published in about one month's time. Scarcity of competent draftsmen prevents the re-compilation of the map of the County of Gowan at present.

- (10.) The Naval Brigade:—*Mr. Gray*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place the Naval Brigade under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—If, in time of invasion, or expected invasion, the Naval Brigade should be employed on shore, as for instance in manning the batteries, it will be placed under the command of the officer commanding the local forces, but not otherwise.

- (11.) Recommendation of Mr. J. C. Foster, of Marengo, to the Commission of the Peace:—*Mr. Gray*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers ordered by this House having reference to the recommendation of Mr. J. C. Foster, of Marengo, to the Commission of the Peace, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Search is being made for Mr. McGregor's letters of recommendation, which have been mislaid. So soon as found, no delay will take place in complying with the order of the House.

- (12.) Cases of James Newman and James Morrison:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have Vouchers been sent to James Newman, of Clarence River, in regard to his refund, and to James Morrison, of the Ponds, Davies Swamp, Rylstone, for moneys due to him; if not, will he cause them to be sent forthwith?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A voucher for the refund of £10 15s., being the deposit on the difference between the area applied for by James Newman and the area measured, was forwarded to him on the 21st December, 1876, as intimated to Mr. Hurley, by letter, on the 14th January last. The only money due to James Morrison appears to be the balance (ten shillings and sixpence) of the deposit of £10 lodged with his complaint against a conditional purchaser, the costs awarded against him having amounted to £9 9s. 6d., subject to taxation. As he does not appear to have had the costs taxed, the balance will be paid to his order.

2. RAILWAY FROM GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO MUDGEE:—Mr. McElhone presented a Petition from Residents of the Hunter River and North-western Districts, in favour of connecting Mudgee with the Great Northern Railway Line at Muswellbrook.
Petition received.

3. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE 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 20th March, 1878.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Macintosh then moved, That the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) be read a second time on Friday, 5th April.

Question put and passed.

4. METROPOLITAN POLICE ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Act seventeenth Victoria number thirty-one to all parts of the Colony*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th March, 1878.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
6. METROPOLITAN CATTLE SALE-YARDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards; and to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th March from Inhabitants of Borough of Alexandria, relative to Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th March from Francis R. Tindall, Mayor and Chairman of Public Meeting, Mudgee, praying for increased representation for the Electorate of Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That, with the view to the more effective administration of Government, the Attorney General may, but shall not necessarily be a Member of the Executive Council.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to make preferential Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted shares of Five pounds each in the Capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1878.
JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Lyndhurst Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy M'Carthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson Trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1878.
JOHN HAY,
President.
- (3.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3):—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th March, 1878.
JOHN HAY,
President.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes before Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 MARCH, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. Henry Ricketson:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Henry Ricketson, of Baratta, Kerrarberry, Aratulla, and Curnallo Stations, has applied to purchase, under the improvement clause, several thousands of acres of land that had been improved as conditional purchases?

(2.) Will he cause inquiry to be made if Crown grants for any of such have already issued; and if so, will he cause such grants to be cancelled and recalled, and cancel those in process of being prepared, but not yet issued?

(3.) Will he cause inquiry to be made if the officers who reported upon all such applications made since January, 1874, reported that they were forfeited conditional purchases; and if they did not so report, will he punish them by dismissal?

(4.) If these reporting officers did so report, will the Minister for Lands cause inquiries to be made to ascertain who was to blame in allowing improvements made under conditional purchases to be appropriated by the Crown lessees; and will he discharge such officer as an example to others?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is impossible to give this information in the absence of the papers, most of which are still in the hands of the surveyors.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases by Minors:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department of Lands is disregarding the Supreme Court decisions in the case of Drinkwater and Arthur and others upon the question of the residence by Minors?

(2.) Is it a fact that numerous Minors selections have been declared forfeited on the ground of the want of actual continuous residence notwithstanding the above decision?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) It is not the fact that the Department is ignoring any decision of the Supreme Court.

(2.) It is the fact that numerous selections of Minors and others have been declared forfeited on its being proved, after due inquiry, that the conditions of the selections have not been fulfilled.

- (3.) Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are certain criminal lunatics—James Kelly, Alexander Dixon, and others—allowed to be at large about Parramatta?

(2.) If he is not aware of this, will he cause immediate inquiries to be made, and put a stop to the practice of allowing them to be at large about the town?

(3.) Is Dr. Taylor allowed to use the Government coach, horse, and harness for his friends to drive about in?

(4.) Is he aware that Dr. Taylor uses said coach, &c., to drive his friends about in; and if he is not allowed to use them for this purpose, will he give orders to put a stop to their being used in this way?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The persons named, Kelly and Dixon, are sometimes allowed into the town, but never, as I am informed, unaccompanied.

(2.) As at present advised, I do not see it necessary to alter the practice.

(3 and 4.) I purpose laying a letter upon the Table which will answer these questions in full.

(4.)

(4.) Hugh Williams's Conditional Purchase at Forbes:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named Hugh Williams conditionally purchase 150 acres of land at Forbes in May, 1877?

(2.) Have any applications been received by the Minister requesting that the land should be surveyed; if so, what number, from whom, and date when received?

(3.) Has the local surveyor been instructed to measure the said 150 acres; if so, by whom, and when, and number of times so instructed?

(4.) Has the said conditional purchase of 150 acres been surveyed; if not, what has been the cause of the delay?

(5.) When will a reply be given to Mr. Bennett's letter of inquiry in the above-mentioned case, dated 18th February, 1878?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Four letters appear to have been received from Mr. Hanley Bennett (in addition to a personal representation to the Surveyor General) between 25th September, 1877, and 18th February, 1878.

(3 and 4.) Yes, in the usual manner, by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Rae, who, upon reminder, reported that the area required was not available, as it was improved to the extent of £1,000, but as no illustrative sketch was forwarded, it has been decided to refer to him again to forward such sketch and return the conditional purchase application.

(5.) A reply appears to have been sent on the 11th instant to Mr. Hanley Bennett to letter of 18th ultimo.

(5.) District Courts and Quarter Sessions, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—In consequence of the long time prisoners are often detained in Narrabri Gaol, is it intended to grant District Courts and Quarter Sessions at Narrabri three times a year, in lieu of twice, as now established?

Mr. Leary answered,—Inquiry is being made upon the subject, and should it be found to be necessary to hold such Courts more frequently, the requisite steps will be taken, with the re-arrangement of the districts, to appoint District Courts and Quarter Sessions to be holden at Narrabri three times a year.

(6.) Engine-drivers Time-sheets:—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the copies of the Engine-drivers Time-sheets, ordered by the House on 7th February, 1878, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Time-sheets alluded to were laid upon the Table on the 28th February.

(7.) New Public Offices:—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Tenders been invited for the finishing trades for the new offices for the Colonial Secretary and Works Department; and if not, what is the reason of the delay?

(2.) To whom has the work been given for the fitting up of the rooms being now completed?

(3.) Did the contractors get the work without competition?

(4.) What is the amount of the contract?

(5.) Is it intended to complete the building on the same principle?

(6.) If not, when is it likely Tenders will be called for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Tenders have not yet been invited for the finishing trades; there has been no delay, the building being only now in such a state as to admit of the internal finishing being proceeded with.

(2.) To the contractors for the erection of the building—Messrs. M'Creddie Brothers.

(3.) There was no competition. Messrs. M'Creddie were employed under the general conditions of their contract.

(4.) The amount cannot be stated. The work will be measured and valued when completed.

(5.) It is not intended to complete the building on the same principle.

(6.) Tenders will be shortly called for, but I cannot fix a date at present.

(8.) Railway Siding near Establishment of Hudson Brothers:—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount has been paid to the Government by Hudson Brothers for the privilege of constructing a siding on the Railway Line, close to their workshop?

(2.) The names of any other contractors to whom a like privilege has been granted, and the amount paid by them?

(3.) The amount of money received by the Traffic Branch from Hudson Brothers since the construction of their siding for the carriage of timber from Darling Harbour?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government receives from Hudson Brothers £400 on this account.

(2.) A siding was made for Amos Brothers to facilitate the loading of their timber. No amount was paid by them, but they gave a guarantee, in the sum of £500, that the revenue from the siding would amount to £2,000 per annum for five years.

(3.) This siding was not reported by the Engineer to be completed till yesterday, and consequently no opportunity has been afforded to convey timber thereto from Darling Harbour.

(9.) Public School, Chatworth Island, Clarence River:—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction,—

(1.) Did Mr. D. R. Campbell accept a contract for the erection of an addition to the Public School at Chatworth Island, Clarence River?

(2.)

- (2.) Was the said contract completed in the month of January last ?
 (3.) Is the Minister aware that although the work has been passed the contractor is not yet paid ; and will he take steps to get him his money as soon as possible ?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The contractor has been paid £92 out of £130. The balance will be paid when the Council's Clerk of Works has inspected and passed an underground tank which forms part of the contract.

- (10.) Deed for Land purchased by Richard Huntington Hall :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the deed be ready for issue to Richard Huntington Hall, Jacob and Joseph's Creek, District Tamworth, who paid the balance money and deed fee on 40 acres in January, 1877 ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The selection has been inspected and reported on, and the deed will be issued without unnecessary delay.

- (11.) Reclaimed Land, Blackwattle Swamp :—Mr. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What steps are being taken to lay out the reclaimed land at Blackwattle Swamp ?
 (2.) What amount has been expended upon the reclamation ?
 (3.) What steps have been taken by the Commissioners (if any) appointed to ornament the reclaimed land since their appointment ; and if nothing has been done, what is the cause of the delay ?
 (4.) What has been done by the Government, in accordance with the Reclamation Act of 1873, towards settling the amount of damage payable to the proprietors whose lands were bounded by the high-water mark ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am bringing in a Bill to deal with the matter.
 (2.) £44,605.
 (3.) No Commissioners have been yet appointed.
 (4.) The present Government have not yet had the opportunity of dealing with this question.

- (12.) Postal Communication with Bourolong Creek :—Mr. Terry asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he received a petition from the residents of Bourolong Creek, near Armidale, for the Armidale and Inverell mailman to leave their correspondence at Mr. W. Williams's Hotel, Bourolong Creek ?
 (2.) What reply was given to the petitioners ?
 (3.) From whom did the Department obtain their report in reference to the aforesaid petition ?
 (4.) Can the Minister inform the House why the Armidale and Inverell mailman is allowed to leave the main road, near Bourolong Creek, and go by a private track ?

Mr. Burns answered,—

- (1.) A petition has been received from residents of Bourolong Creek for the Armidale and Inverell mailman to leave correspondence at Mr. Williams's Hotel, Bourolong Creek.
 (2.) The reply was, that the correspondence was so small as not to justify the deviation from the usual mail route, especially as the deviation would entail an additional expense and delay the mails.
 (3.) Reports were obtained from the Postal Inspector and the Postmaster at Armidale.
 (4.) The route now followed is the one hitherto used by the mail contractor on this line, and by adopting this route the Bourolong Head Station is accommodated, which receives an average of nineteen letters on each trip—the number for Williams's Hotel averaging but two per trip.

- (13.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. J. Davies, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Land Orders have been issued to the Commissioned Officers of the 1st Regiment of Volunteer Rifles for the past five years, to 31st December, 1877 ?
 (2.) What is the total amount paid from the Colonial Treasury to these Officers, exclusive of the amount paid for Commandant's salary, camp, forage, uniform, barrack and office accommodation, travelling and other incidental expenses ?
 (3.) What is the total amount paid from the Colonial Treasury to the Officers of the Naval Brigade for their personal use during the same period, viz., five years, to 31st December, 1877 ?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Twelve.
 (2.) Commanding Officer, £500 ; Adjutant, £500.
 (3.) £6,059 12s.

- (14.) Land Office for Brewarrina :—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Brewarrina is distant 75 miles from Bourke, and that great inconveniences are experienced by people wishing to select land having to go to Bourke to do so ?
 (2.) Does he intend taking any steps to remedy this evil by making Brewarrina a separate Land Office, or causing all lands in that town to be sold there, and all free selections to be taken up there ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that Brewarrina is at some considerable distance (about 70 miles) from Bourke ; and a petition received by my predecessor (the Honorable Thomas Garrett, M.P.) shows that in consequence of there being no land office at Brewarrina much inconvenience was felt by the inhabitants.

(2.) A proposition has been submitted as to the desirability of establishing a separate Land Office at Brewarrina, the boundaries of which district will include parts of the present districts of Bourke and Walgett. The question will receive early consideration.

(15.) Brewarrina—New Police District:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received from Benches of Magistrates at Bourke, Walgett, and Brewarrina, recommendations suggesting boundaries for a new Police District?

(2.) If so, when do they intend proclaiming Brewarrina a separate Police District?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The papers were lately referred to the Surveyor General for the requisite technical description of boundaries, and so soon as same shall have been supplied the necessary steps will be taken to proclaim Brewarrina a separate Police District. Attention will be invited to the subject.

(16.) Police Magistrate for Brewarrina:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government decided upon a Police Magistrate, or a Clerk of Petty Sessions, for Brewarrina?

Mr. Leary answered,—The Government have not had under consideration the subject as to the necessity for the appointment of a Police Magistrate, or Clerk of Petty Sessions, for Brewarrina. A police constable was some time since appointed to act as Clerk of Petty Sessions at that place.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th March, 1878, in reference to Mail Route between West Maitland, Paterson, and Dungog.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Correspondence in reference to the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.

3. RAILWAY FROM GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TO MUDGEE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th March from Residents of Hunter River and the North-western Districts, in favour of Railway from Muswellbrook to Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. MESSRS. MASON AND ELKINGTON, RAILWAY CONTRACTORS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Coonan, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 12th day of April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1878 a sum of money sufficient to pay to Messrs. Mason and Elkington the moneys deducted from the payments made to them in respect of the extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cohen,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Greenwood,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Harris,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Windeyer,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Eckford.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greenwood, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Papers relating to any proposals made to the Government since February, 1871, for ascertaining the intellectual qualifications of candidates for employment in the Civil Service.
Question put and passed.

7. PETITION OF PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 26th February, 1878, from Patrick and Michael Griffin, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1873."

Question put and passed.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 29th March, 1878.*

10. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1873,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

11. LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And no Debate arising,—

Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Coonan,

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Wisdom,

Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Murphy,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Greville,

Tellers.

Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Day.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SALARIES AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, 'That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a Bill to be introduced by the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to increase the Salaries of the several District Court Judges to an annual sum of £1,500; and also that provision be made for retiring allowances to such Judges.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Barbour moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Day,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Hoskins,

Tellers.

Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Roseby.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Coonan,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Harris,

Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Dillon,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Copeland,

Tellers.

Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Dillon,
Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Coonan,

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Farnell,
Tellers.
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hungerford.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Day,
Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Driver,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Copland,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Tceec,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Barbour,
Tellers.
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cameron.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Beer's Disabilities Bill; second reading ;—*until Friday, 12th April.*
 - (2.) Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay; consideration in Committee of Resolutions ;—
 - (3.) Grammar Schools; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—
 - (4.) Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading ;— *until Friday next.*
- } *until Friday, 26th April.*
14. MINING COMPANIES BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Terry, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
15. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day in reference to Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards postponed until Tuesday next.
16. JOSIAH PITY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT DENILQUIN :—Mr. W. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, that the Correspondence, &c., in reference to the Conditional Purchase of Josiah Pitty, laid upon the Table of this House on 8th August, 1876, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Josiah Pitty's Conditional Purchase at Deniliquin.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

The House adjourned at Twenty-three minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Courts of Petty Sessions, and Police, Kunopia:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended, and if so when, to establish Courts of Petty Sessions and Police at Kunopia, in the Gwydir District?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—It was determined some time back to form a Police Station at Kunopia; the matter has been delayed by the absence of a report from the District Surveyor as to the reserve of a proper site. This officer has now been called upon for an immediate reply.

(2.) Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What surveys has Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst, Tamworth, executed between the 1st of January and 31st December, 1877?

(2.) Of what nature are such surveys, and where situated?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I will lay upon the Table presently a Return, which has been furnished by the Surveyor General, giving the particulars applied for.

(3.) Court House and Village Reserve, Gadooga:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will Tenders be invited for the erection of new Court House, &c., at Gadooga, Bree River, the money for which has been voted by Parliament?

(2.) Will the surveyor charged with the marking out of the Village Reserve at Gadooga or Dumble be instructed to mark out a suitable site for these buildings?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) The erection of the building was undertaken by the Police Department, and a Tender for the erection of a Court House and Lockup was accepted on the 22nd May last; the contractor has since refused to go on with the work, and fresh Tenders have been invited.

(2.) The papers relating to the site, I find upon inquiry at the Lands Department, have been sent to the local officer.

(4.) Court House, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to former questions and replies as to the slow progress of erection of Walgett Court House,—

(1.) Is it a fact that nothing has yet been done to same beyond laying the foundation?

(2.) Is it true no bricks have been made for same?

(3.) That the timber sent for the building has been used for other purposes?

(4.) That Edwards, the contractor's representative at Walgett, is at work for others, erecting brick premises for a storekeeper in Walgett, and that the contractor has not visited the locality himself?

(5.) Has, or will any reference be made to the Bench of Magistrates at Walgett as to the delay in this work?

(6.) Will immediate steps be taken to compel the contractor to sign the bond and proceed with the work, or cancel his contract and invite fresh Tenders?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes, the Police Magistrate states that nothing has been done since laying foundations.

(2.) The contractor has this day stated that he has bricks ready, and if approved, the work will be completed in about four months.

(3.) I am not aware that timber sent for the building has been used for other work.

(4.) The Police Magistrate informs me that the contractor's representative is at work building for private parties. The contractor has not I believe visited the work for some time. Reference has been made to the Bench of Magistrates as to the delay, but they can assign no cause for it.

(5 and 6.) Reference has been made to the Bench, but beyond the drought, as before stated, they are not aware of any other cause for delay. The Crown Solicitor informs me that the bond was to have been signed on the 18th ultimo, but it has not yet been received. The contractor has been informed that if the work is not pushed on to completion at once other steps will be taken for carrying it out.

- (5.) The Cases of Matthew White and David Matthews:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—The decision arrived at in the cases of Matthew White and David Matthews—in both cases petitions presented for mitigation of sentences?

Mr. Leary answered,—No decision has been arrived at in the case of Matthew White; it is under reference to His Honor Mr. Justice Faucett for report. With respect to the case of David Matthews, it is now being dealt with, and the decision will be communicated in due course in the customary manner.

- (6.) Estate of the late Robert Hancock:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he taken the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether the Curator of Intestate Estates was legally entitled to take the £800 paid him by the executor of the late Robert Hancock's estate?

(2.) Has he got the Attorney General's opinion; if so, what is the purport of it?

(3.) If he has not got the Attorney General's opinion, will he get it forthwith, and inform the House of the result?

Mr. Leary answered,—It is the special duty of a Judge of the Supreme Court, before whom the question must come in due course, to determine upon the facts submitted to him whether the percentage claimed by the Agent of the Curator is rightly and justly payable or not. The Attorney General informs me that it would be improper for him to attempt to prejudge the matter, or otherwise interfere with the question to be decided by the Judge.

- (7.) Station-master, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the salary of the Station-master at Parramatta been reduced, thereby causing that station to be in the 2nd class?

Mr. Leary answered,—The salary for the Station-master at Parramatta is £225 a year. The previous Station-master was paid £250, but this was on account of his length of service. When a terminal station became vacant he was removed to it, and the Parramatta Station resumed its proper classification.

- (8.) Captain of No 1 Company Highlanders:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a portion of the papers connected with the resignation of the Captain of No. 1 Highlanders, ordered by this House on the 29th January, 1878, to be laid upon the Table, has not been so laid?

(2.) When will the missing papers be laid upon the Table?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House a memorandum containing the date and substance of the communication from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to the Commandant, referred to in the letter signed John S. Richardson, dated 17th January, 1878?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The papers were incomplete in the first instance.

(2.) The balance of the papers were laid upon the Table on 27th ultimo.

(3.) The communication from His Excellency the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief, to Colonel Richardson was a verbal one.

- (9.) Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many times during the present year have the meat, flour, and groceries been complained of by the Inmates of the Liverpool Asylum?

(2.) How many times have the articles complained of been returned to the contractors?

(3.) The names of the contractors for the various supplies?

(4.) Is it not a fact that two blind men were turned out of the Asylum lately by Dr. Strong for refusing to eat the provisions supplied by the contractors, although the provisions were rejected by the authorities?

(5.) Is it not a fact that Dr. Strong and the Matron keep a large number of pigs for their own benefit, fed upon the refuse of the Asylum?

(6.) Will an inquiry be made into the quality of the provisions supplied to this Institution?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The meat, flour, and groceries have not been complained of by the inmates of the Liverpool Asylum during the present year. The meat has been throughout of the most excellent quality. The Surgeon-Superintendent has complained of the inferior quality of the flour on four different occasions, on one of which it was condemned and returned to the contractor, other flour being purchased at the contractor's risk and expense. There has frequently been a failure on the part of the contractors in the supply of groceries, but the articles have been invariably procured at the expense of the contractor.

(2.) On one occasion the flour was, as above stated, returned to the contractor.

(3.) Kidman and Co., groceries; A. K. Mackenzie, flour and milk; Ed. Ashcroft, meat; Jas. Bull, wood and straw; H. Miller, coffins.

(4.) The two blind men were expelled for inciting a mutiny among their blind comrades, for threatening to maltreat the baker, to break the mess basins and windows, and for using threats and foul language to the Surgeon-Superintendent when remonstrated with.

(5.) Dr. Strong and the Matron do not keep a large number of pigs. Dr. Strong has two pigs at his own house, some distance from the Asylum. Mrs. Burnside has generally two or three pigs on her premises, outside the walls of the Asylum, and has been accustomed for many years to feed them on the refuse of her own house and of the Asylum. (10.)

- (10.) Major Spalding:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has Major Spalding, of the New South Wales Artillery Force, lately gone insolvent?
 - (2.) What is the total amount of his debts; and since when were the debts contracted?
 - (3.) What is the total amount of his pay from the Government, including allowances; and does he also get quarters and rations?
 - (4.) Will he compel him to pay his creditors, or dismiss him from the force?
 - (5.) Is it not a fact that when an Officer in Her Majesty's Army becomes insolvent he has either to pay his creditors or be dismissed from the Army?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £1,984 15s. 1d., of which £955 19s. 10d. is secured on an interest in Underwood Estate; the rest not so secured; contracted during 1875-6-7-8.
- (3.) Pay, £512; forage, £64; also quarters, rations, fuel, and light.
- (4.) I will apply to Major Spalding's case the rule applicable to other Officers in like circumstances.
- (5.) The Queen's Regulations indicate that an Officer in Her Majesty's Army becoming insolvent would not be dismissed the Service unless he had brought himself to that position through any dishonorable transaction or wilful extravagance.

- (11.) Waterloo Mills Grant:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) In reference to the grant to Hutchinson of 1,400 acres, date 27th May, 1823, and known as Waterloo Mills grant, in which the Crown reserved the right to resume 10 acres for public purposes,—Has he taken any steps to resume this 10 acres?
 - (2.) If not, will he take immediate steps to resume this 10 acres for public purposes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It has been impossible for me, in the press of other more important business matters, to deal with this case.

- (12.) Conditional Purchases in Electorate of Liverpool Plains:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did a person named John F. Perfrement make a conditional purchase of 200 acres at Tamworth in May, 1877; if so, has such purchase been allowed or rejected by the Minister for Lands?
- (2.) If rejected, has John F. Perfrement received back his deposit money; if so, when; if not, what has been the cause of the delay?
- (3.) Has any application or applications been received by the Minister for the refund of such deposit; if so, by whom, and when?
- (4.) Also, similar information in the following cases, viz.:—George W. Reeves, William Browning, and James Hayes, Land Office, Tamworth; Daniel Coward, Land Office, Gunnedah; Thomas C. Wetherall, Land Office, Inverell; Irwin Smith, Land Office, Young?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Such a purchase was applied for as stated.
- (2.) The purchase has not yet been rejected; the report of the surveyor is, however, now to hand, dated 18th ultimo, and has not yet been dealt with.
- (3.) Yes; a letter from Mr. Hanley Bennett, dated 19th February.
- (4.) The purchase of W. G. Reeves was declared void on July 13th, 1875. He applied through Mr. Hanley Bennett for a duplicate voucher in January, 1878, but it has been found upon inquiry that the original was in possession of the Bank of New South Wales. William Browning has applied for refund of his deposit for non-survey; the application is under reference. James Hayes was forwarded, on 2nd May, 1877, a voucher for refund of deposit on area applied for in excess, of which Mr. Hanley Bennett was apprised on the 30th ultimo. Daniel Coward was forwarded refund orders on the following dates, 13th October, 1877, and 11th March, 1878. T. C. Wetherall has this day had transmitted to him, care of Mr. Hanley Bennett, refund order, authorized by me on the 26th ultimo. The papers in the case of Irwin Smith cannot at this moment be referred to for the information that the Honorable Member desires; no delay in dealing with it need be anticipated.

- (13.) Mr. Barbour, Member for The Murray:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did Mr. Farnell, during the debate on Tuesday last, make use of the expression attributed to him in *Herald* of 29th March, 1878, "that he had been bullyragged by Mr. Barbour in reference to his dummy selections"?
- (2.) Were the selections to which Mr. Farnell referred when he complained of Mr. Barbour pestering him in his office three selections belonging to Mr. Barbour's children, and not dummy selections?
- (3.) Does Mr. Farnell know of any dummy selections in which Mr. Barbour is interested; and if so, will he state what they are, and give all the particulars known to himself or to the Department of Lands?
- (4.) Have Mr. Barbour's visits to Mr. Farnell been principally with reference to Auction Sales, Timber Regulations, and issue of Licenses to protect the Revenue, and the report of Messrs. Moriarty and Fitzgerald upon improvements at Moama; also, suggesting the advisability of getting the new Roll of Electors, instead of going upon the old one, in submitting the Electoral Bill; and have his visits been more than six since Mr. Farnell came into office; was any other, except the last interview, objectionable to Mr. Farnell, and was the objectionable part of that last one a discussion, in the presence of Mr. Moriarty, as to what was *bonâ fide* residence by persons of tender years?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Some such expression was used by me as that quoted.
- (2.) Mr. Barbour's visits have had relation to four selections—one by Thomas Kerr, the papers relating to which have, at Mr. Barbour's instance, been referred back to the Commissioner, to enable him to complete his defence, he having been engaged in his election to Parliament, and thereby prevented from attending at the adjournment of the former inquiry granted by the Court at his request. The other three were selections in the names of Mr. Barbour's children.

(3.) Mr. Barbour is reported to have been the real owner of the forfeited selection of Josiah Pitty, the papers relating to which have been laid upon the Table. This and a selection of George Pitty he has himself described as his "families selections." Including the foregoing, nine selections of Mr. Barbour's family have been forfeited for non-fulfilment of the conditions of purchase. He is also shown to have acted as the agent of Thomas Kerr, already mentioned, in taking up the selection; to have entered into a bond with that person, entitling him to the selection on certain conditions; to have arranged a transfer from Kerr to another, from that other to a third person (all being his servants and holding the land for him); to have prepared the final declaration, and finally lodged a transfer of the selection to himself. Another selection by one Frederick Gee, bullock-driver, was taken up by Mr. Barbour, as agent, and has since been transferred to him as administrator of the estate of the selector, who is deceased. An inquiry is now pending on a complaint of non-observance of the conditions in the case of a selection by one Edwards, which also has been transferred to Mr. Barbour.

(4.) Mr. Barbour's visits have been frequent. On two occasions, though other subjects have been mentioned, the greater part of the discussions has had reference to the forfeiture of certain of the selections hereinbefore mentioned, and occupied a considerable time.

(14.) Coal Trimming at Newcastle.—Dr. Bowker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has he made towards abolishing the monopoly of the Coal Trimming at Newcastle, as conditionally promised by him to the late Deputation of Merchants, Coal Trimmers, &c.?

Mr. Leary answered,—The inquiry instituted as to whether Mr. Russell, the contractor, had vitiated by sub-letting his contract is not yet completed. I trust to be able to decide this matter in a few days.

(15.) Site for Hospital, Bingera.—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to grant the application made 27th July, 1877, for a site for Bingera Hospital, either of the following portions of land:—1 to 10, sec. 41, facing Fraser, South, Finch, and Cunningham Streets, or Church Reserve 4, 5, 6, and 7, sec. 38, facing Junction and Cunningham Streets, granting for church purposes other more suitable land; or commencing at a peg opposite the south-east corner of cricket ground applied for; thence to Martyn-street; along that street 10 chains 30 links, to a point to Heber-street, opposite the south-east of cricket ground applied for?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No application was made on the 27th July, 1877; but one was received on the 27th August, which was referred without delay to the Survey Office, and is now in the hands of Mr. District Surveyor Greaves, upon receipt of whose report the question as to the issue of a grant will be decided.

(16.) Reserves for Public Purposes and Recreation, Baradine.—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have or will be taken towards granting Racecourse, Recreation and Cricket Ground, Reserve or Common, and site for Public Tank at Baradine?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The applications of the Honorable Member for provision for construction of Public Tanks at Baradine, as well as other places, were forwarded to the Department of Public Works on the 22nd ultimo, the matters properly pertaining to that Department. There is no trace of applications being received for the other objects mentioned.

(17.) Conditional Purchases made by Layfield and others, Moama.—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he dealt with the report by Messrs. Moriarty and Fitzgerald relative to the Conditional Purchases made by Layfield, Grey, Nolan, and others, at Moama, in October, 1876, and the opposing claims by Sir John O'Shanassy to the same lands by virtue of improvements?

(2.) Will he cause a copy of such report to be laid upon the Table of this House so soon as he shall have dealt with it?

(3.) Will he communicate with these selectors as to whether their selections have been confirmed by him or otherwise?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Not finally.

(2.) There will be no objection, if asked for.

(3.) Yes, as soon as the matter is settled.

2. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—The following Petitions, praying the House to pass this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Taylor. From Inhabitants of the Borough of Petersham.

(2.) By Mr. J. Davies. From Inhabitants of the City of Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from S. D. Gordon, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held on 1st April, 1878, praying the House to reconsider, and rescind, certain Resolutions in reference to this subject, agreed to by the House on 26th March, 1878.

Petition received.

4. VOTING AT ELECTIONS:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Working Men's Defence Association of Sydney, praying that the hours for voting at Elections for Members for the Legislative Assembly may be increased.

Petition received.

5. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from Hugh Hill, of Pitt-street, Sydney, alleging that he has acquired, under the Mining Act, an interest in a portion of the land mentioned in this Bill; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.

Petition received.

6. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEES:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) presented a Petition from John W. Hardwick, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Rylstone, in favour of the extension of the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee.
Petition received.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Woodburn and surrounding District, Richmond River, praying that the Electorate of The Clarence may be divided, and the Richmond and Tweed constituted a separate Electorate.
Petition received.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—A Return showing Conditional Purchases made at Armidale, Walcha, and certain other Land Offices.
Ordered to be printed.
9. JOSIAH PITY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT DENILQUIN:—Mr. Hungerford moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution of this House passed on 12th March, 1878, appointing a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the case of Josiah Pitty's Conditional Purchase at Denilquin, be rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Long,	Tellers.
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. REFRESHMENT ROOM AT RAILWAY STATION, SINGLETON:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Bowman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents in reference to the leasing of the Refreshment Room at the Railway Station, Singleton; and amount of all Tenders for the last four years.
Question put and passed.
11. SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:—Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of meetings of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School which have taken place from March, 1877, to March, 1878.
(2.) The number of times each of the said Trustees has attended such meetings; and a similar Return with respect to the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library.
Question put and passed.
12. MR. JAMES TWADDELL:—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £4,600, for the purpose of compensating Mr. James Twaddell for losses sustained by him during the year 1862 and following years through the influx of gold-miners and others on his runs.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Barbour,

Tellers.

Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lackey,	Tellers.
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. Copeland,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. TIMBER RESERVES:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, prepare and issue Regulations in accordance with law for the preservation, conservation, and use of the Timber Reserves throughout the Colony.

(2.)

(2.) That the Government appoint a qualified officer to report on the Timber Reserves generally, "but more especially those on the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and throughout Riverina," as to whether any of them should be enlarged, curtailed, or cancelled, and the portions containing no timber fit for fencing or commerce be thrown open for settlement.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Greenwood moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "but more especially those on the Murray, Murrumbidgee, and throughout Riverina."

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Main Question,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, prepare and issue Regulations in accordance with law for the preservation, conservation, and use of the Timber Reserves throughout the Colony.

(2.) That the Government appoint a qualified officer to report on the Timber Reserves generally, as to whether any of them should be enlarged, curtailed, or cancelled, and the portions containing no timber fit for fencing or commerce be thrown open for settlement.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

14. APPEALS TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL:—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Appeals that have gone to the Privy Council from our Supreme Court during the last four years.

(2.) The names of the Judges whose decisions were appealed against; if not unanimous, the name of the dissenting Judge.

(3.) The decision in each case of the Privy Council, mentioning the name of the cases, and showing which of the Judges of our Supreme Court have had their legal opinions upheld by the Privy Council.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Coonan.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Webb,	

Noes, 11.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Greville,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. McCulloch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL (Members of Legislative Council as Witnesses):—Mr. Driver (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on the "Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G., and the Honorable William John Foster, Members of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1878.*

Question put and passed.

16. TELEGRAPH LINE FROM KEMPSEY TO GRAFTON:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Specifications, Contracts, Letters, Minutes, and other Documents that have passed between the Government and James Richard Jones, having reference to the construction of a Telegraph Line from Kempsey to Grafton.
Question put and passed.

17. KENNETH M'LEAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT CASINO:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Applications, Letters, and Papers having reference to or connected with the Conditional Purchase of 500 acres at Casino, on the 6th April, 1876, by Kenneth M'Lean.
Question put and passed.

18. RAILWAY TO MONARO *via* TARAGO:—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Engineer-in-Chief should, when laying out a line of Railway to connect the Monaro District with the Great Southern Railway, report to the Minister for Works as to the advantages and disadvantages of it passing through Tarago.
Question put and passed.

19. WATER SUPPLY TO SYDNEY AND SUBURBS:—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between Mr. James Manning and the present and late Governments upon the question of Water Supply to the City of Sydney and Suburbs, together with any Reports, Minutes, &c., arising out of such Correspondence.

Question put and passed.

20. STOCK SALE-YARDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards; and to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish Metropolitan Cattle Sale-yards; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message that provision be made for carrying out the objects of the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. Lackey, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lackey presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to establish Metropolitan Sale-yards for the Sale of Live Stock*,”—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Supply of Coal for Northern Railway, and Dredge:—Mr. Hungerford asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The names of the Contractors supplying Coal for use of the Northern Railway and Dredges; and at what price?

Mr. Cohen answered,—For the Great Northern Railway, Messrs. Bingle, White, & Co., 12s. 3d. per ton. For the Dredges, Messrs. Bingle, White, & Co., screened coal, 12s. 3d.; unscreened coal, 11s. 6d.; small coal, 5s. 3d. per ton.

- (2.) Stockton and Raymond Terrace Road to Saltash:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his (Mr. Jacob's) written application to the Surveyor General, of 12th December, 1873, recommending the extension of the Stockton and Raymond Terrace Road to Saltash, and his letters of 19th May following and 18th January last, to him (the Minister for Lands), further on the same subject, which letters, and several personal calls at the Lands Office, have as yet not led to what is desired by the public,—Will he give such instructions as will expedite the matter and prevent further delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Mr. Licensed Surveyor Stuart was, on 7th March, instructed to report with as little delay as possible. The report has not yet been received.

- (3.) Road from Seaham to Clarence Town:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to his (Mr. Jacob's) application, by letter, of 1st March, 1877, recommending the extension of the Road from Seaham to Clarence Town, on the east side of the Williams River; and his second letter, of 22nd June following, pressing the matter, as well as to his many personal calls at the Lands Office on the subject,—Will he (the Minister) be good enough to say what stage the question has reached, and whether the extension will shortly be effected?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The letters referred to have been sent to the District Surveyor for report, and an urgent reminder has this day been forwarded to him.

- (4.) Site for School, Parish of Wilmot:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Adverting to the request of the Council of Education, made in October, 1876, to have handed over to that body for school purposes 5 acres of land adjoining sections 11, 12, and 13 in the Parish of Wilmot, County of Gloucester, and about which he (Mr. Jacob) has repeatedly called at the Lands Office,—Is it probable the Council's request will shortly be complied with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The case is still in the hands of the surveyor, who has been instructed to determine the correct position of the boundaries of adjoining lands, as encroachments are believed to exist. The delay was caused by the absence of the surveyor from that part of his district; but he has this day been requested to expedite his report.

- (5.) Nowra Bridge:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What will be the total cost, when completed, of the Nowra Bridge, for which £20,000 additional was voted the other day by this House?

(2.) Is it to be a swing or draw-bridge?

(3.) What is the width of the river at the site for the bridge?

(4.) Is there a ferry with a punt at present in the locality?

(5.) If there is such a ferry, what sum per annum is realized, or used to be obtained before tolls were abolished?

(6.) What is the average daily traffic across the ferry?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Not exceeding £32,000.

(2.) Neither.

(3.) 974 feet.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The ferry was some years ago vested (by Proclamation) in the hands of the local Municipalities.

(6.) This information cannot, for the reason stated above, be given.

- (6.) Crown Lands held by Mr. C. Pearson, Lachlan River:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of the House, as promised by him on 14th February, 1878, in answer to question No. 2, a Return embodying the particulars of Crown Lands held by Mr. C. Pearson, Lachlan River?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Mr. C. E. Pearson holds 879 acres in County Forbes, gazetted on 25th April, 1876, and 1,920 acres, same county, gazetted on 13th March, 1877.

- (7.) Railway Platforms, Lithgow and Eskbank:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a record kept of the passenger traffic at the Lithgow and Eskbank Platforms respectively, on the Great Western Railway, for any period during the year 1877; if so, will the Minister produce it for the information of the House?

(2.) Was any determination arrived at, in consequence of such returns, with regard to the site of a permanent Station in Lithgow Valley by any previous Minister; if so, has the Minister any objection to state the nature of such determination?

(3.) Have any reports or communications, official or otherwise, been received since the 12th May, 1877, up to the present time, upon the subject of the proposed Station in Lithgow Valley; if so, will the Minister produce them for the information of the House?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Minister to reverse the decision of his predecessor, and build the permanent Station at any other site than the present Lithgow Platform?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The best answer to these questions will be to lay the whole of the papers to date upon the Table of the House; and I will do this in the course of a few days.

- (8.) The Queen v. Daniel Mayne:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General given notice of his intention to proceed with the trial of the case the Queen *versus* Daniel Mayne at the ensuing Circuit Court, Bathurst?

(2.) Is this the same case in which the Attorney General declined to proceed to trial at the last Circuit Court, Bathurst, when the defendant had retained counsel to defend him?

(3.) Is the alleged offence one of libel?

(4.) If so, why does the Attorney General now prosecute, when he declined to file a bill against Lynn and another, who were committed for trial for libel a few weeks since?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This case was postponed at the instance of the Crown Prosecutor (*Mr. W. J. Foster*) at last Bathurst Circuit Court, without any objection on the part of the accused, his attorney, or counsel, to the next Circuit Court at Bathurst, or such other time and place as the Attorney General should appoint.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) *Mr. Attorney General Windeyer* found a bill against the accused for libel in this case. *Mr. Attorney General Dalley* directed the prosecution of the case, and the present Attorney General does not feel justified in directing the discontinuance of the prosecution. In the case of Daniel Mayne, the Attorney General is of opinion that the depositions disclose a case of libel proper to be criminally prosecuted, but that in the case of Lynn and another no such case is disclosed.

- (9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Brewarrina:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How long have the plans of Brewarrina Post and Telegraph Office been in the hands of the Colonial Architect?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that the present building is only leased by the Department, and that it will take a considerable time to get premises erected?

(3.) Will he take steps to have Tenders called for this important work without further delay?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Plans were put in hand in January last, but delay was occasioned for want of information respecting site.

(2.) Yes, the present premises are only rented.

(3.) Plans are now ready, and Tenders will be invited at once.

- (10.) Courts of Petty Sessions, Gongolgan:—*Mr. Coonan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government cancelled Gongolgan as a place for the holding of Courts of Petty Sessions; and if so, upon whose recommendation?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware of the great inconveniences that will accrue in consequence of doing this; and will he cause inquiries to be made with a view to remedying the evil complained of?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes; upon the recommendation of the Bench of Magistrates, Bourke, on the ground that there was no local Magistrate at Gongolgan, or in the neighbourhood nearer than 30 miles.

(2.) I am not aware, but I will cause inquiry to be made, with a view to remedying any inconvenience which may exist in reference to the matter complained of.

(11.)

- (11.) The Volunteer Force:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have the Government taken any steps to give effect to the recommendations of Sir Wm. Jervois and Lieutenant-Colonel Scratchley respecting the reorganization of the Volunteer Force?
 (2.) If so, when do they propose to submit their measure to Parliament?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Government intend to submit an Additional Estimate, which, if passed, will enable them to place the Volunteers on the same footing as the Naval Brigade.

- (12.) Courts of Inquiry under Lands Acts Amendment Act:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What number of Courts of Inquiry under the Lands Acts Amendment Act have been held by each Commissioner, from the 1st of January to the 31st December, 1877?

(2.) What amount was paid to each Commissioner for travelling expenses for the above period?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Commissioner Blythe, 26; Commissioner Burne, 8; Commissioner Bolding, 24; Commissioner Clarke, 27; Commissioner Hawkins, 16; Commissioner Johnson, 23; Commissioner King, 14; Commissioner Rose, 17.

(2.) W. Johnson, £46 5s.; G. O'M. Clarke, £10; H. Burne, £12 10s.; T. J. Hawkins, £8 15s.; H. J. Bolding, £65; J. G. King, £20 5s.; A. C. S. Rose, £120; J. Delaney, £43 15s.; S. Blythe, £180.

2. GLOUCESTER-STREET ALTERATION LEGALIZING BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the alteration of a certain street known as Gloucester-street in the City of Sydney*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 2nd April, 1878.*

3. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from Clergymen of the Church of England in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, praying the House to reconsider the vote recently passed recommending the opening of the Free Public Library and the Museum on the Lord's Day.
 Petition received.

4. PATRICK NUGENT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Day, 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 March, 1878.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION BILL (Members of Legislative Council as Witnesses):—
 Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 2nd instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G., and the Honorable William John Foster, Members of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Sunday Sale of Liquors Prevention Bill," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee if they think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 3rd April, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1877.

(2.) Order in Council—Alteration in Scale of Fees under District Courts Act of 1868.

(3.) Return to an Address, adopted on 19th March, 1878, in reference to the case of *Hutchinson v. Kellier and Lynn*.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from Inhabitants of Borough of Petersham, relative to Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from Inhabitants of City of Sydney, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

8. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, relative to opening of Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

9. VOTING AT ELECTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from Working Men's Defence Association, relative to extension of time of opening of Polling Booths at Elections, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

10. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Hoskins*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from Hugh Hill, relative to Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. RAILWAY FROM WALLERAWANG TO MUDGEE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd April from John W. Hardwick, Chairman of Public Meeting, Rylstone, in favour of Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL No. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Driver* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on behalf of *Mr. Bawden*, on 2nd April from Inhabitants of Woodburn and surrounding District, Richmond River, relative to Electoral Act Amendment Bill (No. 2), be printed.
Question put and passed.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) W. Read's and W. B. Smith's Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will W. Read be allowed to pay the balance due on 40 acres, bought at Walgett, which he failed to do in consequence of not having received notice in due time?

(2.) What steps have, or will be taken with reference to W. B. Smith's conditional purchase, 640 acres, Molly Run, Narrabri District, June, 1876; and of Smith's letter to Lands, complaining of the surveyor's action?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The purchase alluded to cannot be identified in the absence of particulars. There is no correspondence in the name given.

(2.) This purchase was cancelled on 24th March, 1877, on the report of the surveyor that the land was included in a reserve for travelling stock, and an order for refund of his deposit forwarded to the selector. There appears to have been a further communication in November last from Smith on the subject, which has not yet been finally dealt with, but to which attention has been directed.

(2.) Robert Parsons's application to lease land between Bumble and Moree.—*John Coleman's* Conditional Purchase, Moree:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at with reference to Robert Parsons's application, dated 14/12/77, to lease 200 acres, more or less, portion of Travelling Stock Reserve 465, gazetted 21st October, 1861, for the purpose of opening an accommodation house between Bumble and Moree?

(2.) The name of the surveyor, and date, *John Coleman's* 640 acres conditional purchase, taken up at Narrabri, 17th May, 1877, has been referred to for measurement, and cause of delay in the measurement thereof?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No such application from Robert Parsons appears to have been received.

(2.) Licensed Surveyor Clements, in June, 1877. He has been reminded twice to measure the conditional purchase alluded to, but he was compelled to leave his district on account of the drought. He has now, however, returned to it.

(3.) Bridges across the Vale Creek:—*Mr. Lynch*, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to authorize the erection of a Bridge across the Vale Creek, at King's Falls?

(2.) When will the Bridge across Vale Creek, at the back of Mr. Oakes's, be proceeded with?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Not at present.

(2.) Tenders for Bridge over Vale Creek, at Gorman's Hill, have been invited up to 23rd instant.

(4.) Defensive Forces of the Colony:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the telegraphic news recently received from Europe, is it the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament, with the least possible delay, a proposition for increasing the Defensive Forces of the Colony, as well as for improving their efficiency?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—It is the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament an Estimate which, if passed, will enable them to increase the Volunteer Force, and, it is believed, improve their efficiency.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. C. Roan's Conditional Purchase, Armidale:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause a reply to be forwarded to Mr. C. Roan in answer to his letter of May, 1877, addressed to the Minister for Lands, about 80 acres of land selected by him in Armidale on the 14th September, 1876, and situated on the north corner of his 60-acre selection, No. 118?

(2.) Why did Mr. Surveyor Park refuse to measure this selection; and can the land be measured in a square block, as required by Mr. Roan?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A reply will be forwarded at once to the selector, the case having now been submitted to me from the Survey Department.

(2.) The surveyor measured portion 119, which is almost identical with the land claimed by Roan, and also applied for by one R. S. Saunders, and left the claims of these persons to be decided by the Secretary for Lands.

(6.) Members of Civil Service as Directors of Companies:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are members of the Civil Service allowed to act as Directors of Companies?

(2.) If not, is he aware that Mr. G. F. Wise is a candidate for the office of Director in the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company?

(3.) If members of the Civil Service are not allowed to act as Directors of Companies, will he issue a circular, and advise them that they are not allowed to act in any capacity out of the Civil Service?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Under present Regulations the members of the Civil Service are not debarred from acting as Directors of Companies so long as they confine themselves to the terms of the Resolution adopted by this House on 6th June, 1876, which was as follows:—"That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any person in the employ of the Government should be allowed to act as a Director or Auditor of any Company during office hours."

(7.) James Bergan and Sons Tweed Factory:—Mr. McCulloch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Minister for Works received any communications from James Bergan and Sons respecting damage done to their Tweed Factory in the month of May, 1877, caused by the insufficiency of the culverts under the Railway Line at Duck Creek to carry away the water which rises therein after heavy rains?

(2.) If so, what is the intention of the Minister in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes, a communication was made to me on this subject on the 7th February last.

(2.) I directed the Engineer for Existing Lines, on the 15th February last, after a full inquiry, to increase the outlet at the Railway embankment for the flood waters.

(8.) John Hoath's Conditional Purchase, Walgett:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of surveyor, and date referred to him, of John Hoath's conditional purchase, Walgett, No. 18, 80 acres, only 60 acres of which were allowed?

(2.) When is it likely surveyor's report will be received; and will he be urged to expedite same?

(3.) Is it true Hoath has erected £120 worth of improvements on this land, 2 acres of which are said to be on a Reserve; that twelve months elapsed before surveyor came to report, necessitating Hoath's going on with his improvements (see Surveyor Fisher's plan sent to Lands Office)?

(4.) Will that portion of the Reserve be cancelled on which Hoath's improvements are, to enable him to obtain the same, or buy with or without competition?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) John Hoath's selections were referred to Licensed Surveyor Folkes on 21st February, 1877.

(2.) A measurement has been made by Licensed Surveyor Robert Fisher in satisfaction of the selections so far as available.

(3.) Hoath's house and garden, the value of which is not stated, appear to have been erected on Water Reserve No. 201.

(4.) The cancellation of the Reserve, wholly or in part, has not been considered, but the case has not yet been finally dealt with by the Survey Office.

(9.) Telegraph Station near Queensland Border:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to form a Telegraph Station at or near the Queensland Border, on the line between Gadooga and St. George, at or near Curriwillinghi, or the Finger Post; or can it be stated whether the Queensland Government intend doing so?

Mr. Burns answered,—No application has been received for a station at or between Gadooga and St. George, or the Finger Post. There is a Telegraph Office belonging to the Queensland Government near Curriwillinghi, 60 miles from St. George, and I believe that it is not intended by the Queensland Government to open another station in that district.

(10.) Racecourse, Cricket Ground, and Recreation Grants:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended when introducing a new Land Bill to insert a clause separating Racecourse, Cricket Ground, and Recreation Grants, making it legal to dedicate Racecourse and Cricket Ground Grants, and vesting same in separate Trustees, who may have power to improve such, and to make the necessary charges to enable them to do so?

Mr. Farnell answered,—In the preparation of a new Land Bill the matters referred to will be considered.

(11.) Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government propose to give effect to the Resolution arrived at on Tuesday, 26th March, in reference to opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays?

Mr. Leary answered,—The necessary steps are being taken to give effect to the Resolution of this House in reference to the opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.

- (12.) Survey for Railway, Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government given any instructions to have the Railway Line surveyed from Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett?
 - (2.) If not, will they give instructions to have this line surveyed without delay?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, in my minute of 4th November, 1873, referring to Trial Surveys generally, I gave directions for a survey of a line from Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett.
- (13.) Registration of Deaths:—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Does the Registrar General require a doctor's certificate to be produced before registering a death?
 - (2.) If he does, upon what law does he rely as his authority for so doing?
- Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Registrar General cannot compel the production of a medical certificate as to cause of death. On the registration of death, the Registrar General endeavours to procure a medical certificate as to cause of death, and almost invariably succeeds, in consequence of the cordial co-operation of the medical profession.
- (14.) Messrs. Gaffney and Reddon, Road Contractors:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that certain Road Contractors at Dubbo, viz., Messrs. Gaffney and Reddon, have been unable to obtain payment for work performed by them, although they have repeatedly applied for same?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes. Payment of vouchers for both the persons named has been this day made to the credit of the local Road Superintendent.
- (15.) Consolidation of the Public Debt:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to arrange for the Consolidation of the Public Debt of the Colony?
 - (2.) If so, do they propose to send Home a Commissioner, or other agent of the Government, to negotiate the Consolidation?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) It is the intention of the Government to deal with this question.
 - (2.) This has not yet been determined.
2. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd April from Clergymen of the Church of England, against the opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 13th July, 1875, in reference to Reserves from Free Selection on Runs.
Ordered to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, to follow after Order No. 2.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a Point of Order which had arisen in the Committee had been decided in the House.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—

A proposed amendment, providing for the payment to every Member of the Legislative Assembly in future Parliaments of the sum of three hundred pounds per annum, having been rejected by the Chairman on the grounds that it does not come within the scope and objects of the Bill, and that the amount proposed to be paid to Members is not covered by the Message of His Excellency the Governor of the 27th March last,—

And the Chairman's decision being disputed,—the question was submitted for Mr. Speaker's ruling thereon.

Mr. Speaker said that he agreed with the Chairman that the proposed amendment was not within the scope of the Bill, and that the proposed expenditure was not covered by the Governor's Message on the introduction of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

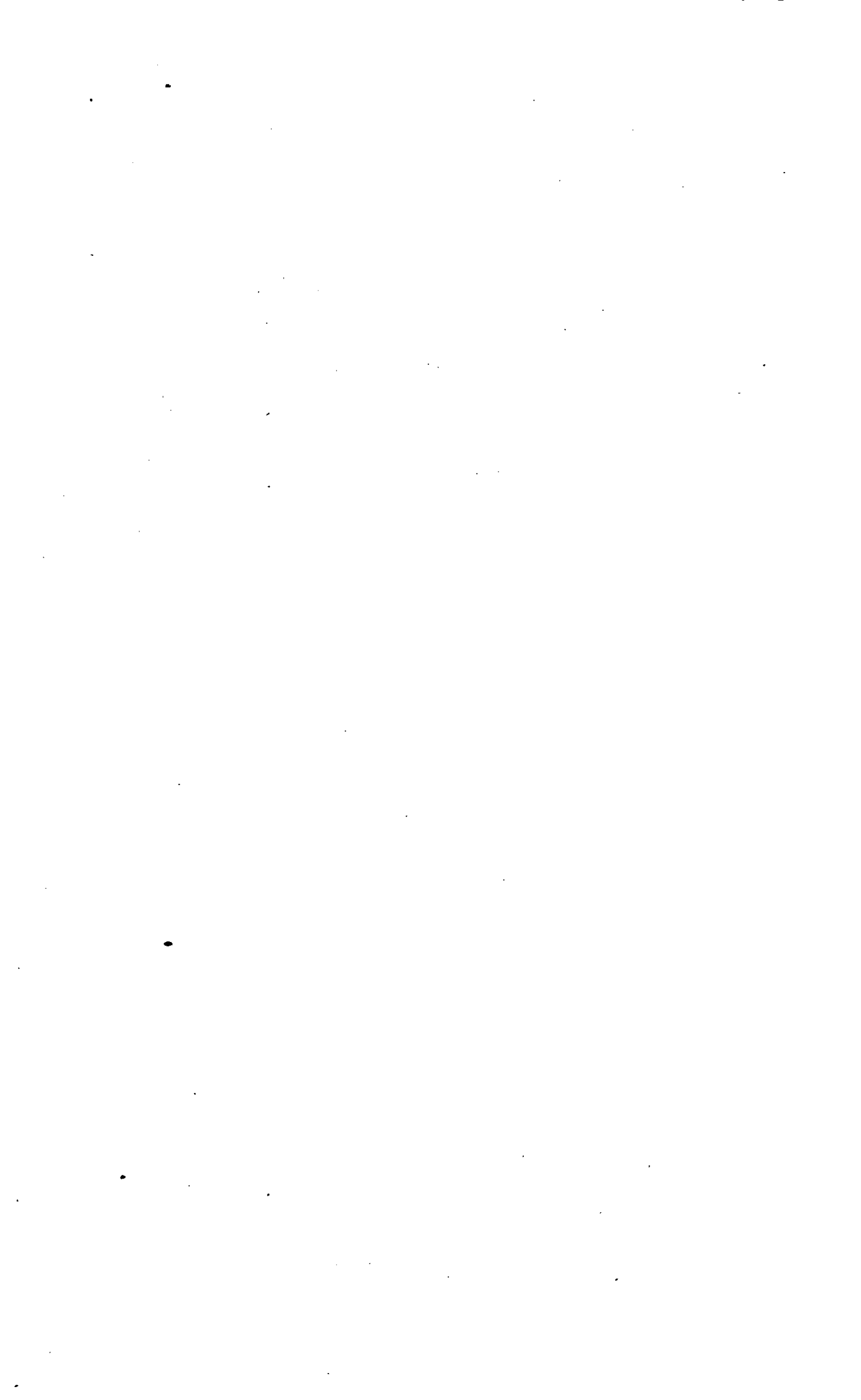
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

6. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. W. Davies, 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 26th February, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 APRIL, 1878.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Long,
Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 31.

Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Greenwood,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. W. C. Browne,

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Roseby,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*).

And so it passed in the negative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In reply to questions on Friday, 22nd March, in regard to John Terry Hughes's purchase of an allotment of Crown land, corner of Bridge and Pitt Streets, Sydney, on 15th of August, 1839, is it to be understood,—

(1.) That John Terry Hughes received from the Crown a grant, dated 23rd December, 1839, which included conditions to construct an archway over Tank Stream and to erect a first-class building—quit rent, one farthing—and that John Terry Hughes did not carry out either condition?

(2.) Is not this grant, dated 22nd December, 1839, merely a copy of the terms of sale by the Government, on 15th of August, 1839, to John Terry Hughes of 6 perches of Crown land, bounded on the north by Bridge-street, on the east by Pitt-street, on the south by a line 25 links, and on the west by a reserved lane 11½ feet wide, for £413; but upon the express condition, nevertheless, that John Terry Hughes should construct an archway over the Tank Stream 139 links in length, according to a plan deposited in the office of the Town Surveyor; and on the further condition that he should erect a first-class building on the said land within two years from the 15th of August, 1839?

(3.) Did the Government take any steps to resume the said allotment of land sold to John Terry Hughes on 15th August, 1839, on grounds that John Terry Hughes had not improved the land?

(4.) Is the said allotment of land sold to John Terry Hughes on 15th of August, 1839, situated between buildings, erected by Mr. John Garsed in 1857, known as the "Commercial Chambers" and Mr. William Wolfen's new buildings?

(5.) Was the archway over the Tank Stream, mentioned in conditions of sale of said allotment sold to John Terry Hughes, constructed at the expense of the country; and if so, what was the cost of constructing this archway over the Tank Stream?

(6.) Did Mr. William Wolfen, in the erection of his new buildings, encroach 4 feet 8 inches on said reserved lane, and thus reduce the width of lane to 6 feet 10 inches?

(7.) Did Mr. William Wolfen apply to the Minister for Lands, or to the Surveyor General, to purchase the said 4 feet 8 inches; and if purchased by him, what was the price per foot Mr. Wolfen paid for the land, and date of purchase?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Quit rent, one farthing; purchase money £413; conditions not carried out.
- (2.) Conditions of sale cannot be traced. Conditions contained in deed of grant:—"Being the allotment sold as lot 48, in pursuance of the advertisement of the 13th July, 1839, but upon the express condition, nevertheless, that the said John Terry Hughes should construct an archway over the Tank Stream, according to a plan deposited in the office of the Town Surveyor; and on the further condition that he should erect a first-class building on the said land within two years from the 15th day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, the day of sale thereof; purchase money, £413 sterling." The building conditions attached to this allotment have been rescinded (*vide* Colonial Secretary's letter, No. 48/543, dated 20th November, 1848).
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It is considered to front Pitt-street and Hamilton-lane, as in use.
- (5.) Yes. The accounts are so mixed up that no positive amount of costs can be given.
- (6.) He bought five feet with frontage to Hamilton-lane.
- (7.) Mr. Wolfen applied to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Garrett) to purchase 2½ perches, for which he had paid £50; deed dated 25th September, 1875.

(2.) Mr. Ricketson, Baratta Run:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of conditional purchases on Baratta Run have been forfeited, nearly all of which have been extensively improved?
- (2.) How many of such has Mr. Ricketson, the Crown lessee, since purchased as improvement purchases?
- (3.) How many of Mr. Ricketson's applications for such are not yet finally dealt with, and will the Minister at once refuse them?
- (4.) When improved conditional purchases are gazetted forfeited, will he also gazette their withdrawal from lease, and prevent the Crown tenants from interfering with the improvements?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is really impossible to give all this detailed information in the shape of replies to questions. The particulars will be looked up with as little delay as possible.

(3.) Estate of the late Robert Hancock:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the Minister of Justice, in his place as a Member of this House, on the 19th March last, state that after what had taken place he would consult his colleague, the Attorney General, and if Mr. Chapman, or the Curator of Intestate Estates, was not entitled to commission in Hancock's Estate he would take steps for its recovery?
- (2.) Has the Minister of Justice consulted the Attorney General with reference thereto?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the persons beneficially interested under the will of the late Robert Hancock will have no opportunity of objecting to the allowance of such commission, inasmuch as executors accounts are usually passed by a Judge in Chambers on the *ex parte* application of the proctor for such executor after the same have been passed by the Prothonotary?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, and, as I answered the Honorable Member a few days since, the Attorney General informed me that it would be improper for him to attempt to prejudge the matter, or otherwise interfere with the question to be decided by the Judge.
- (3.) I am informed by the Prothonotary that the accounts in the Estate of the late Robert Hancock were filed on the 15th August, 1877; and a notice was inserted in the *Government Gazette* of the 17th August, 1877, stating that the accounts in the said Estate were filed in the office of the Supreme Court, and requesting all parties having claims on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, to inspect the same on or before Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 1877, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, and, if they should think fit, object thereto. No objection having been made, the accounts were passed in the ordinary way.

(4.) Special Train for Sir James Martin:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was Sir James Martin allowed to have a Special Train on Sunday?
- (2.) If so, was this for the purpose of proceeding on Circuit?
- (3.) If this Special Train was allowed him to proceed on Circuit, could he not have gone by the mail train on Saturday?
- (4.) Will he give instructions to put a stop to this practice in future?
- (5.) What is the cost of running the above Special Train; and by whom was it paid for?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes, a Special Train was run on the 31st ultimo.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Official representation was made to the Department that the services of the Chief Justice were required in Sydney up to the last moment for the purpose of completing the business of the Court, and upon the application of the Minister for Justice the train was granted to enable the Court at Wagga Wagga to be opened at the proper time.
- (4.) Special Trains will be run only in similar extreme cases.
- (5.) As the engine was utilized on the return journey, the cost was £30, which will form a charge against working expenses.

(5.) Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did he receive a letter, signed James R. Firth, complaining of the conduct of the Superintendent (Dr. Taylor) and others connected with the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta?
- (2.) Was any investigation made into this matter; if so, will he cause a copy of such letter and report to be laid before Parliament?

Mr.

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) An investigation was made. The letter is at present under reference to the Crown Law Officers; on its return a copy will be laid before Parliament, if that course be deemed unobjectionable.

3. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Borough of Waterloo, praying the House to pass this Bill. Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order, made on 27th March, 1878, a.m., in reference to the dismissal of William Stafford from the Police Force.
 (2.) Further Return to an Address, adopted on 6th July, 1877, in reference to Immigration.—Ship "Northbrook."
 Ordered to be printed.
5. COMMON LODGING-HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. J. Davies, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
6. THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Brown, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
 Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 5th April, 1878.
7. NEWCASTLE GLEBE LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe Land.*"
 Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 5th April, 1878.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
 (1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
 (2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek *via* Glendon; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
9. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
10. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Charles moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to make provision for an Annuity or Pension for the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Eckford,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Coonan,	Tellers.
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. O'Connor,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Farnell,	Tellers.
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Teecc,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 6 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Beyers, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Charles, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Connor, Sir John Robertson, and Mr. W. H. Suttor,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge and Viaduct over the Murrumbidgee River:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) On what date did the contractor for the erection of the Bridge and Viaduct over the Murrumbidgee River, on the extension of the Great Southern Railway at Wagga Wagga, and the formation of the approaches thereto, sign the bond and specifications of such contract?

(2.) What is the nature of the security furnished by the said contractor for the due fulfilment of his contract; and has such security been placed to the credit of the Commissioner for Railways up to the present date?

(3.) What amount of money has been paid to the said contractor on the certificate of the District Engineer for work actually performed up to the 31st March, 1878?

(4.) How many men were employed by the said contractor on the approaches to, as well as at the Viaduct, which forms part of his contract; and what is the nature and description of the plant on the ground and in use by the said contractor, specifying wheelbarrows, dobbin-waggons, and pile-driving machines, as well as any other plant required to be used in the performance of such contract?

(5.) How much timber has been delivered on the ground for the piles, girders, and flooring required for the said Viaduct?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) On the 18th March, 1878.

(2.) Fixed deposit receipt for £10,000, which was received by the Commissioner on the 18th January.

(3.) Nil.

(4.) 30 men, 6 wheelbarrows, and 8 dobbin-carts.

(5.) Nil.

- (2.) Railway Survey, Uralla to Inverell *via* Bundarra:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had a Line of Railway surveyed from Uralla to Inverell, *via* Bundarra; if not, will they cause such a survey to be made, with a view of testing the practicability of such a route?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There have been no surveys made of this line, and the Government do not consider it necessary to have a survey carried out at present.

- (3.) Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How often have Tenders been called for the erection and completion of the Iron Cove and Parramatta River Bridges?

(2.) Over what period have these Tenders been called?

(3.) What are the names of the Contractors who tendered on each occasion; and the respective amount of each Tender?

(4.) What per-centage of the work done was payable each month?

(5.) When, and under what conditions, was the balance due to the Contractor?

(6.) What was the nature of the security that the Contractor had to give for the faithful completion of the work?

(7.) Is it true that the Contractors in England for the supply of the ironwork refused to comply with the condition to provide cash security?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question requires a rather long answer. I will in a few minutes lay it upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(4.)

(4.) Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House, as promised by him during the present Session, in answer to Questions by Mr. Macintosh, copies of the Documents having reference to the Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges; also, copies of the Evidence and Report having reference to the inquiry between the Commissioner for Roads and Mr. Morell?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Papers referred to will be laid upon the Table of the House without delay.

(5.) Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause all the Papers in connection with Mr. Franklin's Tenders for the Parramatta and Iron Cove Bridges to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, the Papers in this case will be laid upon the Table as soon as copies are made.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Stock Sale-yards Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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 the Bill to establish Metropolitan Sale-yards for the Sale of Live Stock.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th April, 1878.*

(2.) Lyndhurst Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Very Reverend William Gillett the Very Reverend Timothy McCarthy and Thomas Cooper Makinson Trustees of about three acres of land and the residence thereon situate at the Glebe near Sydney and known as Lyndhurst to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent; His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th April, 1878.*

(3.) Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act intituled an Act to make preferential Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five unallotted Shares of Five pounds each in the Capital of the Clarence and New England Steam Navigation Company,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th April, 1878.*

3. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table a paper containing information respecting the erection and completion of the Bridges over the Parramatta River and Iron Cove.
Ordered to be printed.

4. QUESTIONS PUT TO MINISTERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That Questions on the Business Paper of this House for the future may be taken as read when a Member asks the Question standing in his name.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

5. PROSPECTING CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Beyers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd January from Residents of Parkes and Billabong Gold Fields, relative to Prospecting Crown Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th April from Inhabitants of Borough of Waterloo, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. ADMINISTRATION AND WORKING OF THE LAND LAW:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report on the administration and working of the Land Law, and to report fully on the same; and to enable them to do this, that they shall be empowered to send for persons and papers, and take any evidence they may think fit to enable them to report on the same.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum of money to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year sufficient to cover the expenses connected with such Commission.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Sir Henry Parkes, presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Borough of Camperdown, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
10. "HANSARD."—OFFICIAL REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses necessary to establish and carry on a Hansard, or Official Report of the Proceedings and Debates of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early period of next Session, introduce a comprehensive measure providing for the conservation of Water Supply, including the supply of water to all important cities and towns in New South Wales, the erection of Locks and Weirs to secure and detain in the Billabongs, Creeks, and Rivers the rainfall that now runs to waste to the sea, and by Canals, and other sources of irrigation, to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous droughts to which this Country has been hitherto subjected.
- (2.) That something should also be done by boring to discover the depths at which good water may be obtained at various parts of country now being occupied by selectors and other settlers, and for the discovery of artesian wells.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. Baker moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
12. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Lands Acts Amendment Bill be restored to the Paper, and the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 12th April.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Charles,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Leary,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it passed in the negative.

13. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1878, in reference to Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.
Ordered to be printed.

14. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dangar moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electoral Roll, Orange:—Mr. Baker (*on behalf of the Member for Orange*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Electoral Roll for Orange for the year 1878-9 been compiled; if so, when?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that the collector for the said Roll has not been in the neighbourhood of Spring Hill, thereby causing over forty names of persons, chiefly Railway employés, to be omitted from the said Roll?

(3.) Will the Minister cause an inquiry to be made into this matter?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The time for the compilation of the Rolls for 1878-9 has not yet arrived. The Electoral Lists have been prepared, and will be revised during the course of the present month.

(2 and 3.) I have received a telegram from the Returning Officer to the following effect:—

“I have applied to Constable Lack, who collected the Electoral Roll. He states that there were about eight persons who were night-men at Spring Hill Station whom he was unable to see. He wrote to them to send in their application to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, which they did, and their names were added. He also states that there are not forty electors at Spring Hill.”

(2.) Site for Public School, Manilla:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have instructions been given to Licensed Surveyor Dowe to survey the site whereon to erect the Public School in the town of Manilla, district of Tamworth?

(2.) If so, when; if not, will the Minister cause such instructions to be given forthwith?

(3.) Has such site been surveyed; if so, when, and has Licensed Surveyor Dowe sent in his report of such survey; if not, will the Minister call upon him to send in his report without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On the 3rd October, 1877.

(3.) The instructions had to be transferred to Licensed Surveyor M'Kenzie, who was directed on the 14th February last, and again on the 21st ultimo, to expedite his report.

(3.) Crown Lands held by Mr. C. E. Pearson, Lachlan River:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total area of Crown Lands held on lease by Mr. C. E. Pearson on the Lachlan River, near Forbes?

(2.) What area of land has been conditionally purchased from the lands held on lease by Mr. C. E. Pearson since January 1st, 1875, to date?

(3.) What are the names of such conditional purchasers?

(4.) How many of such conditional purchases have been transferred from the original purchasers, or applications made to transfer their lands conditionally purchased on the Crown lease held by Mr. C. E. Pearson, to date?

(5.) To whom has the transfer been made of such lands in the local or Sydney Land Office?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) In all about 28,000 acres.

(2.) 9,232 acres 3 roods.

(3.)

(3.) J. M'Keon, Henry Hinds, James Floyd, Thomas Green, C. E. Pearson, W. T. M'Keon, N. G. Pearson, R. H. Davis, William Parsons, D. J. A. Elliott, M. S. Thatcher, C. E. Thatcher, E. Taylor, C. J. Thatcher, J. W. Taylor, Andrew Ruedy, Peter Ruedy, Albert Tribolet, Charles Stevens, W. L. Pearson, Charles Burton, William Stevens, M. Ruedy, Robert Speck.

(4.) Seven.

(5.) Henry Hines to C. E. Pearson, James Flood to C. E. Pearson, W. T. M'Keon to J. W. Taylor, do. to do., do. to do., C. E. Pearson to C. Burton, Robert Speck to C. E. Pearson. There has been some difficulty in obtaining the information required by the Honorable Member, as the boundaries of the leasehold areas are not charted, and the selections have been taken up without reference to them. A special compilation has therefore been necessary.

(4.) Forfeited Conditional Purchases.—Alienation of Crown Lands :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the area of land forfeited under the provisions of conditional purchase in 1877 ?

(2.) What was the area sold at auction, free-selected, purchased in virtue of improvements, and selected after auction, respectively, during the first quarter of the present year ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Total area of conditional purchases gazetted forfeited during the year 1877, 107,536 acres 3 roods 32 perches.

(2.) The area of land free-selected during the first quarter of the present year was 392,498 acres, exclusive of selections in the following districts, viz. :—Braidwood, Broulee, Forbes, Mitchell, Newcastle, Patrick's Plains, Scone, Tamworth, Walgett, and Wentworth, on the last Land Office day in March, the returns for which are not to hand. The area of land sold by auction during the same period was 75,057 acres 37 perches. The area purchased in virtue of improvements during the first quarter of the present year was 118,153 acres ; and total area of land selected after auction for the same period was 94,728 acres 2 roods 25 perches.

(5.) Boggabilla or Bugabagil Run :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the present lessee of the Boggabilla Run, county of Ashburnham ?

(2.) The name of the person who applied for 640 acres in 1877 in virtue of improvements or otherwise, and date when such application was made ?

(3.) Has Licensed Surveyor Rae been instructed to measure 640 acres, or any less area, comprised within the leased area of Boggabilla Run ?

(4.) If so, when, and for whom ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Bugabagil appears to be the run referred to, at present held under promise of lease by the Commercial Banking Company. James Rawsthorne former lessee.

(2.) The name of the person cannot be ascertained.

(3.) No land applied for in the Bugabagil Run.

(4.) No.

(6.) John Taylor's Conditional Purchase, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the propriety of a prosecution for a false declaration with reference to the forged signature of George Miller to transfer of conditional purchase of John Taylor, No. 72-469, to Messrs. Christian, district Tamworth ?

(2.) If so, when will such prosecution be instituted ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The propriety of a prosecution in the case referred to has not been considered, the inquiry into the case that has been ordered not having yet taken place.

(7.) Reserves on Barratta Run :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were two Stock Routes reserved on Barratta Run, situated near Deniliquin, in 1874 ?

(2.) Has one of these Reserves, containing about 6,000 acres, been fenced in by the Crown lessee, and are travelling stock shut out from access to it ?

(3.) If the Crown lessee has done wrong in fencing the travelling stock out from this Stock Route, will the Minister take steps to have the fencing removed, and to punish the offender ?

(4.) Has the rent paid for this Barratta Run been reduced by two-thirds from what it was in 1874 on account of these Reserves and selections, since forfeited, all of which are now in the exclusive possession of the lessee, and for which he pays no rent ?

(5.) Has the land, about 6,000 acres, that was reserved more than ten years ago for the township and suburbs of Barratta during any part of that time been under lease to any one ; if not under lease, will he offer such land for lease until the public want to purchase it ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, Nos. 1,032 and 1,033, notified 6th January, 1874.

(2 and 3.) I cannot say, but inquiry will be made.

(4.) Barratta Run was reduced from £205 to £65 on the 17th August, 1875, in consequence of there having been 34,380 acres withdrawn from the pastoral leasehold.

(5.) It has not been leased, and it is not intended to be leased.

(8.) W. G. Reeves's Conditional Purchase, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In the case of William George Reeves, district Tamworth, whose conditional purchase was declared void on the 13th of July, 1875,—Was a refund voucher to receive back his deposit forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney ; if so, when, and on whose authority ?

(2.) If such refund voucher was not forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, to what Bank was it forwarded, and when, and on whose authority ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The refund voucher was apparently sent to the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, by the applicant, W. G. Reeves ; was lodged at the Audit Office by the Bank on the 11th October, 1875 ; and was handed back to an officer of the Bank on the 21st September, 1876.

(9.)

- (9.) Land Bill :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of this House during the present Session, with a view to legislation next Session, the Land Bill which the Government have promised to bring in, and which is alleged to be a principal reason for passing the temporary Electoral Act Amendment Bill now before the House?
 - (2.) If such is their intention, when do they purpose to give effect to it?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—It is the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House a Land Bill before the close of the Session.
- (10.) Floods in the Hunter River :—*Mr. Baker*, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the preliminary Surveys between Raymond Terrace and Tilligherry Creek yet been made, in accordance with the instructions which he said, on 29th January, had been given on 23rd idem, to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Clark, the Hydraulic Engineer?
- Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Surveys have not yet been made, but instructions have been given to put them in hand.
- (11.) Oysters :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Roseby, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Whether (in view of the value of the Oyster as an article of export, and the facilities we have for their extensive growth and culture in the various Oyster-beds of this Colony) the Government will take some steps to urge upon the Commission for the Paris Exhibition to have some packed and forwarded without delay to the Representative Commissioner of this Colony at that Exhibition, so that the practicability of their safe shipment may be tested, and their ultimate value estimated by the report the Commissioner will be requested to furnish?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter will be referred to the Exhibition Commission.
- (12.) James Pauling's Conditional Purchase, Mudgee :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. J. Davies, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did not James Pauling select 40 acres at Mudgee on the 4th June, 1874, adjoining his original conditional purchase; was the selection declared void on the 22nd September, 1876, "being separated from the original by a main road," although there was some Crown Land adjoining, and a neighbouring selector named Urquhart was measured across the said road?
 - (2.) What was the cause of the delay in the voidance?
 - (3.) Did not John Wilton select at same office on the 30th March, 1876, 50 acres, and describe it to adjoin said Pauling's on the north, and, notwithstanding such description, was it measured for the said John Wilton, not according to the said description, but encroaching on said Pauling's selection, and taking in a dam erected by him, and leaving Pauling's portion only about 30 acres?
 - (4.) At the time of selection by John Wilton, was the said conditional purchase of 40 acres of Pauling barred from selection, being improved to over £1 per acre?
 - (5.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Lands to allow the selection to Pauling, and to instruct surveyor to make fresh survey?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) James Pauling selected 40 acres, and the purchase was declared void, as stated. Urquhart's selection was measured across the road, in order to embrace a small area left between the road and portions alienated many years ago.
 - (2.) The application did not mention the intervention of the road, consequently it was referred to the surveyor in the usual manner, and he reported the existence of the road. A further reference had then to be made, in order to ascertain from the surveyor whether the road was of a class which would bar selection—hence the delay.
 - (3.) John Wilton did select and describe his land as stated. The reference to Pauling's (voided) conditional purchase was taken as indicative of the general position of the land selected, which could only be measured encroaching upon the land selected by Pauling, and embracing the dam.
 - (4.) There are improvements on the land, but the surveyor has not reported as to their value.
 - (5.) There is no intention of directing a re-survey, but inquiry is being made in the case, as the land is alleged to be improved, and was also applied for by Mary Hannah.
- (13.) James Harris's Conditional Purchase, Moree :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What decision has been arrived at in the case of James Harris, conditional purchase, 640 acres, taken up 27th July, 1877, No. 117, Moree, County Courallie?
 - (2.) Has Harris had a refund of his deposit made; if not, when will he receive such?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) The measurement for James Harris appears to be in accordance with his description so far as regulations admit.
 - (2.) There appear to be no grounds for refund.
- (14.) *Ferguson v. Allen* :—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did the Attorney General, or any other officer of the Government, authorize the prosecution of certain persons who were alleged to have disturbed Pastor Allen preaching on Sunday, the 10th of March last?
 - (2.) Who instructed Mr. Crane to sit and adjudicate in the cases of *Ferguson v. Allen*, at the Central Police Court, on Monday last?
 - (3.) How often during the past four weeks has Mr. Crane sat upon the Bench in the Summons Court at the Central Police Court?
- Mr. Leary answered,—
- (1.) This prosecution was instituted by the Police in the ordinary way, without any communication with the Attorney General. An application was subsequently made by the Inspector General to the Attorney General to allow professional assistance in conducting the case, on the ground that it was understood that a number of professional gentlemen were retained for the defence. This was granted, as is usual.
 - (2.)

(2.) Mr. Crane sits in such matters without instructions, and none were given in the cases of *Ferguson v. Allen*. He sat and adjudicated in the case at the Central Police Court on Monday last as Police Magistrate of the said Court, and at the special request of the Magistrates on the roster for the day then present.

(3.) Once.

(15.) Branch Post Office, King and Sussex Streets:—*Mr. Long*, on behalf of Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Were Tenders called for Branch Post-Office in King and Sussex Streets; if so, names of tenderers, and the amounts?

Mr. Burns answered,—Tenders were not called for the Branch Post Office in King-street, and it was considered to be unnecessary to delay the opening of the office for such a course. The premises taken were selected by a Postal Inspector, and approved by the Postmaster General.

(16.) Crown Grant to Mr. J. F. Broad, Manning River:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in issuing the Crown Grant to Mr. Joseph Frederick Broad, J.P., of land purchased by him in the Manning River District some years since?

(2.) Is it not a fact that this Grant has been repeatedly applied for, and promised by the Department of Lands, during the last seven months?

(3.) When is it probable this Grant will be ready for delivery?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) There has been no extraordinary delay in this case, considering the enormous number of deeds which are submitted for signature.

(2.) No application appears to have been made for the deed.

(3.) It is now ready for delivery at the Registrar General's Office.

(17.) Post and Telegraph Office, Quirindi:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken with reference to providing suitable buildings for Post and Telegraph purposes, Quirindi?

Mr. Burns answered,—The premises known as the "Exchange Hotel" have been rented, and will be occupied for postal and telegraphic purposes, and it is probable that the amalgamated offices will be conducted in the new premises from the 1st of next month.

2. VOLUNTEER GRANTS REPEAL BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867' as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10th April, 1878.

JOHN HAY,

President.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting number of Children on School Rolls.

(2.) Report of Mr. District Court Judge Dowling on Charges preferred against the Matron and Master of the Protestant Orphan School.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Statement showing the number of Sheep in possession of Owners, and Increase and Decrease, for the year 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE LAND LAW:—*Mr. Coonan* presented a Petition from the President and Vice-President of the Dubbo District and Freeholders Association, praying the House to cause the stoppage of Auction Sales of Country Lands.
Petition received.

5. PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Greville* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence in reference to the case of Patrick and Michael Griffin, in the years 1867-68-69.
Question put and passed.

6. SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Sir Henry Parkes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th April from Inhabitants of Borough of Camperdown, in favour of Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Dangar*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dangar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866' and the 'Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876' to regulate the driving of Stock and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866' and the 'Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876' to regulate the driving of Stock and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th April, 1878.

Notice

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greville, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Moses, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tecce,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at five minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway from Wallsend to Hexham:—*Mr. McElhone*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Who is the Contractor for the construction of the Railway Line from Wallsend to Hexham?
- (2.) On what date was his Tender accepted?
- (3.) What time has been allowed for the completion of the work?
- (4.) How many men are at the present time employed on the above work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) The work connected with doubling the Line from Wallsend Junction to Hexham is being carried out by the Railway Department, under the superintendence of its officers, the necessity of providing for the carrying on of the traffic at the same time not admitting of the work being let out by contract in the usual way.

(4.) There are forty-five men employed on the work.

(2.) Additional Letter-carrier, Goulburn:—*Mr. Teece* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint an additional Letter-carrier at Goulburn; and if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—Application has been received for an additional Letter-carrier for Goulburn, and the matter is under consideration.

(3.) Plan of Armidale District:—*Mr. Terry* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the Government cause a new plan of the Armidale District to be forwarded to the Land Office there?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the present map of the District at the Land Office is only charted up to the end of the year 1876?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) As soon as possible.
- (2.) The last map was forwarded to the Land Agent on the 20th August, 1877, and charted up to that date.

2. THE LAND LAW (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Coonan* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th April from the Dubbo District and Freeholders Association, relative to Auction Sales of Country Lands, be printed.
Question put and passed.

3. MR. GEORGE EVANS:—*Mr. W. Davies* presented a Petition from George Evans, of Kangaloola, in the District of Goulburn, alleging that he took up, as a conditional purchase, a portion of land at Kangaloola, of which land he has been dispossessed by the Government; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.
Petition received.

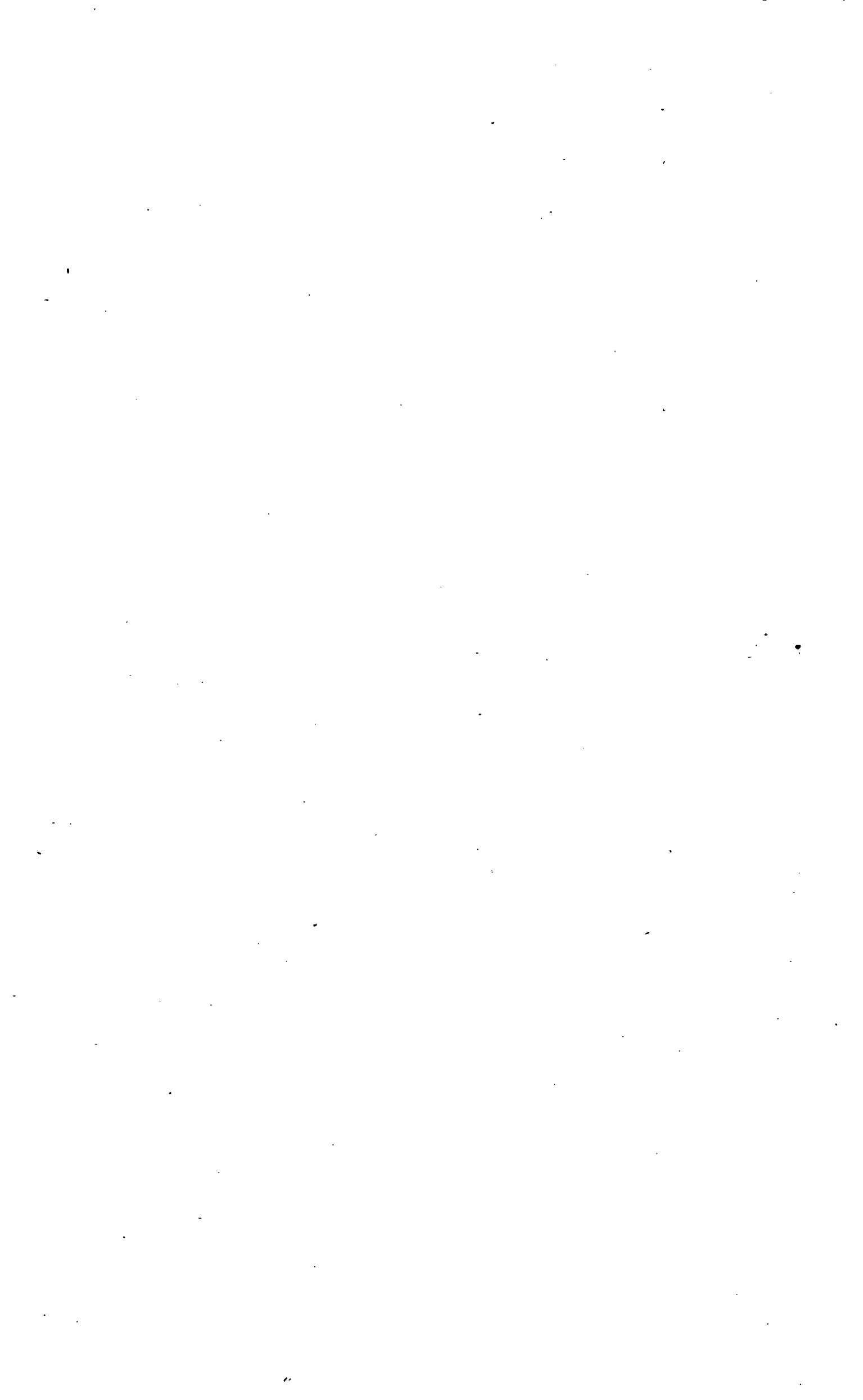
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Reserve for Cricket Ground and other purposes, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When were instructions given to District Surveyor Dewhurst, Tamworth, to survey and report upon the advisability of handing over to Trustees, nominated by Mr. Bennett, the 10 acres of land fenced in and used for recreation and other purposes by the Cricket Club, Tamworth, for which application was made by him on the 19th of September, 1877, 27th December, 1877, and 4th February, 1878, and since?

(2.) If such instructions were given, and the same has not been surveyed, what has been the cause of such protracted delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Instructions to report only were asked for, and these were given and replied to in July, 1877. The Honorable Member will be informed of the decision arrived at in a day or two.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases of Layfield and others, Moama:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has he finally dealt with the selections made at Moama in 1876 by Layfield, Gray, and Nolan; if so, will he communicate his decision to these parties as speedily as possible?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The selections referred to have not been finally dealt with. A decision will be communicated to the parties as speedily as possible.

- (3.) Coroners Inquests:—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the Coroner for Sydney ever hold an Inquest for the sole reason that a medical man did not attend the deceased, or that a medical certificate of death cannot be obtained?

(2.) If so, under what law does he so act, or what is his justification?

Mr. Leary answered,—I am informed by the Coroner that he never holds an Inquest for the sole reason that a medical man did not attend the deceased, or that a medical certificate of death cannot be obtained, but that, on the contrary, in many cases annually he declines, after inquiring into the circumstances, to hold Inquests where persons have died without having had medical attendance, and where medical certificates of death have been refused.

- (4.) Improvements on Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that conditional purchasers who have removed the improvements after the expiration of four years from the date of selection have been reported by the Inspectors for non-fulfilment of the conditions, and their cases referred to the Commissioner for inquiry?

(2.) Is it the practice to forfeit selections on which the Inspectors report not sufficiently improved when the conditional purchasers allege, and can prove, that sufficient improvements have been made and subsequently removed?

(3.) Will he take steps to prevent selectors who have made their declaration and paid interest on their selections without being reported from being summoned and put to serious loss and inconvenience by being brought before a Court of Inquiry?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) In some cases where the improvements have been removed prior to inspection, the Inspectors have been unable to verify the fact of the land having been duly improved, and have reported accordingly. The claims have been referred for inquiry to afford the parties an opportunity of showing that the conditions had been fulfilled.

(2.) Certainly not.

(3.) Selectors are only liable to be summoned under present arrangements on a *prima facie* case of default appearing against them.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1878, in reference to Post and Telegraph Office, Singleton.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 27th March, 1878, A.M., in reference to the dismissal of William Stafford from the Police Force.
Ordered to be printed.

3. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS :—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from George Fullerton, M.D., and James Fullerton, LL.D., praying the House to adopt measures for preventing the opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays.
Petition received.

4. LAND AT CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) 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 certain land at corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets, upon which the Commercial Chambers are built.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Baker, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Charles, Mr. W. C. Browne, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. MESSRS. MASON AND ELKINGTON, RAILWAY CONTRACTORS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Coonan moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1878 a sum of money sufficient to pay to Messrs. Mason and Elkington the moneys deducted from the payments made to them in respect of the extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Barbour,

Tellers.

Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Leary,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Harris,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. McElhone the Order of the Day was discharged.

6. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Beyers,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Roseby,	Mr Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Shepherd.

Noes, 4.

Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Greenwood,
Tellers.
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. McCulloch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Hurley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hurley, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

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| (1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | } | <i>until Friday next.</i> |
| (2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek <i>via</i> Glendon; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | | |
| (3.) "Hansard."—Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | } | <i>until Friday, 3rd May.</i> |
| (4.) Public Water Supply; resumption of adjourned Debate;— | | |
| (5.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading;— | | <i>until Tuesday next.</i> |
| (6.) Inverell Free Church of Eastern Australia Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | | <i>until Friday, 26th April.</i> |
| (7.) Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | | <i>until Tuesday next.</i> |
| (8.) Stock Sale-yards Bill; second reading;— | | <i>until Tuesday, 23rd April.</i> |

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) District Surveyor's Land Office at Narrabri or Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Considering that Tamworth is at the extreme end of the District, is it intended to establish a separate District Surveyor's Land Office at Narrabri or Walgett?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No District Surveyor's salary available, and other and more important districts will also require equal consideration before the request can be complied with.

(2.) Land Districts of Coonabarabran and Coonamble:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to divide the Land Districts of Coonabarabran and Coonamble?

(2.) Have any boundaries of the proposed subdivision been received; if so, will there be any objection to state them, and if intended to adopt such?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A proposition has been made for the division of the districts mentioned.

(2.) Boundaries have been proposed, but I have as yet no technical description clearly defining them. The matter will be dealt with and a decision given immediately.

(3.) Water Troughs at Glebe Island:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government erected Water Troughs at Glebe Island, as promised; if not, when do they intend to erect them?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Application was made on 23rd ultimo to the Sydney Corporation for erection of a three-horse drinking trough adjoining the western side of the Corporation hydrant at the Abattoirs, and as soon as the necessary arrangement is made the work will be proceeded with.

(4.) Road to Conditional Purchases of W. G. Varney, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will replies be forwarded to him in answer to his letter of the 5th of last month, and previous inquiries, with reference to the survey of a road from the main road, giving more direct access to the conditional purchases of William G. Varney, County Parry, Parish Woolloomin, District Tamworth?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The letter referred to, of the 5th of last March, was the first official communication from Mr. Bennett on the subject. The case is now being considered.

(5.) Peter Nowlan's Conditional Purchase, Murrurundi:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will replies be given to his letters, dated 4th February, 1878, and 16th March, 1878, as also previous and intermediate correspondence, with reference to the instructions given by the Minister for Lands to Mr. Peter Nowlan not to improve his conditional purchase made at Murrurundi on the 6th December, 1877?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A reply will be sent to the Honorable Member's letter of the 16th March (there is no record of any letter from him under date 4th February) as soon as the information is to hand to admit of the case, which is under reference to the District Surveyor, being disposed of.

(6.) Railway Foot-passenger Bridges:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it intended to erect Foot-passenger Bridges over the Railway Stations at Sydney, Newtown, and Parramatta Junction, for which the money was voted on Estimates for 1876?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—As the Platforms at Sydney Station have been connected, the immediate erection of a Foot-passenger Bridge there is not necessary. The Newtown and Petersham Foot Bridges are in hand, and necessary provision is being made at Parramatta Junction.

(7.)

- (7.) Site for Post and Telegraph Office, Moree :—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has the site for the new Post and Telegraph Office at Moree been fixed; if so, where, and what steps are being taken in the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—A site at the corner of Auburn-street was some time since suggested by the Postal Inspector for selection, but on the 8th instant the Honorable Member (Mr. Dangar) informed me that this site is not central, and recommended one adjoining the Court House. Inquiries are now being made in the matter.

- (8.) Furniture for Court House, Coonabarabran :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have or will be taken towards providing Furniture for the Court House at Coonabarabran?

Mr. Leary answered,—I am informed that an estimate of the Furniture required is being prepared, and the work will be put in hand at once.

- (9.) Upset price of Crown Lands :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it noted in last Friday's *Gazette* that certain Crown Lessees named therein will be permitted to purchase, under the second clause Amending Act, about 15,000 acres at one pound per acre?

(2.) Will he cancel that notice, and re-gazette the same at not less than one pound five shillings per acre?

(3.) As the minimum upset price by auction is one pound five shillings per acre, will he increase the minimum price of all purchases under the second clause of the Lands Act to one pound five shillings per acre?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the price of the lands has been determined by appraisement, as required by law, and cannot be altered.

(3.) If the Honorable Member would only refer to the law bearing upon this question, he would see clearly that I have no power to do what he requires. The Minister for Lands has the power at his discretion to fix the minimum upset price of lands for sale by auction, but with regard to lands applied for under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, *i.e.* in virtue of improvements, the law specially provides (as stated in my reply to the last question) that the value of such lands is to be determined by appraisement. It further provides for the mode of appraisement, and that the award is to be—to use the words of the Act—binding, final, and conclusive upon all persons, and to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

- (10.) Telegraph Line, Goulburn to Taralga :—Mr. W. Davies asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has a report been received from the Inspector in reference to the construction of a Telegraph Line from Goulburn to Taralga; if not, will the Postmaster General order such report to be speedily made?

Mr. Burns answered,—No report has yet been received from the Inspector in reference to the construction of a Line of Telegraph from Goulburn to Taralga, but the necessary report will be obtained with as little delay as possible.

2. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1878, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1878; together with Further Supplementary Estimates for 1877 and previous Years.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th April, 1878.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the same Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS :—The following Petitions, praying the House to reconsider, and rescind, the Resolution recently passed for the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Macintosh. From Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) By Mr. Macintosh. From Inhabitants of the Town of Orange.

(3.) By Mr. Macintosh. From Inhabitants of Parramatta.

(4.) By Mr. Hungerford. From Residents in Hamilton and its neighbourhood.

(5.) By Dr. Bowker. From Residents in the City of Newcastle and its neighbourhood.

(6.) By Dr. Bowker. From the Members and Adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newcastle.

(7.) By Mr. J. Davies. From A. White, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Rylstone and surrounding District.

(8.) By Mr. Lucas. From the Congregation assembled at the Congregational Church, Burwood.

(9.) By Mr. Lucas. From Richard Thomas Hills, Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

5. MR. WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from William Chamberlain, of Hobart Town, in the Colony of Tasmania, Master Mariner, in reference to certain land in Pitt-street, Sydney, alleged to have been promised by the Government to his grandfather; and praying the House to inquire into the matter.
Petition received.

6 OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Clarke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th April from G. Fullerton, M.D., and J. Fullerton, LL.D., in opposition to opening the Museum and Free Public Library on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES OF LAYFIELD, GRAY, AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Report by Messrs. Moriarty and Fitzgerald on selections made at Moama in 1876 by Layfield, Gray, Nolan, and others, and the conflicting claims of Sir John O'Shanassy to the land by virtue of improvements.
Question put and passed.

8. STATUE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN :—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 26th April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution :—

That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1878 a sum not exceeding £3,200 for the purchase of Mr. Marshall Wood's colossal Statue of Her Majesty the Queen, to be placed in some public site in Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Baker,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Teace,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. O'Connor,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hungerford,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Day,	Mr. McCulloch.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Shepherd,
Tellers.
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. WEATHER-SHEDS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, "Weather-sheds" should be erected by the Council of Education at all the Public Schools, and that contributions from private sources should not be required.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Leary moved, That the Question be amended, by the insertion, after the word "Weather-sheds," of the words "whenever necessary."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Day,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Barbour,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Teace,	Mr. Hungerford.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

10. PATRICK NUGENT'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on Patrick Nugent's Conditional Purchase, brought up on the 3rd April, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. W. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek, brought up on 5th April, 1878, a.m., be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:—Mr. J. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Museum and Free Public Library should be open to the Public on week days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
(2.) That the Resolution of this House, passed on the motion of the Honorable Member for Hartley on 26th March, 1878, for the opening of the Library and Museum on Sundays is hereby rescinded.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Greenwood moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. J. Davies,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Leary,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cameron.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Macintosh moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. J. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Roseby;	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Murphy,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Charles.
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again stated.

Mr. Baker moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Beyers,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. W. Davies,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Baker then moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for "Friday, 26th April."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Shepherd moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Friday, 26th April," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day six months."

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

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cohen,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Leary,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Bowman.
Mr. W. Davies,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Murphy,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then put, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 26th April.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hungerford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Eckford,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Bennett,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—Mr. Charles moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor in reference to an Annuity or Pension to the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett, which was interrupted for want of a Quorum on Saturday, 6th April, 1878, a.m., stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 26th April.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Mr. Terry moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 26th April.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Three o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The River Darling:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What sum has been voted for clearing the River Darling?
 - (2.) Is the sum voted to be for the benefit of any particular locality, or is it to be appropriated in equal sums to different sections of the River?
 - (3.) Has any portion been voted to be spent between Brewarrina and Walgett?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £5,000 has been voted for the current year for this work.
- (2.) It has been voted for the River generally—the wording of the Vote being as follows:—
“Improving Navigation of the River Darling.”
- (3.) No.

- (2.) Mr. N. P. Bayly:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are not the applications made in virtue of improvements by Mr. N. P. Bayly, under 2nd clause of the Crown Lands Act, at Mudgee, on 5th September, 1877, void, the land applied for being within a proclaimed Gold Field, open to conditional purchase only under 14th section of the Crown Lands Act, and which has not been revoked by proclamation, and will such application be at once declared void?
- (2.) The land being open under the 14th section of the Crown Lands Act, will he instruct surveyor to measure Ignatius Wall's application for a conditional purchase, of 4th April last, and James Dive's additional application of 40 acres, the said application being legal, and Mr. N. P. Bayly's application under Volunteer Land Orders void?
- (3.) Is he aware that a portion of unmeasured land applied for by Mr. Bayly, adjoining M'Phee's selection, in February, 1877, and withdrawn from Gold Field by proclamation of 27th November, 1877, on the report of the Warden, and which was freshly applied for by Mr. N. P. Bayly on 10th April last, was at the time of second application, and is now, in the occupation of miners; will he cause inquiry to be at once made?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The application was referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Anderson on the 2nd of November last. If the land is under lease, as supposed, it is open by law to purchase under the 2nd clause of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, as well as under the 14th section of the Alienation Act of 1861.
- (2.) Both these applications have also been referred to Mr. Anderson for report. The matter cannot be decided until such report has been received.
- (3.) I am not aware, but will inquire.

- (3.) Gaol, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Tenders been invited for the erection of Gaol, Tamworth; if not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Leary answered,—The delay in calling for Tenders has arisen through want of the necessary information as to site, but the local surveyor has been requested to make the survey and report.

- (4.) Roads and Bridges, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Tenders been invited for the erection of additional Roadway across the River Peel, Tamworth, and for the widening of Road and Bridges from Peel-street, Tamworth proper; if not, when will such Tenders be called for the said work?

Mr.

Mr. Leary answered,—Tenders have been invited by the local Road Superintendent for widening Goonoo Goonoo and Barnes's or Ebsworth's Creek Bridges at Tamworth, and also for gravel for widening street from Peel-street to Settatree's Corner. Tenders are to close at noon on the 23rd instant. Arrangements will be made for the additional roadway across the Peel as soon as possible.

(5.) Whaling Road, St. Leonards :—*Mr. Greenwood* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken towards removing the obstructions which prevent the public from using the Government road at St. Leonards, called the Whaling Road ?

(2.) Do the Government intend to open the said road ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No steps have been taken, for, though it was the intention to reserve a road, no allowance was made for it in the measurement of adjoining grants.

(2.) No decision has been arrived at, as the case will probably require the introduction of a special Bill before Parliament.

(6.) Sale of Railway Tickets :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Considering the danger of crossing the Lincs, there being no suitable accommodation for such, will instructions be issued for the sale and issue of Tickets on both sides the Platforms at the Suburban Railway Stations ?

Mr. Leary answered,—This matter will receive immediate consideration.

(7.) The Prisoner Marshall :—*Mr. Driver* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a criminal named Marshall, convicted with others at the last Sittings of the Central Criminal Court of will forgery, has recently been brought from Berrima Gaol and employed in any way outside the boundaries of this city ?

(2.) Upon whose application and recommendation, and upon what was he employed ?

(3.) How long was he so employed, and by whom was he accompanied ?

(4.) How long was such employment continued, and was it successful ?

(5.) Has such employment been discontinued ; and if not, is it intended to be continued ?

(6.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the names of the persons permitted to see or converse with Marshall, either in the presence of the Comptroller of Prisons or others, during his absence from Berrima Gaol, together with copies of all letters, statements, writings, minutes, and documents relating to such employment of the prisoner Marshall ?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Upon the application of the Honorable George Lord, and the recommendation of the Comptroller General, he was employed in searching for an alleged secreted will at Cook's River.

(3.) About an hour on the ground. He was in custody of Warder Flynn, of Berrima, and accompanied by Mr. Wager, Inspector of Detectives, Detective Camphin, and Mr. Lord.

(4.) About an hour ; it was not successful.

(5.) The employment ceased as above stated. There is no intention of its being resumed.

(6.) Mr. Lord is the only person who saw, or sought to see, the prisoner. Mr. Lord saw him several times not in the presence of the Comptroller General. I will lay the papers upon the Table.

(8.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the fortnight's wages of the Workmen employed on the Railway due on the 15th ; if so, will he cause them to be paid on Thursday, the 18th, to enable them to provide themselves with necessaries for the Easter holidays ?

(2.) Is he aware that if these men are not paid on the 18th they will not be paid until Tuesday, 23rd ?

(3.) Will he take the necessary steps to have these men paid at the end of every fortnight, instead of keeping them out of their pay for seven or eight days after it is due, as is done at present ?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1 and 2.) Every effort will be made to pay the men on the 18th, but those engaged on the line beyond Parramatta cannot be paid on that date.

(3.) The men are now paid at the end of every fortnight, but the wages then paid do not include the earnings of the previous seven days, as that time is required for the preparation of the wages abstracts, &c.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

(1.) The Bible Society's Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in York-street in the City of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales granted for a site for a Hall or Building to be used by the New South Wales Auxiliary Bible Society to sell and dispose of the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof;*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th April, 1878.

(2.)

(2.) Volunteer Grants Repeal Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867 as relates to Free Grants of Crown Lands to Volunteers*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th April, 1878.

(3.) Newcastle Glebe Leasing Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Glebe annexed to Christ Church Newcastle to dispose of the Coal in the Glebe land*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th April, 1878.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relating to the temporary release from Gaol of the prisoner James Marshall.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th January, 1878, in reference to the erection of the Public School, Eskbank.
Ordered to be printed.

4. LAND AT CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 31st January, 1878, in reference to "Land, corner of Pitt and Bridge Streets," be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
5. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL *v.* READING AND OTHERS :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Proceedings in the matter of the Attorney General against Reading and others, for Intrusion, in December, 1862.
Question put and passed.
6. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on 16th April, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. MR. WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th April from William Chamberlain, Master Mariner, of Hobart Town, Tasmania, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising "To-morrow" do adjourn until Wednesday next, at Seven o'clock.
Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "To-morrow," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "this day."
Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).
Mr. Day,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 23.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Greenwood,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hungerford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. W. C. Brown,
Mr. Copeland,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. W. Davies,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Eckford,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Greville,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Greenwood.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Hoskins,
Tellers.
Mr. Day,
Mr. Terry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday next, at Seven o'clock.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Moses,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hungerford,	
Dr. Bowker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Greville.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*),
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Tellers.
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.
Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering whether or not the District of Mudgee shall be placed in Schedule B."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question,—That the report from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
10. **PAPER**:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the transfer of a sum from one Head of Service to another,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at *Seven o'clock*.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Hospital Accommodation, Sydney :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Sir Henry Parkes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any reply been given to a letter, dated February, 1878, from the Hon. Sir E. Deas-Thomson, the President of the Sydney Infirmary, communicating the views of the Board of Directors of that Institution with regard to the future structure to be erected on the Macquarie-street site, and other particulars, as invited by the Hon. Colonial Secretary in a reply given to a deputation from the Board which had previously waited on him with regard to these subjects?
 - (2.) Has any further communication been received from the authorities of the Sydney Infirmary on the same subject?
 - (3.) Has the Government arrived at any definite conclusion regarding the necessary arrangements for the present and the future Hospital accommodation of the city?
 - (4.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the most serious consequences to the sick poor of the city and the country are occurring because of the undetermined state of this question?
 - (5.) Is he aware of the fact that the Inspector of Charities omitted all mention of the Prince Alfred Hospital in regard to its progress and its various expenditures in his last published annual report?
 - (6.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that although two Pavilions of the Prince Alfred Hospital are being roofed no provision has as yet been made with regard to the sewerage of the Institution?
 - (7.) How much of the money supplied by the Government to the Prince Alfred Hospital, and how much of the funds publicly subscribed prior to Government aid being afforded, respectively, has been expended so far on the present erection?
 - (8.) What are the views of the Government regarding the ultimate size of the Prince Alfred Hospital?
 - (9.) How many Meetings of the Directors of the Prince Alfred Hospital have been held during the past year, together with the names of the Directors and the number of Meetings each Director attended during the past year?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) No reply has yet been given.
- (2.) Yes, to which an answer was given that every effort would be made for an early settlement of the matter.
- (3.) Not yet.
- (4.) He is not so aware.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6, 7, and 9.) As regards these Questions, I have received the following information from the Honorary Secretaries of the Institution :—

Question 6.—The more important measures taken to provide efficient sewerage for the Hospital are as follows :—1st. William Clark, Esq., C.E., was requested to be kind enough to visit the ground and surrounding localities, and to advise the Directors as to the best mode of dealing with the Hospital sewage. On the occasion of his last visit (made shortly before he left the Colony) Mr. Clark expressed a decided opinion to the effect that the Hospital could without difficulty be effectually drained into a sewer which formed part of a general scheme of sewerage that had been recently submitted to him and received his approval. Mr. Clark at the same time expressed his conviction that this system of sewers would be shortly constructed, and he recommended the Directors to delay taking any other measures for dealing with the Hospital sewage, and to connect with the sewer alluded to if possible. 2nd. Anticipating that it might prove

prove to be impossible to connect the Hospital system with any of the general sewers, the Directors have obtained—(a.) Full working plans and detailed estimates for the application of the Liernur system to the complete Hospital; (b.) Full working plans and detailed estimates of the system in use at the new University Pavilion Hospital at Leipsic, but adapted to the Prince Alfred Hospital.

Question 7.—The money supplied by the Government has been paid into the same banking account with the money subscribed by the public, and as it is treated as one fund no separate accounts are necessary, or have been kept. Up to the present time the subscriptions actually received from the public have amounted to £25,754; interests from investments have produced about £5,000; the two instalments of the Government vote of £30,000 are £20,000; in all, £50,754,—of which there has been actually expended upon the buildings now being erected, and in fencing, preparing, and planting the land, the sum of £25,049, leaving about £25,000 available for payment for work already contracted for or in contemplation.

Question 9.—Six meetings of the Board of Directors and five meetings of the Building Committee, to which the Directors have delegated the duty of superintending the preparation of all plans and the construction of buildings.

The following are the names of the Directors at the present time:—

Appointed by the Governor and Executive Council—

Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G.	Attendances	5.
John Davies, Esq., M.L.A. ... ..	..	2.
F. N. Manning, Esq., M.D. ... ..	..	8.

Appointed, in accordance with Act, to represent the Subscribers—

Chancellor of the University	Attendances	—.
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine ... ..	..	—.
Robert Coveny, Esq. ... ..	..	4.
H. C. Dangar, Esq. ... ..	..	3.
Eyre Goulburn Ellis, Esq. ....	..	7.
James R. Fairfax, Esq. ... ..	..	1.
Hon. Thos. Holt, M.L.C. ... ..	..	4.
Edward Knox, Esq. ... ..	..	7.
Lewis Wolfe Levy, Esq. ... ..	..	—.
Alfred Roberts, Esq. ... ..	..	11.
J. Grafton Ross, Esq. ....	..	10.
Hon. J. Brown Watt, M.L.C. ... ..	..	—.

(2.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he considered the advisability of making 7s. per day the lowest rate of pay for men permanently employed on the Railway?

(2.) If so, does he intend to pay them the above rate of wages?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Labourers and Porters receive 6s. per day for first six months; second six months, 6s. 6d.; after twelve months, 7s. a day.

(2.) The above scale appears to be a reasonable one, and provides for increasing the wages as the value of the services rendered is increased by the experience gained in the performance of the duties.

(3.) Mr. P. Brougham, P.M., Bingera:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received a reply from Mr. P. Brougham, P.M., Bingera, in reference to charges made against him?

(2.) If so, will he cause all the correspondence in this case to be laid upon the Table of this House, and printed?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There will be no objection to lay so much of the correspondence as may not be regarded as of a confidential nature upon the Table of this House if moved for in the regular manner.

(4.) Signal-boxes:—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The name of the contractor who made the Signal-boxes which are at present lying on the ground at each Station on the Suburban Line of Railway?

(2.) What each Signal-box cost?

(3.) How long have they been lying on the ground, and why are they not used?

(4.) Is the Minister aware that the Signal-boxes are becoming dilapidated through exposure to the weather?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Hudson Brothers.

(2.) £35 each.

(3.) They were delivered on the ground on the 21st January last; some additions to them are required, which are now being made.

(4.) The Engineer for Existing Lines reports that the boxes have not suffered through exposure to the weather.

(5.) Bridge over the Wollondilly, near Goulburn:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What course do the Government intend to take to carry out the Resolution of this House, passed on the 12th March last, to the effect "That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £5,000 for the erection of a Bridge over the Wollondilly, near Goulburn"?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The amount will be placed upon the next Estimates.

(6.)

- (6.) Westing-house Break on Railways :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Westing-house Break used on all the passenger trains on the Railways in this Colony; if not, is it intended to bring that description of Break into general use on the said Railways?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Westing-house Break is used on the through passenger trains running on the Western Line. When the additional Breaks ordered arrive they will be applied to all through passenger trains.
- (7.) Staff and Ticket System on Railways :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—In working the Staff and Ticket System for signalling the transit of Trains on the Railways in this Colony, is the Station-master who receives a "Line Clear Message" by telegram from another Station-master required to repeat such message to the original sender of the same, or to notify in any way that such message has been received?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Staff and Ticket System and the "Line Clear Message" System are distinct, and by the former Line Clear Messages are not required. Where the latter system is in operation the Regulations provide for a proper acknowledgment of Line Clear Messages. In no case is a telegraphic message acted upon without previous acknowledgment.
- (8.) John Munroe's Conditional Purchase, Gunnedah :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Did a person named John Munroe take up a measured portion, under the 13th clause, at Gunnedah, on the 30th of May, 1877?
(2.) Has any of the said measured portion been taken from the conditional purchaser; if so, upon what ground, and on whose report or application?
(3.) Has the conditional purchaser been notified by the Minister that a portion of the said area has been taken from him; if so, when, and on whose authority?
Mr. Farnell answered,—
(1.) Yes, on 31st May.
(2.) A portion was included in Travelling Stock Reserve, but the reservation being subsequent to the conditional purchase, the purchase is not affected.
(3.) For the above reason no communication has been made.
- (9.) Land taken up by Mr. H. C. Dangar :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Did Mr. H. C. Dangar take up 50 acres of land in the County of Cook by virtue of a Volunteer Land Order?
(2.) Was he afterwards allowed to abandon this ground, and take up another portion by virtue of the same Land Order; if so, by whose authority, and under what clause of the Lands Act?
Mr. Farnell answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) He was allowed to abandon his Volunteer Land Order selection on the 10th March, 1876, and take up another portion, under the authority of the Under Secretary for Lands.
- (10.) The Cases of Rosanna Blacker and Francis Cameron :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When will the Papers ordered by this House on Tuesday the 2nd of February, 1877, be laid upon the Table, and issued to Members, in the case of Rosanna Blacker?
(2.) And similar information in the case of Francis Cameron, ordered by this House, 6th February, 1877?
Mr. Farnell answered,—
(1.) The Papers are now in hand, and will be ready at an early date.
(2.) The Papers are now in hand, and will be ready at an early date.
- (11.) Post Office, Warren :—Mr. Coonan asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has it been reported that there was a letter taken, opened, and read by a person unauthorized entering the Post Office at Warren, and in defiance of the Postmaster, such letter not being addressed to the person who opened it?
(2.) What steps have been taken in regard to the matter?
(3.) Is the building still leased from the said person?
Mr. Burns answered,—Since the Honorable Gentleman placed his Questions on the Paper, the Postmaster at Warren has furnished reports which apparently relate to the case to which he (Mr. Coonan) refers. The reports show that a letter was improperly allowed to be taken from the custody of the Postmaster, who has since then tendered his resignation. It has not yet been determined what further steps shall be taken in the matter.
- (12.) Court House and Lock-up, Warialda :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to Votes and Proceedings No. 34, Thursday, 28th February last,—Has the officer from the Colonial Architect's Department yet visited and reported on, as therein promised, the Warialda Court House and Lock-up, for the purpose of causing additional accommodation, as required, to be erected on these premises; and if so, what steps will be taken?
Mr. Leary answered,—I am informed that an officer of the Colonial Architect's Department has visited the Court House and Lock-up, Warialda, and prepared plan, specification, and estimate of the additional accommodation considered necessary by the Police Department, and that Tenders will be invited at once for the work.
- (13.) Auction Purchases of Crown Lands since 1861 :—Mr. W. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers respecting Auction Purchases of Crown Lands since 1861, under the 25th clause, moved for on 29th January last, be laid upon the Table of the House?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Return referred to is a very tedious and difficult one to make out, and could not be completed in less than a month or six weeks. (14.)

- (14.) Church and School Lands near Botany:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any person or persons applied to lease several hundred acres of the Church and School Lands near Botany for a long period of years, for mining for coal or any other purpose?
 - (2.) If so, what is the name or names of the parties who have applied to lease this land; what area have they applied to lease; and do the Government intend to lease this land to them?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Joseph Johnson, John Lahiff, E. Johnson, H. Lahiff, and F. Lahiff; six allotments of 80 acres each; it is not the intention to lease these lands.
- (15.) Revoked Reserves:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) In reference to revoked Reserves, is he aware that for some time past it has been the custom to gazette the revocation so that the thirty clear days which must expire after they are gazetted before they are open to sale or selection always falls on days other than Thursdays, so that the Crown lessees secure them by purchase by auction, improvement purchases, or Volunteer Land Orders, and by this means the public are debarred of their rights to select the said lands?
 - (2.) In future when any Reserves are revoked will he issue instructions that in all cases the thirty clear days will expire on such days as will leave the whole of the revoked Reserves open to sale and selection on a Thursday, and thus give the whole public an equal chance to secure portions of the revoked Reserves?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—It has been the custom; but I have already issued instructions that in the revocation or cancellation of Reserves from sale the notification in the *Government Gazette* shall be so arranged that the thirtieth day shall expire on a Wednesday, and not as heretofore.
- (16.) Police Barracks, Merriwa:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application been made to have the Police Barracks at Merriwa repaired and additional Quarters erected?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to have the Barracks repaired and additional Quarters erected?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that there are only three rooms in the Barracks at Merriwa for the accommodation of the sergeant and policemen?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) No application has been made for repairs or additions, but application has been made for erection of a new building, for which plans are now being prepared.
 - (2.) It is not intended to repair or add to the Barracks, for the reason already stated.
 - (3.) There are only three rooms in the Barracks at Merriwa.
- (17.) Delivery of Goods, Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that draymen and other persons taking goods to the Railway Station are often kept several hours before they can get their drays unloaded, which causes them serious loss and inconvenience?
 - (2.) Is he aware that this is caused by there not being a sufficient number of porters employed to unload these drays with dispatch?
 - (3.) Will he at once inquire into this matter, and provide for sufficient porters being employed to do the work?
 - (4.) Is he aware that certain firms in Sydney get a preference in unloading drays, and can get their goods received after other persons have been refused to have their goods taken in the Railway Sheds; and will he put a stop to this unfair practice, and give instructions to have all persons treated alike who take goods to the Railway?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) I have made inquiry, and am assured that this is not the case.
 - (2 and 3.) The Traffic Manager states that there is a sufficient number of porters to do the work required.
 - (4.) I am assured that there is no foundation for this allegation—no preference whatever is shown.
- (18.) Classification of Railway Workmen:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that all the men working on the Railway were classified some short time since according to ability and length of service?
 - (2.) Is it not also a fact that a number of the men were promised increased pay according to ability and length of service?
 - (3.) Is he aware that the promise made to these men has not been carried out; and will he take the necessary steps to have the pay of these men increased, as was promised to them, without delay?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am not aware that any promises were made. The classifications were, however, published regulating the rates of pay, but it was stated that good conduct and efficiency were necessary to entitle men to the benefit of the scales proposed.
 - (3.) Returns are now being made of the services, duties, and wages of each man, with a view to the early application of the classification referred to.
- (19.) Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers promised by the Minister to be laid upon the Table of this House on Tuesday 2nd of this month, in answer to his question referring to District Surveyor Dewhurst, Tamworth, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—I purpose laying the Return upon the Table of the House this evening.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence between Mr. F. A. Franklin and the Government relative to his tendering for Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges.
- (2.) Papers in reference to Railway Station, Lithgow.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Returns showing the services performed and progress reported by Mr. District Surveyor Dewhurst between 1st January and 31st December, 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution respecting the proposed modification of the terms and conditions for the Pacific Mail Service:—

That this House approves of the agreement for the modification of the Contract for the Pacific Mail Service made between the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, subject to the approval of Parliament, viz.,—That the route be to and from Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu; the annual subsidy to be reduced from £89,950 to £72,500, of which amount £40,000 shall be paid by New South Wales and £32,500 by New Zealand, but provided that the cost of the New Zealand Coastal Service shall be borne by that Colony alone.

Question put and passed.

4. BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act 1873.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act 1873,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1878.*

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cohen, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the propriety of making provision for the expenditure of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1878, together with provision for other Services of an urgent character.

*Government House,
Sydney, 24th April, 1878.*

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Electoral Act of 1858' and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Electoral Act of 1858' and to increase the number of Members for certain Electoral Districts,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1878.*

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*.—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1878 a sum not exceeding £371,539,—being £324,539 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1878, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1877, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1878; £40,000 for wages of Railway Employés, for the month of May, 1878; and £7,000 for wages of Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of May, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1878, the sum of £371,539 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1878; and for Wages of Railway Employés and Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, for the month of May, 1878.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cohen, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—which was read a first time.

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

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) L. H. O'Rourke's Conditional Purchase, Gunnedah :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have directions been given, and when and to whom, for the survey of L. H. O'Rourke's additional conditional purchase, 460 acres, made on 13th January, 1876, at Gunnedah?

Mr. Farnoll answered,—No such application as that described appears to have been made, but an application from J. O'Rourke, made on the 13th January, 1876, and transferred to P. J. O'Rourke, was referred to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Goodwin on the 21st August, 1876.

- (2.) J. H. Murphy's Application for Travelling Expenses :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to take any steps with reference to John H. Murphy's application of September, 1876, applying for compensation in the way of travelling expenses in the case of Charles Reynolds, *alias* Mansfield, tried at Narrabri Sessions in 1876?

Mr. Leary answered,—I was informed by telegram that John H. Murphy was paid the ordinary allowance as a witness for attending Narrabri Quarter Sessions, but that there were some other attendances at Narrabri for which he considers he should also have been paid. It does not appear, so far as I have yet been able to ascertain, that he has made any application in writing for compensation in respect of these other attendances. Upon being furnished with the requisite particulars, the matter shall receive further attention.

- (3.) Administration of Justice, Tamworth :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that all Summons Cases at Tamworth are made returnable on Tuesday in each week only?

(2.) That the Small Debts Court at same place is held on first Tuesday in each month?

(3.) That Insolvent Meetings before District Commissioner are held on Tuesday only?

(4.) That a Court of Petty Sessions is held at Tamworth on Tuesday in each week only?

(5.) Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate has stated publicly that no Court of Petty Sessions is held by him at Tamworth unless some other Magistrate sits on the Bench with him on Tuesday?

(6.) That the Clerk of Petty Sessions is Land Agent, and does not attend the Bench and take depositions, &c., in cases for weeks in succession?

(7.) That the Police Magistrate is also District Commissioner of Insolvent Estates?

(8.) That the Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions are sole Trustees of the Estate of the late Robert Pringle, of Bective, near Tamworth, and that for the last three years they have been constantly consulted and occupied during business hours at the Police Office, Tamworth, by the persons interested in the Estate, Station Superintendent, and others, privately, to the delay and inconvenience of all persons having public business with such officials?

(9.) What steps (if any) does the Minister intend to take to relieve the people of the district from the unsatisfactory state of affairs, and procure them due attention in the discharge of justice, &c., considering the importance and population of the town and district?

Mr. Leary answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table, in the shape of a Return, the desired information.

- (4.) Telegraph from Coolah to Gunnedah or Boggabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to make provision for the extension of the Electric Telegraph Line from Coolah to Gunnedah or Boggabri?

Mr. Burns answered,—No application has been made for the extension of the Telegraph Line from Coolah to Gunnedah or Boggabri; and it is not probable that any provision will be made for such a work in any Estimate for the present year. (5.)

- (5.) Stations and Goods Sheds, Werris Creek and Gunnedah :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for erection of Stations and Goods Sheds at Werris Creek and Gunnedah ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders have been invited for the Station Buildings at Werris Creek ; but it is not intended to erect a Goods Warehouse there at present. Tenders for the Station Buildings and Goods Warehouse at Gunnedah will be invited shortly.

- (6.) Public School, Quipolly :—Mr. Bennett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public School at Quipolly is closed ; if so, for what cause, and how long ?
 (2.) Have the Council appointed another Teacher for this School ; if so, when ; if not, when will such Teacher be appointed, and the School again opened.

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) I am informed that there is no Public School at Quipolly. The late Teacher of the Provisional School at that place was dismissed on 4th January last. He appears to have been unable through intemperance to conduct the school from 4th December.

(2.) Another Teacher has not yet been appointed ; but the appointment will be made when the services of a suitable person willing to accept the office can be secured. Having been requested to nominate a Teacher, the District Inspector reported as follows :—“ There are no rooms provided for a Teacher, and the only accommodation is that afforded by two public-houses. Very few Teachers would care to accept appointment to the School ; and it is useless to send any but one of the strictest sobriety. Both of the Teachers who had charge of the School gave way to intemperance, and both were removed in consequence.”

- (7.) William Crick's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is a surveyor allowed to measure a number of blocks of land round a free selector's conditional purchase so as to hem him in and not allow a road ?
 (2.) Is he aware that Surveyor Robertson has done this for the lessee of a run near Dubbo, to hem a selector named William Crick in ; and will he at once stop the sale of these lots ?
 (3.) Is a surveyor allowed to measure a block of land on a selector's pre-lease joining his conditional purchase so as to cut the selector off from access to his pre-lease ; and if not, is he aware that Surveyor Robertson has done this for the lessee, to cut Wm. Crick, a free selector, off from access to his pre-lease ?
 (4.) Will he at once stop the sale of this land ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Surveyors are not allowed.
 (2.) No such survey has been received.
 (3.) Surveyors are not allowed ; it is not known that such survey has been made.
 (4.) Sale will not be made if the survey is on receipt found to be objectionable.

- (8.) Police Force :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Metropolitan Police sent a respectful petition to the Inspector General of Police in August last, praying to be placed on the same footing as the Country Police Force as regards quarters ?
 (2.) Was an answer sent to the said petition ?
 (3.) If not, what was the cause of not answering such a respectful petition ?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Such a petition was sent in, in June last, signed by thirteen members of the Metropolitan Police Force, to which a reply was sent by the Inspector General of Police, informing the petitioners that the memorial had been submitted to the Government. Subsequently 160 other members of the Sydney Police Force expressed their concurrence with the original petition. The matter will be considered by the Government during the recess.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Administration of Justice at Police Court, Tamworth.

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE PARTITION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Partition*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 25th April, 1878.

JOHN HAY,

President.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until To-morrow at Seven o'clock.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Tecece,	Mr. McElhone.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Hungerford,

Tellers.

Mr. Day,
 Captain Onslow.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day No. 1 postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.
6. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)** :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Cohen (after Debate), that report was adopted.
- (2.) Mr. Cohen then (*by consent*) moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed*.
 Whereupon Mr. Cohen moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th April, 1878.
7. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

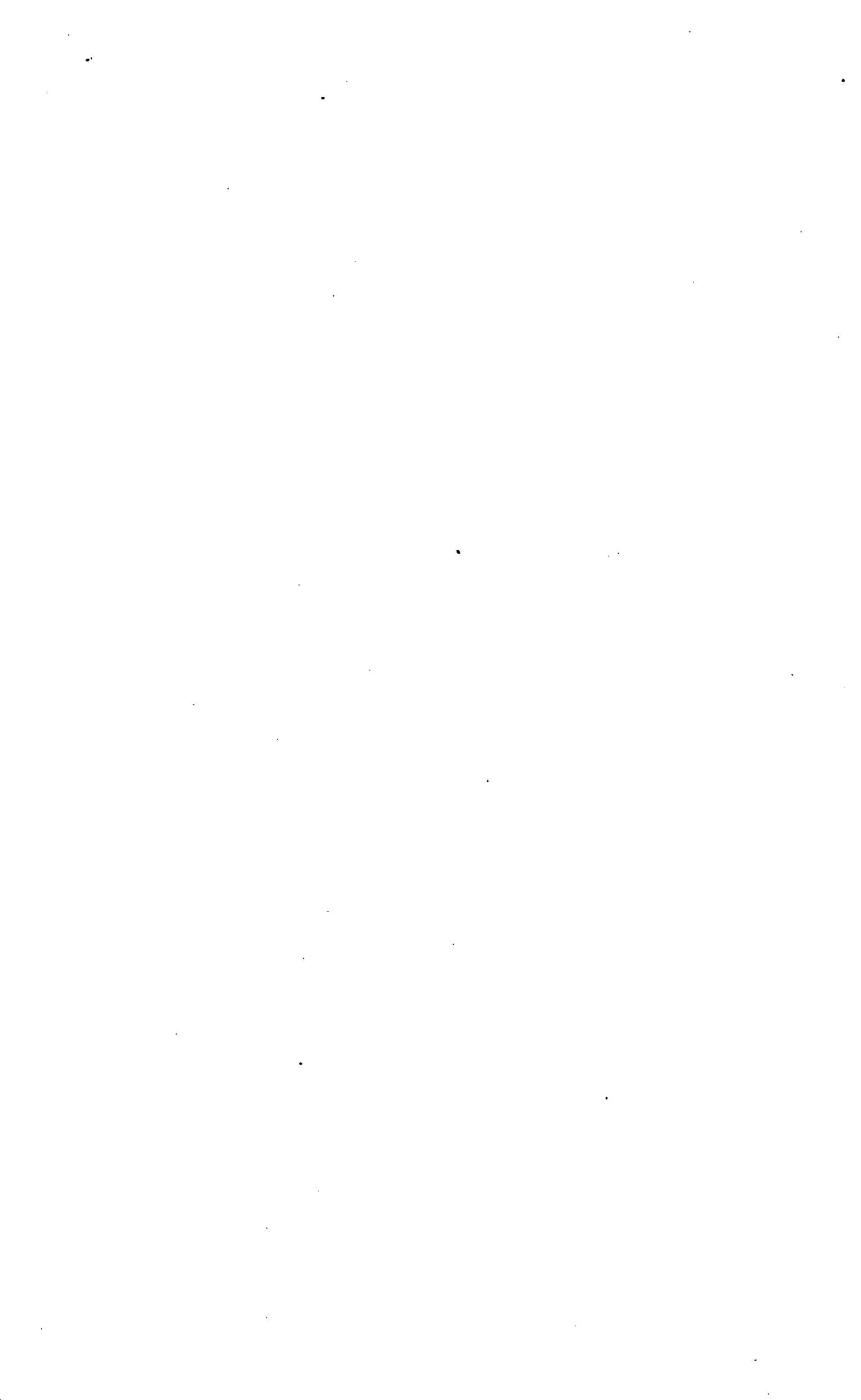
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th April, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until *Seven o'clock P.M.* This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Rockley:—*Mr. Lynch*, on behalf of *Mr. Pilcher*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at Rockley?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Colonial Architect reports that the plans and specification for the Post and Telegraph Office at Rockley will be ready in about six weeks, when Tenders will be invited for the erection of the office. The delay which has occurred in preparing the plans has been caused by the difficulty which has been experienced in obtaining a site.

(2.) Roads and Bridges in West Macquarie District:—*Mr. Lynch*, on behalf of *Mr. Pilcher*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of the two Bridges forming approaches to George's Plains Railway Station?
- (2.) When will the Station-house at Back Creek Railway Station be proceeded with?
- (3.) Has any progress been made in the erection of the Bridge across Campbell's River?
- (4.) What steps have been taken towards formation of the Road through Brownlow's to the above Bridge?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) When the Appropriation Act is passed, Tenders will be invited for the two small Bridges on road.
- (2.) At once—indeed, the work is in hand.
- (3.) The contractor has men employed sawing timber; he will finish pile-driving at Winburndale Creek in a few days, and will then go on pile-driving at Campbell's River.
- (4.) Specifications are being prepared, and Tenders will be shortly invited.

(3.) The Reverend D. McGuinn:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. H. H. Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Rev. Denis McGuinn applied to have his name restored to the list of Clergymen in receipt of State Aid; has the Government acceded to his request?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Yes; but *Mr. McGuinn* has been apprised that the Government could not comply with his request.

(4.) Fortifications, Newcastle:—*Dr. Bowker* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the permanent Fortifications for the Port of Newcastle be commenced?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Jennings and M'Cloud, contractors, have been given these works without competition; if not, does the Government intend to accept Tenders in usual way, or invite Tenders privately?
- (3.) If latter course adopted, does the Government intend to send plans, &c., to Newcastle, to enable local contractors to compete for the work?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) As soon as the plans, now in course of preparation, are completed—probably in about a month's time.
- (2.) No; Tenders will be invited in the usual manner.
- (3.) Yes, plans, &c., will be sent to Newcastle, to enable local contractors to compete for the work.

(5.) Water Reserve at Millers Creek:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that *Mr. James Glass* has still got the Water Reserve at Millers Creek fenced in, and that the public are debarred from access to it for the purpose of watering travelling stock?
- (2.) Will he at once send instructions to the Crown Lands Bailiff to pull down or remove the whole of this fence, which interferes with the free access to the above Reserve?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) I am aware that the Reserve at Millers Creek is fenced in.

(2.) An important decision having been given by Mr. Secretary Garrett, no further action can be taken until the papers now with the surveyor are returned to the office. The surveyor has been written and telegraphed to, requesting him to return the papers without delay.

- (6.) Westing-house Break on Railways :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Westing-house Break now in use on the through passenger trains running on the Western Line applied to the carriages as well as the engines used in hauling such trains, and is it under the control of the engine-driver, or is this description of Break merely fixed on the locomotive engines and tenders of such trains ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Westing-house Break is applied to the carriages as well as to the engines, and is under the control of the engine-driver.

- (7.) Railway Extension, Tamworth to Armidale :—Mr. Terry, on behalf of Mr. Copeland, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Plans for the Extension of the Northern Railway from Tamworth to Armidale be laid upon the Table of this House ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the question of the Northern Extension Railway Route decided this Session ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) When the plans and sections were ready to be laid upon the Table of the House, I found, at the last moment, that the Books of Reference, which the Railway Act requires to be approved by Parliament, were not ready.

(2.) Officers were at once dispatched to compile the Books of Reference, and I think there is no doubt they will be ready by Tuesday, the 8th May, when I will lay them, with the plans, upon the Table of the House, and ask for their approval.

- (8.) Courts of Petty Sessions, Baradine :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any reports been called, and if received, the nature thereof, as to the establishment of Courts of Petty Sessions at Baradine ?

(2.) Is it intended to establish such Courts at Baradine ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Leary answered,—A report has been received, from which it would appear there is no pressing necessity for the establishment of Courts of Petty Sessions at Baradine ; but further inquiry is being made, and upon receipt of the requisite information the subject shall receive the fullest consideration.

- (9.) Conditional Purchases of William Ryman and Kenneth M'Lean :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers with reference to the conditional purchase of William Ryman, made at Murrurundi on the 31st August, 1876, ordered by this House on the 15th March, 1878, be laid upon the Table ; as also similar Returns ordered by this House on 2nd April, 1878, in the case of the conditional purchase of Kenneth M'Lean, made at Casino on the 6th of April, 1876 ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Papers in connection with both these cases are being copied for Parliament, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as earlier Returns moved for by the Honorable Member have been disposed of.

- (10.) New Gaol, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has District Surveyor Dewhurst forwarded to the Minister his report with reference to the site for the new Gaol, Tamworth ?

(2.) If not, will the Minister call upon this surveyor to send in such report without delay ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Instructions have only been recently issued to Mr. Dewhurst.

- (11.) Site for Public School, Manilla :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Licensed Surveyor M'Kenzie forwarded to the Minister for Lands his report referring to the survey of the site for Public School purposes, Manilla District, Tamworth ?

(2.) If such report has been sent in, will the Minister hand over the land to the Council of Education forthwith, so that tenders can be invited for the erection of the said School ?

(3.) If no report has been received from Mr. Licensed Surveyor M'Kenzie in the above case, will the Minister call upon this surveyor to send in his report without delay ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Immediate steps will be taken towards handing over the land to the Council of Education.

- (12.) Mr. Peter Nowland's Conditional Purchase, Murrurundi :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Date when the application and other papers were forwarded to District Surveyor Dewhurst, Tamworth, with reference to and connected with the instructions given to Mr. Peter Nowland, by the Minister for Lands, not to improve his conditional purchase made at Murrurundi on the 6th of December, 1877 ?

(2.) Has this District Surveyor forwarded to the Minister any report in this case ; if so, when, and what is the nature of such report ?

(3.) If no report has been received from this District Surveyor in the above-mentioned case, what has been the cause of such protracted delay, and will the Minister take immediate steps to cause this surveyor to forward to the Minister his report in this case ?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) On 25th March, 1878.

(2.) Not yet.

(3.) Report could not be expected from the District Surveyor within the time it has been under reference to him.

(13.) Railway Extension beyond Tamworth:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Books of Reference as to the Extension of the Northern Railway from Tamworth be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay the Plans and Books of Reference upon the Table of the House within the next ten days.

2. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:—The following Petitions, praying the House to reconsider, and rescind, the Resolution recently passed for the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Terry. From certain Residents of Armidale and surrounding Districts.

(2.) By Mr. W. Davies. From certain Residents in Goulburn and its neighbourhood.

(3.) By Mr. W. Davies. From certain Members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

3. STOCK SALE-YARDS BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, praying the House to so amend the Stock Sale-yards Bill as to confer upon Petitioners the privileges intended to be granted to them by the Cattle Sale-yards Act of 1870.

Petition received.

4. PUBLICANS LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Shepherd presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Wellington, praying that certain Amendments may be made in the Publicans Licensing Act.

Petition received.

5. MR. PATRICK GORMAN'S PRE-LEASE:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) presented a Petition from certain Residents at Limekilns, praying the House to investigate the circumstances connected with the cancellation of Mr. Patrick Gorman's pre-lease.

Petition received.

6. RUSHCUTTERS BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND IMPROVEMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the reclaiming and improving of land in Rushcutters Bay.

Question put and passed.

7. RAILWAY FROM SYDNEY TO JERVIS BAY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gray moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the Districts of Illawarra, Kiama, and Shoalhaven, having regard to their agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Sydney to Jervis Bay.

(2.) That the Government should proceed with all reasonable energy to the construction of such work.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Greenwood.
Mr. Teccc,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Day,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Windcyer,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 27 APRIL, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Disorder.—The Chairman also reported that the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter had crossed the Chamber, and, in a threatening manner and with clenched fist, assailed the Honorable Member for Illawarra.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. McElhone, the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, to explain,—and that Honorable Member having addressed the House, and withdrawn,—

Mr. Speaker said, that as the Honorable Member had offered his explanation, it was for the House to take steps in the matter.

Whereupon Sir John Robertson moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter is guilty of contempt, in crossing the Chamber, and, in a threatening manner and with clenched fist, assailing the Honorable Member for Illawarra.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Mr. McElhone having attended in his place, by direction of Mr. Speaker, the decision of the House was read to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McElhone then addressed the House, apologized, and withdrew.

Whereupon Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Honorable Member for The Upper Hunter, having apologized to the House for his contempt, Mr. Speaker be requested not to issue his Warrant, and that the Honorable Member be released from his contempt.

Question put and passed.

And Mr. McElhone having been recalled to his place, Mr. Speaker communicated to him the Resolution of the House, when the Honorable Member again apologized.

On motion of Mr. Gray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Four o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Inquiry, Registration of Letters, and Sale of Stamps Offices :—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended, and if so to what hours, to extend the time of attendance at the Inquiry, Registration of Letters, and Sale of Stamps Offices, at the General Post Office?

Mr. Burns answered,—The time for the registration of letters has been extended to 9 o'clock. It is not intended to extend the time for the sale of stamps, or attendance at the Inquiry Office, at present.

- (2.) Grahams Conditional Purchases, Tamworth :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received any reply from Mr. McDonald, Land Agent, Tamworth, in reference to his letter as to certain selections taken up about 1874 by Archibald Graham, senior, A. Graham, junior, Alexander Graham, John Graham, John Barclay, and Alexander Almond?

(2.) On what date and year did the above persons select at Tamworth and on Mr. Jennings's Garrawella Runs?

(3.) On what date were the selections transferred, and to whom were they transferred?

(4.) Is the said transfer legal; if not, will he take steps to cancel them at once?

(5.) Did Mr. McDonald enter the names of the above persons in the Land Office books at Tamworth when they selected; if not, why not?

(6.) Did Mr. McDonald send the names of the above persons to the head office in his weekly returns, as he was bound to do; if not, why not?

(7.) If Mr. McDonald did not enter the names of these selectors in his books, as he was bound to do, when they selected, nor send their names in his weekly returns, what steps does the Minister intend to take to punish him for neglect of duty, and for sending down false returns to the head office?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The letter received from the Honorable Member, under date the 16th ultimo, not having given the necessary particulars as to the cases in question, the Land Agent had to be referred to on the subject, and his reply has been received.

(2 to 7.) The cases are it appears those referred to in the Correspondence laid upon the Table, at the Honorable Member's instance, and ordered to be printed, on the 22nd February, 1876, and as to which the complaints were decided by the Minister then in office, who was of opinion that the transactions complained of should have been reported by the Land Agent for instructions, but that otherwise his conduct in the matter was not amenable to censure.

- (3.) Land Agent, Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. William Leard, of Merriwa, send to the Land Agent, Cassilis, on or about 10th April, £17 2s. 9d., in Money Orders, as payment of interest on his and W. Leard's, junior, conditional purchases?

(2.) Did said Land Agent demand by letter to have his old receipts sent to him, and 2s. 3d. in stamps?

(3.) Has the Land Agent sent Mr. Leard his receipts, as demanded; and for what account did he demand the 2s. 3d. in stamps?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A communication from William Leard, received through the Honorable Member a few days since, and containing some allegations as to the tender of his interest to the Land Agent, and the latter having required the production of the receipts for former payments, and a payment of 2s. 3d. in stamps, has been referred to the officer named for explanation, on receipt of which a reply will be sent. (4.)

(4.) Railway Bridge, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Secretary Hoskins instructed the Engineer for the Existing Lines of Railway to have a Bridge erected across the head of the Darling Harbour Branch Line, so as to afford the residents of Regent-street and Chippendale who are about to travel by Railway an opportunity of crossing such Bridge to the Redfern Station, thereby saving the long detour such intending passengers have at the present time to make into Parramatta-street, and from thence to the Station?

(2.) Has he countermanded such order; if not, will he direct the Engineer for Existing Lines to give effect to such instructions without delay?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The papers show that the Honorable Member took some measures in regard to ascertaining cost, &c., of the proposed Bridge, but left office before matter was ripe for final decision. It was his successor, Mr. Secretary Combes, who, on the 12th September last, gave directions for the work to be carried out in continuation of the Honorable Member's action.

(2.) So far from having countermanded the order, I requested the Engineer for Existing Lines to expedite the work in January last, and he stated in February last that it would probably be completed within two months; it is now reported that some of the work has been completed, and the remainder will be expedited as much as possible.

(5.) Additional Passenger Accommodation, Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Secretary Hoskins instructed the Engineer for the Existing Lines of Railway to provide additional accommodation for Passengers by Suburban Trains at the arrival platform, Redfern Station, in consequence of the late Traffic Manager (Mr. Vernon) having represented that such additional accommodation was urgently required?

(2.) Has he countermanded such order; if not, will he direct the Engineer for Existing Lines to give effect to such instructions without delay?

Mr. Burns answered,—I was not aware till the Honorable Member gave notice of his Question that he had directed these additions at the Redfern Station to be carried out. Mr. Mason has stated that all directions in this matter given by the Honorable Member have been complied with. The papers show, however, that this is incorrect, and I have called upon the Engineer for Existing Lines for a further report. So far from having countermanded any order given, I have myself directed Mr. Mason to take immediate steps for increasing the accommodation at the Redfern Station.

(6.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Mogil Mogil:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Mogil Mogil, on the Barwin River, having been gazetted as a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions,—What report has been received from the Walgett Police Magistrate with regard to making arrangements for holding Courts at this place; and what steps have or will be taken in the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Police Magistrate, Walgett, in answer to inquiry, reported that he would be able to visit Mogil Mogil without interfering with his other duties; and that officer was lately instructed to attend there on the second Tuesday in each month for the purpose of holding Courts of Petty Sessions.

(7.) W. G. Varney's Conditional Purchase, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Minister for Lands or the Surveyor General received more than one letter with reference to the impracticable way of access, surveyed by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Brock, to the conditional purchase of William G. Varney, Parish of Woolam, in District Tamworth; if so, when, and from whom, and the nature of the request contained in such letter or letters?

(2.) Has the Minister or the Surveyor General within the last two years called upon Mr. Licensed Surveyor Brock or District Surveyor Dewhurst to report upon the above-mentioned case; if so, what was the nature of such request?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No such report has been required.

(8.) Court of Petty Sessions, Telegraph Office, and Lock-up, Moss Vale:—Captain Onslow asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have any steps been taken towards the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions, Telegraph Office, and a Lock-up in the Town of Moss Vale, as promised by the two preceding Governments; and if so, what?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Inquiries have been and are still being made with the view to providing the requisite accommodation for the purposes of a Court of Petty Sessions and a Lock-up, and it is also probable that a Telegraph Office will shortly be established.

(9.) Public School, Emu Plains:—Mr. Lucas asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the water in the well at the Public School at Emu Plains is brackish and unfit for the children to drink; if so, will he cause good drinkable water to be provided for the use of the children and teacher?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that the Council of Education has no information on this matter. No complaint has been made to the Council on this subject by the Local Board, the parents, or the teacher of the school.

(10.) Land Bill:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to lay upon the Table of this House the Land Bill they have promised to submit to Parliament during the present Session?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Land Bill will be laid upon the Table of the House prior to the Prorogation.

(11.)

(11.) Working of Land Laws :—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government lay upon the Table of the House the Returns moved for by him on the 22nd January and 5th February, respecting the working of the Land Laws of the Colony, from the beginning of 1862?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Returns are being prepared with all possible expedition; they are very voluminous, and involve much research, but will be completed in three or four weeks.

(12.) Deeds awaiting Governor's Signature :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Crown Grants or Deeds now ready and in course of preparation in the Lands Department awaiting the signature of the Governor?

(2.) In the event of the Governor leaving the Colony before these Deeds are signed, are they prepared in his name, and would his failing to sign necessitate the preparation of fresh Grants, or need a special Act of Parliament to avoid this delay?

(3.) Have or will any steps be taken to afford the purchasers of Crown Lands their Title Deeds in a more expeditious manner than is now done?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) 10,121.

(2.) Arrangements will be made to meet the cases.

(3.) Every possible effort is being made to expedite the issue of these Deeds.

(13.) Navigation of the River Darling :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to expend any portion of the sum of £5,000 for improving navigation of the Darling between Brewarrina and Walgett; and if not, will a sum be placed upon the Estimates for 1879 for such purpose?

Mr. Burns answered,—No, unless it is found on examination there is a special necessity for so doing. The matter of placing a sum on the Estimates for 1879 will be considered during the recess.

(14.) Export of Warlike Stores :—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Sir John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether the attention of the Government has been called to the desirability of preventing the export of Warlike Stores?

(2.) Whether or not it is intended to ask Parliament this Session for necessary power in connection with the matter?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A Bill will be at once submitted to Parliament, and proceeded with, provided its passage do not prolong the Session.

(15.) Sydney Branch Royal Mint :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the expenditure in keeping up the Mint for the last five years?

(2.) What are the receipts from all quarters for the same period?

(3.) What sum has passed to credit of the Mint derivable from waste in coining?

(4.) Are the assay pyx pieces included in the waste; if not, what becomes of it?

(5.) What sum has the Royal Mint received for the privilege of the Sydney Branch for the past five years?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—A Return containing all this information is being prepared, which will be laid upon the Table of the House in two or three days.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1878*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th April, 1878.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 13th February, 1878, in reference to the cases of J. Kellcher and Henry Fitzgerald.

(2.) Report on Vaccination, for 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POLICE DISTRICT OF CAMPBELLTOWN (*Formal Motion*) :—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, all Correspondence between the Ministers of the Crown, on the one hand, and the Benches of Magistrates of Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool, and Wollongong, on the other, with respect to the alteration of the Boundaries of the Campbelltown Police District.
Question put and passed.

5. PUBLICANS LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th April from Inhabitants of Town and District of Wellington, in favour of amending the Publicans Licensing Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. MR. PATRICK GORMAN'S PRE-LEASE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th April from Residents at Limekilns, relative to cancellation of pre-lease of Mr. Patrick Gorman, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Luckey,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Simson,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Coonan.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. WILLIAM CRESWELL.—ARTHUR ORTON:—Mr. Eckford moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable for the ends of justice that Arthur Orton, *alias* William Creswell, a lunatic confined in the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum, should be handed over to W. H. Lock, of 31, Charles-street, Fitzroy, Victoria, as the duly authorized agent of Arthur Orton's elder brother, Charles Orton, of 66, Paradise-street, Rotherhithe, in the County of Kent, England, for the purpose of taking him to England for further identification, there being reason to believe that he is the Arthur Orton referred to in the Tichborne trial, and who may be the means of proving beyond doubt that the person now serving a sentence of fourteen years imprisonment in gaol in England, in connection with the claims known as those of Tichborne, is not the Arthur Orton he has been assumed to be.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
- Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Charles, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Coonan, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Macintosh, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Roseby, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 1878.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of the Governor and Executive Council authorizing the transfer of a sum from one Head of Service to another,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.

Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Burial Ground, Scone:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named S. Leighton, on 25th of last January, contract with the Police Magistrate, Scone, to fence Burial Ground there for £72?

(2.) Did he finish this contract on 29th March last?

(3.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate, Scone, refuses to pay Leighton, on the ground that the money would have to be re-voted, although it is now in the Bank?

(4.) Will he give instructions to have Mr. Leighton paid without delay for the work done by him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The money was voted for 1877, but the contract was not entered into until January, 1878, consequently the amount was not available.

(4.) Immediate steps will be taken to pay Leighton.

(2.) Road from Barraba to Gunnedah:—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it intended to survey or mark out for the public use a road from Barraba to Gunnedah, and from Gunnedah to Coonabarabran, so that the sums of money authorized may be expended without delay?

(2.) If so, have instructions yet been issued, or will they be, to the District or other Surveyor to do so?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A report has been received from Mr. Licensed Surveyor McMaster favourable to a road from Barraba to Gunnedah, but the District Surveyor is of opinion that the course of the Railway should first be determined on. It is not intended to survey a road from Gunnedah to Coonabarabran.

(2.) As the proposal of Mr. Dewhurst, the District Surveyor, has not yet been dealt with, instruction to survey a road from Barraba to Gunnedah has not issued.

(3.) Railway Extension—Gunnedah to Walgett:—Mr. J. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When, and to whom, were instructions issued for a Trial Survey of the Extension of the Railway Line from Gunnedah to Narrabri and Walgett?

(2.) To what place has this Trial Survey been ordered, if only to Narrabri; if beyond, to where?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) On the 4th November, 1873, I gave directions to the Engineer-in-Chief to cause a line to be surveyed, "leaving the present proposed line between Murrurundi and Tamworth at a point somewhere near Quirindi, and thence by Breeza and Gunnedah to Narrabri; thence by a line to Moree, "in the Gwydir District; and also by another line by way of Wee Waa to Walgett, on the Darling." This instruction will be found with the Papers on Trial Surveys ordered by the House to be printed on 25th June, 1874.

(2.) Instructions were given to the Engineer-in-Chief, on the 5th April, to survey a line from Gunnedah to Narrabri, and thence to the boundary of Queensland, at or near the intersection of the Macintyre River with the 149th degree of east longitude. (4.)

- (4.) Extension of Northern Railway to Sydney:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision next year for the extension of the Northern Railway to Sydney?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—This question has not yet been considered by the Government, but will receive their attention when maturing their Railway policy during the recess.
- (5.) Bridges over Parramatta River and Iron Cove:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have the Iron Bridges over the Parramatta River and Iron Cove been designed of sufficient strength to carry Railway in addition to the road traffic, in accordance with a Resolution of this House?
 (2.) Have the plans of these Bridges been prepared under the supervision of *Mr. Bennett*, the Engineer and Commissioner for Roads?
 (3.) Have they received the sanction and approval of *Mr. Whitton*, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways; if not, why not?
 (4.) Is it true that the plans for these Bridges, or either of them, have been pronounced by an eminent Engineer in England as inadequate for Railway traffic, or even for heavy road traffic?
 (5.) What is the estimated weight per foot run that these Bridges would have to carry in the event of a dense crowd being on them during a regatta or other aquatic sports?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) No; the plans of the Bridges have not been submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways. They were prepared in the Roads Office, and are so arranged as to be strong enough for a Railway with the addition of intermediate cross-girders where required. (See answer to similar question on 8th February, 1877.)
 (4.) No.
 (5.) One ton per foot run.
- (6.) Roads through Croobyar Estate:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return of all Petitions, Letters, Plans, and other Papers for and against all Roads through the Croobyar Estate, Ulladulla, ordered by this House on 26th June, 1877, be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Return in connection with this case will be put in hand as soon as possible.
3. EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores.
 Question put and passed.
4. MR. P. BROUGHAM, POLICE MAGISTRATE, BINGERA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters, Correspondence, Minutes, &c., in the matter of certain charges made against *Mr. P. Brougham*, Police Magistrate, Bingera.
 Question put and passed.
5. STOCK SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of *Sir Henry Parkes*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th April from Municipal Council of Sydney, relative to Stock Sale-yards Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
6. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS (*Formal Motions*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Terry* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th April from Residents of Armidale and surrounding Districts, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. W. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 26th April, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (3.) *Mr. Hungerford* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th April from Residents of Hamilton, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (4.) *Mr. Hungerford*, on behalf of *Dr. Bowker*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 16th April, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (5.) *Mr. J. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th April from *A. White*, Chairman of Public Meeting, Rylstone, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (6.) *Mr. Lucas* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 16th April, relative to Opening Free Public Library and Museum on Sundays, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
7. PAPER:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relative to *Anderson's Artisans College and Home for Fatherless Boys*, at Balmain.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business postponed, to follow after Order No. 3.

9. RUSHCUTTERS BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND RESUMPTION BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the reclaiming and improving of land in Rushcutters Bay. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the reclaiming and improving of land in Rushcutters Bay.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Farnell *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay*,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution respecting the proposed modification of the terms and conditions for the Pacific Mail Service :—

That this House approves of the agreement for the modification of the Contract for the Pacific Mail Service made between the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, subject to the approval of Parliament, *viz.*,—That the route be to and from Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu; the annual subsidy to be reduced from £89,950 to £72,500, of which amount £40,000 shall be paid by New South Wales and £32,500 by New Zealand, but provided that the cost of the New Zealand Coastal Service shall be borne by that Colony alone.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That this House approves of the agreement for the modification of the Contract for the Pacific Mail Service made between the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, subject to the approval of Parliament, *viz.*,—That the route be to and from Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu; the annual subsidy to be reduced from £89,950 to £72,500, of which amount £40,000 shall be paid by New South Wales and £32,500 by New Zealand, but provided that the cost of the New Zealand Coastal Service shall be borne by that Colony alone.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it is desirable to bring in a Bill 'during the present Session' to define the powers and privileges of Parliament, and to affix penalties and punishments for the breach of such privileges." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the words "during the present Session."

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

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Charles,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill during the present Session to define the powers and privileges of Parliament, and to affix penalties and punishments for the breach of such privileges,—put and passed.

Mr.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that men who are permanently employed on the Railway for twelve months or over are entitled to receive 7s. per day?

(2.) If so, is he aware that there are a number of permanent men employed on different parts of the Great Northern Railway for over twelve months who do not receive more than 6s. 6d. per day?

(3.) Will he cause immediate inquiries to be made into this matter, and if the facts are found to be as stated, will he at once give instructions to have all men who are permanently employed on the Railway for twelve months or over, and who now receive less than 7s. per day, to be paid 7s. per day?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is a regulation in the Traffic Branch that men should receive 7s. per day after twelve months service; but good conduct and efficiency are necessary to entitle them to the benefit of this regulation.

(2 and 3.) Inquiry is already being made, and complete lists are being prepared of all employés, with a view to each man's case being taken into consideration.

- (2.) Land Sale, Gunnedah :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will the land recently surveyed in the Town of Gunnedah and the eastern suburb be offered at auction as soon as possible, more particularly portions 354 to 364, which were applied for four years ago?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The land may have been measured, but the surveys have not yet been received; when they are forwarded to the Department, the land will be advertised for sale without delay.

- (3.) Bridges over Parramatta River and Iron Cove :—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the detailed estimate of cost of the Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges, as furnished by Mr. Franklin, the Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges, to the Commissioner for Roads, and referred to by Mr. Franklin in his letter of the 8th January to the Honorable the Secretary for Works; also, a detailed copy of Mr. Franklin's Tender for the erection, &c., of the above Bridges, on the 27th of December, 1877?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Franklin never gave any estimate of the kind for these Bridges. The Commissioner for Roads conferred with him, and with other officers, and made his own estimate of the probable cost. I will presently lay upon the Table copies of Mr. Franklin's Tenders in detail.

- (4.) Wages of Railway Workmen :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the men in the carriage shed of the Locomotive Department forwarded through the Locomotive Foreman a petition for more wages?

(2.) Has it been decided to accede to their request; if not, for what reason?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Engineer for Existing Lines received such an application from four of the labourers, which he did not entertain, as the rate of wages had only recently undergone revision.

- (5.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return of all Correspondence from private persons to Mr. Clark, C.E., relative to the Water Supply for City of Sydney and Suburbs, ordered by this House some weeks ago, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The papers, which are very numerous, are in course of preparation, and will, it is hoped, be ready for presentation before the Prorogation.

(6.)

(6.) Telegraph Line, Kempsey to Grafton—Mr. J. R. Jones's Contract :—Mr. Cameron asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Correspondence ordered by this House relative to Mr. J. R. Jones's Contract for construction of Telegraph Line at Grafton be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Correspondence is being copied, and when completed the Return will be laid upon the Table.

(7.) Recommendation of Mr. J. C. Foster, of Marengo, to the Commission of the Peace :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relating to the recommendation of Mr. J. C. Foster, of Marengo, to the Commission of the Peace, ordered by the House, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—Further search has been made for Mr. McGregor's letters of recommendation, but they cannot be found. I have reason to believe that they were treated by the Government of the time as confidential, and were probably destroyed.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Copy of detailed Tenders of Parramatta River and Iron Cove Bridges, as furnished by Mr. Franklin, Assistant Engineer for Roads and Bridges.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th July, 1877, in reference to W. S. Caswell, Esq., Police Magistrate, Moruya.
Ordered to be printed.

3. EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL :—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

4. JURY LISTS, DENILQUIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of all persons on the Jury List for the District of Deniliquin for the years 1877 and 1878.

(2.) A like Return of the names of all persons on the Special Jury List for the District of Deniliquin for the years 1877 and 1878.

(3.) A list of the names of all Justices of the Peace who revised such Jury Lists for the last six years, inclusive of 1878.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1878, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1877 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1874.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,541 13s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1874."

Services of 1875.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £657 10s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1875."

Services of 1876.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,344 14s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1876."

Services of 1877.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray further contingent expenses under the head "Colonial Secretary."

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Permanent Military Force."

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,440 15s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Police."

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Reformatory for Girls, Biloela, Parramatta River."

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20 5s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute."

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,431, 16s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £109 11s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
 (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £592 15s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Attorney General."
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Crown Solicitor."

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26 7s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Customs."
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £165, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Government Printer."
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Ordnance Department."
 (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,690 4s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Quarantine."
 (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs."
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £59, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Local Marine Board, Newcastle."
 (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,884 7s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Lands Department."
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
 (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Conditional Land Sales."
 (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £190, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Occupation of Lands."
 (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Imported Stock."
 (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £972 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Mining Department."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29 3s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,200, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,362 5s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings."
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £189 18s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs."
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,555 1s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Railways—Miscellaneous."
 (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,350, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Existing Lines—Working Expenses."

No. IX.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office"—Conveyance of Mails."
 (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Contingencies."
 (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1878.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £2,135, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £928, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1878.
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,100, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1878.

(46.)

- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,955, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,985, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1878.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,520, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1878.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,796, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,186, for the maintenance of the Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1878.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,814, to defray the expenses of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1878.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £181,961, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1878.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74,037, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prisons, for the year 1878.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,943, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1878.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1878.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,800, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1878.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,795, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,470, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,650, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1878.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,538, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Industrial Schools, for the year 1878.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £379, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1878.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104, to defray the expense of a Reformatory for Boys, for the year 1878.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1878.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,590, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1878.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,003, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1878.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,000, for Immigration, for the year 1878.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,290, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1878.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £56,500, for Grants in aid of Municipalities, for the year 1878.

NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,790, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, for the year 1878.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1878.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,908, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1878.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,912, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1878.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,420, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvency Court, for the year 1878.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,679, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1878.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,300, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1878.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,141, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1878.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,190, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Observatory, for the year 1878.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Museum, for the year 1878.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £320,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under the Act 30 Viet. No. 22, for the year 1878.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,576, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Free Public Library, for the year 1878.

- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,506, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1878.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,847, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1878.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,910, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Attorney General for the year 1878.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,945, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Crown Solicitor, for the year 1878.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,279, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1878.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,670, to defray salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,039, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,364, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £295, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1878.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1878.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,823, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies for the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,044, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Stores and Stationery Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,088, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1878.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £905, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1878.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £866, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the salary of the Secretary to the Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1878.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,325, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Shipping Master's Establishment for the year 1878.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,795, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Glebe Island Abattoirs Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,835, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1878.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, for the year 1878.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,143, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1878.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,000, to enable the Treasurer to make Advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1879.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,093, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1878.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Conditional Land Sales Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,600, to defray Salaries and Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1878.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £582, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Inspection of Oyster Beds, for the year 1878.
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the charge for Minor Roads, for the year 1878.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £306,394, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1878.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,659, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1878.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,755, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Occupation of Lands Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,915, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1878.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray the salary of the Quarantine Keeper for Imported Stock, Shark Island, for the year 1878.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,125, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Registration of Brands, for the year 1878.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,449, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1878.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,513, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1878.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,772, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1878.

No.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,739, to defray the salaries, contingencies, and miscellaneous services of the Department of Mines, for the year 1878.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,331, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1878.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £161,006, to defray the salaries, contingencies, &c., of the Establishments for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1878.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,753, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1878.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £253,442, to defray the charge for Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1878.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,800, to defray the charge for construction of Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1878.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,925, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1878.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,228, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, Superintendents in Field, for the year 1878.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £512,771, to defray the charge for construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1878.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £130, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1878.

No. VIII.—RAILWAYS.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,275, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Railways—General Establishment—for the year 1878.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,271, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Engineering Establishment,—Works in Progress, for the year 1878.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £459,784, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1878.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125,000 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1878.

No. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £240,597, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Establishment, for the year 1878.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,645, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1878.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91,636, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Electric Telegraph Establishment, for the year 1878.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1878.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES—1877.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £303 12s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for "Permanent Military Force."

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,024 12s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for "Prisons."

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £147 4s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for "Registrar General."

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800, to defray supplementary charge for "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute."

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,069, to defray supplementary charge for "Charitable Allowances."

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,423 13s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £725, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions."

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £658, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £124 7s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "The Attorney General."

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66 1s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Crown Solicitor."

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100 to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £630 13s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Government Printer."

(147.)

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £931 16s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Marine Board."
 (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,517 5s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,082 1s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,750, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect."

No. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—1873.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Secretary."
 (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,445, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."
 (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, to defray additional charge under the head "Works of Defence."
 (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,457, to defray additional charge under the head "Police."
 (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6, to defray additional charge under the head "Asylum for Imbeciles, &c., Newcastle."
 (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,600, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."
 (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £450, to defray additional charge under the head "Sheriff."
 (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
 (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray additional charge under the head "Museum."
 (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £302, to defray additional charge under the head "Free Public Library."
 (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,550, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
 (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Quarter Sessions."
 (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £325, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £308, to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
 (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,540, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,100, to defray additional charge under the head "Conditional Land Sales."
 (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,475, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,510, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."
 (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,355, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
 (173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Fitzroy Dock."
 (174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,674, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and buildings."
 (175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,568, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
 (176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45,225, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways."

No.

NO. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Telegraph Department."

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1877 and previous years, the sum of £139,427 6s. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1878, the sum of £4,054,166 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cohen, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 6 and 7, to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878, and for the year 1877 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Cohen then *presented* a Bill intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Real Property Act Further Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Real Property Act*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd May, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 11. *After* "nine" *insert* "hereinafter termed the principal Act"
 " " line 12. *Omit* "and hereinafter termed the principal Act"
 " clause 2, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "The following provisions as to applications and nominations shall take effect viz."
 Page 2, clause 2, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "by a power of attorney"
 " " line 18. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
 " " line 23. *Omit* "or" *insert* "on"
 " " line 28. *Omit* "the donee of the power" *insert* "him"
 " " line 32. *Omit* "such" *insert* "the"
 " " " *Omit* "of attorney"
 " " " *Omit* "donor's" *insert* "grantor's"
 " " line 33. *After* "furnished" *omit* remainder of clause.
 " clause 4. *Omit* clause 4 as printed, *insert* new clause.

"4. Where any caveat against an application to bring land under the principal Act shall have been lodged in pursuance of the twenty-first section by any person (hereinafter called the "caveator) claiming such land or a portion thereof or an interest therein adversely to the applicant it shall not be necessary for such caveator to take proceedings in any Court to establish such claim but the applicant may state a case for the opinion and direction of the Supreme Court upon the matter and the caveator may apply to the said Court for an order on the Registrar General as provided by the twenty-third section to restrain him from proceeding until the further order of the Court And the Court may make such an order and may in its discretion direct the caveator to lodge in the Court on or before a certain day a case on his own behalf stating whether he claims in his own right or under another person together with such other particulars if any as the Court shall think fit to order and the Court shall thereupon direct an issue or issues to be tried by a jury as to any fact or facts or should no fact be in contest may decide the matter upon the "case

" case stated and for the purposes aforesaid may make all such orders as the Court shall think fit and the decision of the Court finally upon the matter shall be conclusive on the parties and on the Registrar General and Commissioners. And the costs of every proceeding under this section shall be borne by the party finally unsuccessful."

Page 2, clause 5, lines 46 and 47. *Omit* "any applicant or his nominee may apply to a Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers for" *insert* "any Judge of the Supreme Court may on the application of any person seeking to bring land under the principal Act make"

" clause 5, line 48. *Omit* "or persons"

" " " *Omit* "or their"

" " " *Omit* "custody" *insert* "under his control"

" " lines 49 and 50. *Omit* "the subject of such application"

" " line 50. *After* "produce" *insert* "the same"

" " line 53. *After* "to" *insert* "costs and otherwise as to"

" clause 6, line 59. *Omit* "authorized by the said seventy-ninth section"

Page 3, " line 5. *Omit* "of the said Act"

" " " *After* "if" *insert* "so"

" " line 10. *Omit* "being one month or less" *insert* "not being more"

" " line 13. *Before* "other" *insert* "such"

" - clause 7, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "good and sufficient"

" clause 9, line 49. *Add* "s" to "provision"

Page 4, clause 10. *Omit* clause 10 as printed. *insert* new clause 10.

" 10. If any objection to the title of land sought to be brought under the provisions of the principal Act is made by the Examiners which the applicant shall deem to be not well founded he may state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court which decision shall be binding upon the Examiners and Commissioners but shall not affect the claim of any person against the assurance fund under the principal Act or the right of the applicant to proceed under the one hundred and seventh section of that Act. Provided always that to every such case there shall be annexed such observations as the Examiners may think proper to make. Provided also that the costs of obtaining such decision shall in each case be borne by the applicant." Special case.

Page 4, clause 13, line 48. *After* "Act" *omit* remainder of clause.

Examined—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration this day.

(2.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill:—

MR SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866' and the 'Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876' to regulate the driving of Stock and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd May, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 13. *Omit* line 13 as printed *insert* "Run—Any portion of land containing not less than two thousand acres whereon stock are depastured"

" clause 3, line 14. *After* "sheep" *omit* remainder of clause

Page 4, clause 14, line 20. *After* "destinations" *omit* sub-section 3

" " 15, " 40. *Omit* "or" *insert* "and"

" " 16, " 46. *Omit* "an ordinary direct public road" *insert* "the most direct road ordinarily used for the purpose of travelling stock."

Page 5, clause 17, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "containing not less than two hundred acres and"

" " line 13. *Omit* "fat sheep nor"

" " 21, " 48. *After* "for" *insert* "the protection and management of"

Page 7, " 34, " 12. *Omit* "requiring" *insert* "using"

Page 8, " 41, " 30. *Omit* "approach at any point within ten miles of" *insert* "adjoin"

Page 9, " 46, " 15. *Before* "notwithstanding" *insert* "all offences against this Act may be heard and determined in a summary way by any two Justices and"

" clause 46, line 15. *After* "Act" *insert* "or this Act"

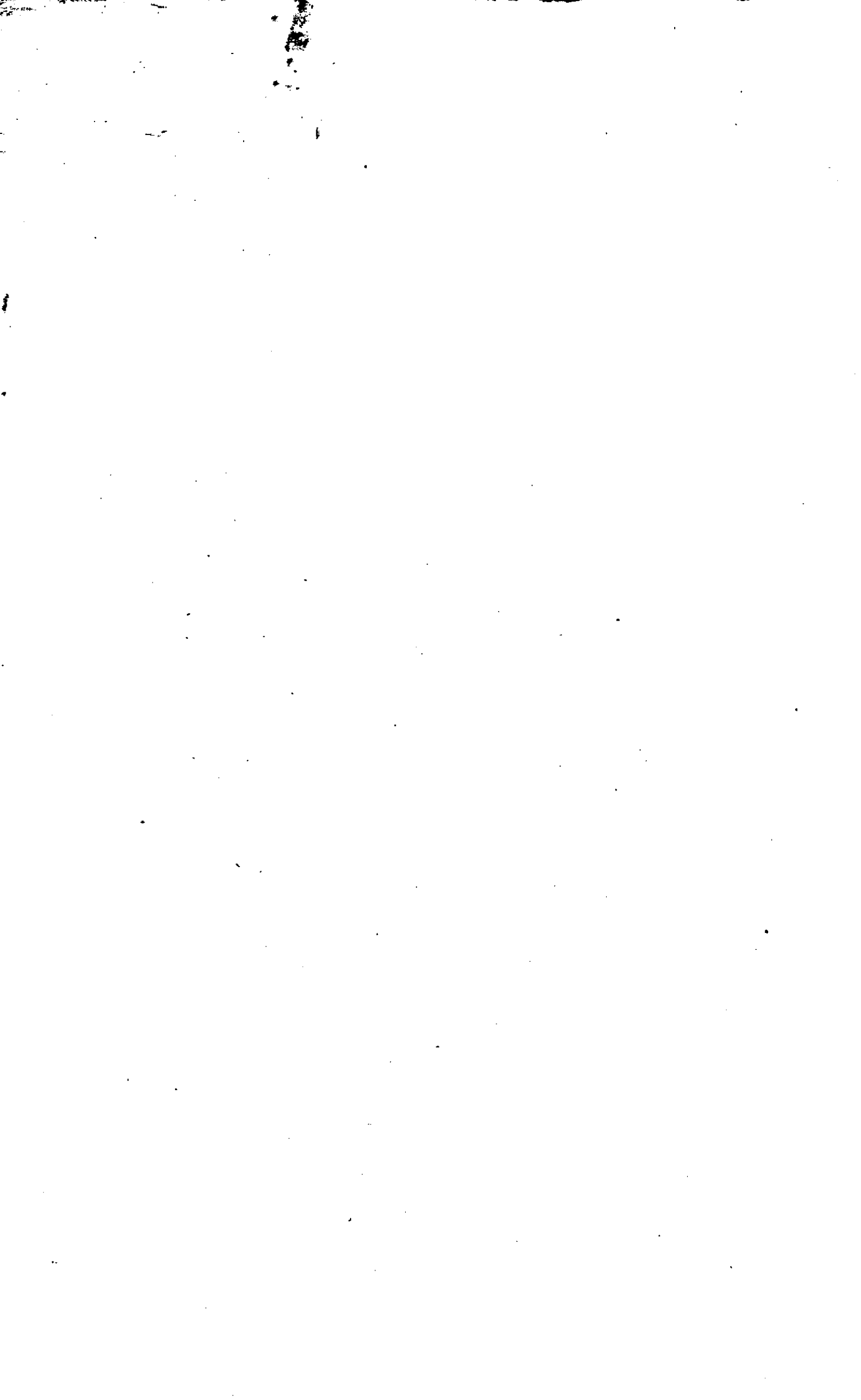
Examined—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Henry Draper's Conditional Purchase, Molong:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Henry Draper made the necessary declaration of residence and improvements on a conditional purchase taken up by him at Molong in February, 1875?

(2.) If so, is he aware that Mr. Draper has not resided on his selection, and has not erected over £50 worth of improvements on his conditional purchase?

(3.) Will he cause the Inspector to report as to Draper's residence and improvements on this conditional purchase before deeds are issued for it, as Draper has transferred to his mother, Mrs. Draper?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A declaration has been received from Matilda Draper relating to the selection referred to.

(2.) The declaration sets forth the usual allegation as to residence, and that £120 worth of improvements have been erected; but it is stated in a letter on behalf of the declarant, that the selector had been obliged to travel on his business engagements.

(3.) Instructions have already been given to the effect suggested.

- (2.) Bridge over Namoi River, near Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Government aware nothing has been done to the Bridge over the Namoi River, near Narrabri; and if so, what steps are intended to be taken in the matter, with a view to hasten its completion, or a cancellation of the contract and inviting fresh Tenders?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Fresh Tenders will be invited next week.

- (3.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is a tariff of prices of the Refreshments (other than fruit and pastry) supplied at the several Railway Refreshment Rooms fixed by the Railway authorities, or are the keepers of these rooms quite uncontrolled as to the prices of the Refreshments they supply; if fixed, what are the prices, and are they the same at all Stations?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The conditions under which the Refreshment Rooms are leased require the lessee to exhibit in a conspicuous place a list of the charges he is authorized by the Commissioner to make. The charges authorized to be made on the South and West Lines are as follows:—Sandwich or cup of tea or coffee, 3d.; sandwich with tea or coffee, 6d.; plate of soup with slice of bread, 6d.; steak or chop with vegetables, 1s.; soup, meat, and vegetables, 1s. 6d.; hot dinners, including the above or poultry, ordered by a party of not less than four, each 2s. 6d. The contractor is bound by the terms of his contract to supply articles of the best description only. The lessee of the Refreshment Room at Singleton, at which place additional accommodation is being afforded to admit of hot meals being served, will be required to make similar charges.

- (4.) School Buildings, Mount Victoria:—Mr. Lucas asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Frederick Staveley's Tender for School Buildings at Mount Victoria, now in course of erection, amounting to £1,390, and Mr. Murrant's, for £1,405, were rejected, and that of Messrs. Donald & Crow, for £1,429, accepted?

(2.) At whose instance was this done?

(3.) What were the reasons for said rejection and preference?

(4.) Has Mr. Staveley been for months in urgent communication with the Council, through its officers, with the view of obtaining the whole of the above information, and without effect?

Mr.

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Council's architects.
- (3.) The fact that the architect could learn nothing of either of the lower tenderers to justify him in recommending them, and in one case the proposed sureties were unsatisfactory.
- (4.) I am informed that Mr. Stavely has addressed two letters to the Council, both of which have been replied to, and that he has been furnished with such information as the Council considered he had a right to demand.

(5.) New Court-house, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any further representations been made to the Government respecting the delay in the erection of the new Walgett Court House; if so, the nature thereof?
- (2.) Have or will immediate steps be taken to compel the signing of the bond, or a cancellation of the Contract, and fresh Tenders invited?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any further representations have been made to the Government, but there have been communications from the contractor respecting the bricks for the work, which he states to be ready, but which the Police Magistrate states are not on the ground.
- (2.) The matter of the bond is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, who has been requested to procure the completion.

(6.) Baradine Cemetery and Common:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The names of the present Trustees of the Baradine Cemetery Ground?
- (2.) The names of the present Trustees of Baradine Common (if any appointed)?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No Trustees have been appointed, the Cemetery not having yet been dedicated.
- (2.) Messrs. William Davis, Henry Thurlow, Robert Hyman.

2. PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN:—Mr. Greville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copy of His Honor Mr. Justice Faucett's notes in *Regina v. Patrick and Michael Griffin*, heard at the Central Criminal Court in the August Sittings of 1867. Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare and define certain privileges of Parliament, and to confer certain powers on Parliament and its Members.
Question put and passed.

4. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. "HANSARD."—OFFICIAL REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses necessary to establish and carry on a Hansard, or Official Report of the Proceedings and Debates of Parliament.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses necessary to establish and carry on a Hansard, or Official Report of the Proceedings and Debates of Parliament.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Public Water Supply postponed until Friday, 17th May.

7. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Terry, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Real Property Act.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3rd May, 1878.

8. **DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dangar, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended one of the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Dangar, the report was adopted.
9. **GRAMMAR SCHOOLS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying,—
- (1.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made in the Estimates for the year 1879 for the establishment of Grammar Schools at Maitland, Goulburn, and Bathurst.
- (2.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates an annual sum not exceeding £1,500, to provide for the education for five years in the Grammar Schools of the Colony of ten boys, to be selected annually by competitive examination from the Public Schools of the Colony; and for the education in the University of five boys, to be annually selected by competitive examination from the boys of the said Grammar Schools, and whose abilities, in the opinion of the examiners, make it desirable that they should receive the advantage of a University education.
- (3.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause Regulations to be framed for the conduct of the above examinations.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
- The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying,—
- (1.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made in the Estimates for the year 1879 for the establishment of Grammar Schools at Maitland, Goulburn, and Bathurst.
- (2.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates an annual sum not exceeding £1,500 to provide for the education for five years in the Grammar Schools of the Colony of ten boys, to be selected annually by competitive examination from the schools under the supervision of the Council of Education of the Colony; and for the education in the University of five boys, to be annually selected by competitive examination from the boys of the said Grammar Schools, and whose abilities, in the opinion of the examiners, make it desirable that they should receive the advantage of a University education.
- (3.) That His Excellency will be pleased to cause Regulations to be framed for the conduct of the above examinations.
- On motion of Mr. Windeyer, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **IVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macintosh moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Macintosh the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day respecting the purchase of a Statue of Her Majesty the Queen postponed until Friday, 17th May.
12. **OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject having been read,—Mr. J. Davies moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. W. Davies.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Macintosh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Charles, "That the consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor in reference to an Annuity or Pension to the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett, which was interrupted, for want of a Quorum, on Saturday, 6th April, 1878, a.m., stand an Order of the Day for 'Friday, 26th April,'"—
- Mr. Jacob moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words 'Friday, 26th April,' with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Tuesday next."

Question

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. J. Davies,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. O'Connor.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted.

Mr. Driver moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "week."

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the word "next," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the proposed amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Baker,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Windeyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Furnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Davies,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Roseby,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Beyers,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question then, That the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Charles,—That the consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor in reference to an Annuity or Pension to the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett, which was interrupted, for want of a Quorum, on Saturday, 6th April, 1878, a.m., stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next,—put and passed.

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

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| (1.) Stock Sale-yards Bill ; second reading ;— | } until Friday next. |
| (2.) Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;— | |
| (3.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;— | |
| (4.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;— | |
| (5.) Beer's Disabilities Bill ; third reading ;— | } until Tuesday next. |
| (6.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill ; second reading ;— | |
| (7.) Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;— | |

15. NAVIGATION OF THE MANNING RIVER :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sufficient sum of money for the construction of a Dredge and appliances for the improvement of the navigation of the Manning River.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. LAND SALES AT ARMIDALE, WALCHA, &c. :—Mr. Dillon moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) A Return of all lands conditionally purchased, purchased at auction, after auction, by pre-emptive right, by virtue of improvements, and by Volunteer Land Orders, at Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Inverell, Warialda, and Bingera, for the ten years from January, 1868, to December, 1877.
- (2.) A Return of the area comprised in the land districts above mentioned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

17. RAILWAY STATION AND SIDING AT LITHGOW :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and also, if necessary, to visit the locality, to report upon the most eligible site for the erection of a Railway Station and Siding at Lithgow.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

- 18 MAIN ROADS, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—Mr. Hungerford moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum of money not exceeding £3,000 for the purpose of improving the Main Roads through the County of Northumberland.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Cohen, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Roseby, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Windeyer,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at nine minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Dam in Castlereagh River, at Colma Station :—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the lessee of the Colma Station (Nugil), Castlereagh River, has placed a dam in the Castlereagh River, thus causing an overflow of the waters, and creating a great swamp, fully 2 feet deep and a mile across, at or near the main road from Walgett to Nugil, lately surveyed by order of the Government, by *Mr. Surveyor McMaster*, and proclaimed as a public road to the public?

(2.) That the erection of such dam will prove, particularly in wet seasons, a perpetual nuisance and obstacle to the public in the travelling on this road?

(3.) Will immediate steps be taken to compel the lessee to abate and discontinue the nuisance, or, failing such, for a corduroy road to be made across this swamp?

(4.) Will inquiries be made as to whether the erection of this dam is upon any of the land reserved from the lease of this run for the purposes of this road, travelling stock reserve, or otherwise; and if so, cause steps to be adopted to protect the public interests?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I am not aware, but inquiry will be made.

(2.) Weigh-bridge at Parramatta Junction :—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that *Mr. Secretary Hoskins* instructed the Engineer for Existing Lines to have a Weigh-bridge fixed in a convenient position at the Parramatta Junction for weighing loads of fire-wood, coal, and agricultural produce intended for the various Suburban Stations between that place and Sydney; also, to lay down cross-over roads at each of the said Stations, so that loaded trucks might be detached from goods trains at such Stations, thereby saving the haulage of such trucks to Sydney and back to the said Suburban Stations?

(2.) Has he countermanded such instructions; if not, will he give directions to the Engineer for Existing Lines to have this work carried out without delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am aware that the Honorable Member gave such directions, for immediately on assuming office I directed my attention to the same subject. I found, however, that though the Weigh-bridge had been put in, the necessary siding accommodation to admit of its being used was wanting; directions were at once given for the necessary works, and the Engineer for Existing Lines reports that they are approaching completion, as also the cross-over roads.

(3.) Lighting Railway Carriages with Gas :—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that *Mr. Secretary Hoskins* instructed the Engineer for Existing Lines to obtain information from England with the view of ascertaining the various processes in use on the Railways in that country for lighting passenger carriages with gas?

(2.) Has he obtained a report from the Engineer for Existing Lines upon the subject; and is it intended to light the passenger carriages on the Railways in this Colony with gas?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I am aware that the Honorable Member gave directions that inquiry on this subject was to be made in England.

(2.) The Agent General was written to on the 20th August last, and furnished *Mr. John Fowler's* preliminary report on the subject in January last. *Mr. Fowler* stated that none of the efforts made

made to light with gas had yet been perfected sufficiently to induce Railway Companies to adopt them; that a system introduced by Pintsch & Co. was being experimented with, and he promised a further report on the subject.

- (4.) **Grahams Conditional Purchase, Tamworth:**—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did Archibald Graham, senior, A. Graham, junior, Alexander Graham, John Graham, John Barclay, and Alexander Almond select at Tamworth, on Shanahan's and Jennings's run, in or about 1874?
 - (2.) If so, on what date did they take up their selections?
 - (3.) Were their selections transferred to any person or persons, and on what date were the transfers made, and the names of the persons they were transferred to?
 - (4.) How long did Mr. Graham and other persons mentioned above hold their selections before they were transferred?
 - (5.) Were the transfers of these conditional purchases legal?
 - (6.) Is it not a fact that a person taking up a conditional purchase under the 13th clause of the Lands Act is compelled to reside on his conditional purchase twelve months before he can legally transfer his conditional purchase?
 - (7.) It being a fact that A. Graham and other persons mentioned above transferred their conditional purchases within a few days of their taking them up, are not such transfers illegal; and if so, can the persons these conditional purchases were transferred to legally hold them?
 - (8.) Did the Land Agent enter the names of A. Graham and other persons mentioned in his Land Office books on the date they took up their conditional purchases?
 - (9.) Did the Land Agent send the names of A. Graham and other persons mentioned above down to the head office in his weekly return, as he was bound to do?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1 and 2.) As stated in reply to a previous question by the Honorable Member, the Correspondence relating to the selections referred to was laid upon the Table, and printed by order on the 22nd February, 1876. From that Correspondence it appears that one Alexander Graham and members of his family, or persons in his employment, applied through an agent (D. Sinclair) on the 20th June, 1874, to select certain lands.
- (3.) No transfer took place, but the land applied for in the first applications having been unavailable, the deposit was refunded, and the agent of the parties applied to the Land Agent for permission to withdraw the other applications by substituting the names of other applicants. This request the Land Agent, after consultation with the Police Magistrate, acceded to, the whole transaction taking place on the day abovenamed, and before the entry of the several applications in the Land Agent's register.
- (4.) The selections were not held by these parties.
- (5.) There was no transfer.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) As before stated, no transfer took place.
- (8.) The substituted names were entered.
- (9.) The names sent down are those entered in the register.

- (5.) **Head-lights for Locomotive Engines:**—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Superintendent of Locomotive Engines at the Redfern Station been instructed to fit the twenty Head-lights imported from America to the engines running passenger trains, in compliance with the promise made to Mr. Alexander Stuart in this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, and arrangements are being made for fixing such Head-lights without delay.

- (6.) **Police Quarters, Bingera.**—Gaol, Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Will provision be made upon the Estimates of 1879 for the erection of new Police Quarters at Bingera?
- (2.) Also, for the erection of a new Gaol at Narrabri?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Police buildings are required at Bingera, and will probably be provided for in the Estimates for 1879?
- (2.) The matter is now in the hands of the Colonial Architect for report.

- (7.) **Attendance of Clerk from Lands Department at Circuit Court, Tamworth:**—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that a Clerk from Lands Department attended the Circuit Court at Tamworth last month, and charged £14 for his journey to Tamworth and back to Sydney?
- (2.) Did the said Clerk receive £14, or any less sum; if so, for what, and from whom, and on whose authority?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) A Clerk from the office proceeded to Tamworth, under subpoena, and received his expenses.
- (2.) The expenses amounted to £12, which were paid, as usual, by the attorneys of the parties who subpoenaed the witness.

- (8.) **Inquest on body of Sophia Nott:**—Mr. Dillon asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did Dr. Stride, of West Maitland, ask for a second inquisition as to the cause of the death of one Sophia Nott, at Newcastle, on the 23rd March last?
- (2.) Did the Government accede to his request; if not, what were their reasons for refusing?

Mr. Leary answered,—

- (1.) Yes, Mr. Gorrick, as the attorney of Dr. Stride, lately made application that the verdict, in conjunction with the rider of the jury, in this case should be quashed for defects on the face of it.

(2.)

(2.) No; Mr. Gorrick was informed in reply that in case Dr. Stride desired to quash the verdict and rider of the jury in this case application should be made by him to the Supreme Court for that purpose. The reason for not acceding to his request was that the rider appended by the jury was not a sufficient ground for ordering a second inquest. This conclusion was borne out after inquiry made by the Inspector General of Police, and his report that he could obtain no evidence to throw any further light on the subject.

(9.) Transfer of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is a notification of alienation properly made on a K form of the Act, and duly witnessed and delivered to the Land Agent, a legal transfer of a conditional purchase?

(2.) If the ordinary notification of alienation is not a legal transfer, in what way are selectors to transfer their holdings from one to another?

(3.) Is he aware that hundreds of thousands of acres of conditionally purchased land which have been transferred from one to another are held by virtue of these notifications to the Land Agent?

(4.) Must a selector, in the event of a legally drawn out conveyance being indispensable also send in to the Land Agent a notification of alienation?

(5.) Has it not been the practice of the Lands Department to issue Crown Grants to the purchasers of paid up selections on the strength of the ordinary notification of alienation?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The form K when duly lodged effects an alteration in the registration of the conditional purchase, and entitles the transferee to recognition as the holder of it, and to the deed of grant when issued. The sufficiency of the form for this purpose has not been questioned, but some doubt has been raised in recent proceedings as to whether it is sufficient to replace the ordinary conveyance as between the parties of which it was designed as a notification only.

(2.) The deeds required to embody the transactions of parties have been regarded as matters of private arrangement; but the subject is now under consideration, with a view to the removal of any difficulties that may have arisen under the proceedings referred to.

(3.) It is probable that this is the case.

(4.) The notification is necessary in all cases.

(5.) Yes.

(10.) William Earl's Conditional Purchase, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will William Earl be permitted to pay the balance due 23rd October, 1877, on his conditional purchase, 40 acres, No. 74-8,332, taken up at Walgett, 23rd July, 1874, the notice received on 24th October, 1877; money tendered to Land Agent at Walgett, and refused?

Mr. Farnell answered,—William Earl has allowed his conditional purchase to lapse by omitting to lodge the declaration as to residence and improvements, or to pay balance of purchase money or interest thereon, at the expiration of three years from the date of purchase. If the conditions as to residence and improvement have been duly carried out, and the declaration is furnished, any special circumstances that may be stated in explanation of the default shall receive due consideration.

2. THE PARTITION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Partition*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th May, 1878.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulation under Prisons Regulation Act.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 26th March, 1878, in reference to Lunatic Asylums.

Ordered to be printed.

4. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Macintosh, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Macintosh then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Angus Fletcher William Wilberforce Fraser Charles Campbell Colin Ross Peter M'Gregor and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the Town of Inverell in the Colony of New South Wales held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Angus Fletcher William Wilberforce Fraser Charles Campbell Colin Ross Peter M'Gregor and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the Town of Inverell in the Colony of New South Wales held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a certified copy of the original Deed of Grant to the Trustees of land proposed to be sold.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1878.

5. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dangar, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 2nd May, 1878, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, line 13, which omits "Run—any land road place or premises" and substitutes "Run—any portion of land containing more than two thousand acres whereon stock are depastured",—Because this definition confines the notice to holders of large runs, while the owners of all holdings exceeding 200 acres are equally entitled to notice.

Disagrees to the other amendments in the same clause,—Because the Act requires that travelling stock should be defined, and the definition in the principal Act only applies to sheep, and this Act applies also to horses and cattle.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 14,—Because if this sub-section be struck out, loafing would still be largely carried on.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 15.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 16, but proposes to amend it by omitting the words "the most" and substituting the word "any"

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 17, lines 6 and 7, which omits "containing not less than two hundred acres and",—Because it is not necessary to give notice in less holdings than 200 acres.

Agrees to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1878.*

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the amount still unpaid and enumerated in the Return furnished by the Council of Education upon an Order of this House, under date 27th February, 1877, for which Local Boards or Local Committees of any Public School had become responsible prior to the passing of the Resolution by this House on the 20th April, 1875, which directed that in future the contribution from private sources of one-third the cost of erecting and furnishing School Buildings be not enforced, should be paid by the Council of Education.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. PRISON DISCIPLINE:—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into, and report to this House upon, the Treatment of Prisoners in Berrima and other Gaols, and the working of the Gaol or Prison Regulations; that such Committee have leave to visit such Gaols as they may think fit; and power to sit during any recess.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Cameron, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to make provision for an Annuity or Pension for the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the Resolution be received to-morrow.

11. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McCulloch moved the Previous Question.

Previous Question put, That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Leary,
Mr. Day,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>).

Noes, 14.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Jacob,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. McElhone,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. McCulloch.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
(1.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading.
(2.) Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
13. **PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to declare and define certain privileges of Parliament, and to confer certain powers on Parliament and its Members.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Resolution be received to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house, Moree:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What progress has been made in the erection of the new Court-house at Moree, and when does the contract time expire?

(2.) Has the Court-house site been measured, or has *Mr. Licensed Surveyor Christie* been instructed to do so?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The commencement of the building was delayed by the drought, but the brickwork has since been partly carried up. The contract time expires in September next.

(2.) Yes, the site has been measured.

- (2.) Approach to Redmire Railway Station:—*Mr. J. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Lackey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that the Approach to the Redmire Station from the Parramatta Road will be available to the public?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I am not prepared at present to say, but I have directed inquiry to be made.

- (3.) Free Public Library:—*Mr. Greville* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the deficiency of sitting accommodation which existed at the Free Public Library on Sunday last, will he take care that an increased number of chairs be provided prior to next Sunday?

Mr. Leary answered,—Yes; eighty new chairs have been ordered, which are as many as the room will contain.

- (4.) Electric Light:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received notice of action for using the Electric Light?

(2.) Have they any objection to lay upon the Table to-morrow all correspondence between the Agent General and parties interested in the Patent?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I am not aware of any such notice; but there is some correspondence on the subject, which is with *Mr. Cracknell*, who is at present in Melbourne.

- (5.) Road to *W. G. Verney's* Conditional Purchase:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have instructions been given to District Surveyor Dewhurst, or to Licensed Surveyor Brock, to survey a road from the main road whereby *William G. Verney* may gain access to his conditionally purchased land, County Parry, Parish Woolomin; if so, to which of the abovenamed surveyors was such instruction given, and when?

(2.) Has any report been received by the Minister, or any other officer of the Lands Department, with reference to the above questions; if so, from whom and when, and what is the nature of such report?

(3.) If no such report has been received, will the Minister call on the said District or Local Surveyor, as the case may be, to send in his report without further delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) To neither.

(2.) Not any.

(3.) It is not necessary, as it is considered that *Verney* has sufficient access.

(6.)

- (6.) Edward Emblem's Conditional Purchase, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Did a person named Edward Emblem take up 100 acres under section 21 of the Lands Act of 1861, at Tamworth, on the 18th of March, 1877; if so, has the said land been surveyed; if not, what has been the cause of such protracted delay; and will the Minister cause such conditional purchase to be surveyed without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The 18th March, 1877, was not a Lands sale day for conditional purchases, and no conditional purchase of 100 acres can be traced; but on 15th March, 1877, a conditional purchase of 40 acres was selected by Edward Emblem, whose application was referred to Licensed Surveyor Capper for measurement or report on 16th April, 1877.

- (7.) James Brogan's application for a Conditional Purchase, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a person named James Brogan make application to conditionally purchase 50 acres, Parish Attunga, under the 13th section of Lands Act of 1861, at Tamworth, 20th May, 1875?

(2.) If so, has such purchase been allowed to James Brogan; if not, to whom has the said 50 acres been alienated?

(3.) Has James Brogan been notified that he cannot retain the said 50 acres; if so, for what reason?

(4.) If James Brogan has not been informed that he cannot be allowed the said 50 acres, will the Minister cause such notice to be forwarded to him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the land, with the exception of 16 acres, had been previously conditionally purchased by James Connolly.

(3.) Yes; for the reason above stated.

- (8.) Gaol, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has District Surveyor Dewhurst surveyed the site whereon it is intended to erect the new Gaol, Tamworth?

(2.) If so, when; and have the plan and report of such survey been received by the Minister or any other officer of the Lands Department?

(3.) If so, when; if not, will the Minister call on District Surveyor Dewhurst to forward to the Department his plan and report of such survey at once?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) Not that I am aware of, as neither plan nor report has yet been received.

(3.) Instructions have only recently been issued to Mr. Dewhurst.

- (9.) Railway to Juneec:—Mr. McElhone, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he make arrangements to run the Passenger and Mail Trains as far as Juneec, upon the Great Southern Railway; and will he cause such arrangements to take effect at once?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Railway from Bethungra to Juneec is not in a fit state to open at the present time, but arrangements will be made to open this length, for passenger traffic only, on the 2nd July next.

2. RAILWAY PLANS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria, No. 19, section 9, Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) copies of certain Plans, Sections, and a Book of Reference, together with Plan of Trial Surveys and Diagram Sections, relative to a proposed Extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth to Tenterfield.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd February, 1877, in reference to Rosanna Blacker's Conditional Purchase at Murrurundi.
Ordered to be printed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to declare and define certain Privileges of Parliament and to confer certain powers and immunities on Parliament and its Members.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th May, 1878.

- (2.) Rushcutters Bay Land Reclamation and Resumption Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

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 the Bill to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th May, 1878.

5. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The name of every person permanently employed on the Great Western, Southern, and Northern Railways; and the dates on which each person was permanently employed to work on Railway works.

(2.) The rate of pay received by each person permanently employed at this date.

Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive postponed, to follow after Order No. 6.

7. PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL:—

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to declare and define certain Privileges of Parliament, and to confer certain powers on Parliament and its Members.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to declare and define certain Privileges of Parliament and to confer certain powers on Parliament and its Members*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive further postponed, to follow after Order No. 5.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. RUSHCUTTERS BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. GAME PROTECTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to secure the protection of Imported Game and to prevent the destruction of Native Game*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th May, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.

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

12. EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—

(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

14. COMMON CARRIERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Simson,	Mr. Rosby,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Driver,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. O'Connor.

Noes, 4.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Beyers,

Tellers.

Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Macintosh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, *passed*.

Mr. Windeyer then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th May, 1878.*

15. MINERAL SELECTION AT MITCHELL'S CREEK:—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 subject was referred on 12th February, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

16. MRS. MARIA CHARLOTTE PLUNKETT:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole be now received.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Bennett,
Sir John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Charles.
Mr. Johnston,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Leary,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Beyers,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Driver,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved.—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to make provision for an Annuity or Pension for the Widow of the late Attorney General Plunkett.

On motion of Mr. Charles, the Resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Charles then moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Johnston,
Sir John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Simson,
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Eckford,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. J. Davies,	
Mr. Driver,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house, Bingera:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When does the contract time expire for the completion of Bingera new Court-house?

(2.) Have directions been issued, or will they be, to make the building suitable for holding District Courts and Quarter Sessions, by the addition of Judge, Jury, and Barristers Rooms to the Court-house; also, Lock-up keeper's quarters, cells, exercise yard, fencing, &c?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The contract time expires on 29th September next.

(2.) No directions for extending the building for holding District Courts and Quarter Sessions have been given, but application for additions has been made, which awaits the Colonial Architect's report. The entire question is under consideration, and should it be determined to establish Quarter Sessions and District Courts at Bingera, the necessary buildings will be provided.

- (2.) James Kerr's Conditional Purchase, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lauds, pursuant to Notice,—Has the conditional purchase of 90 acres taken up at Walgett four years ago by James Kerr been referred to a surveyor for report and measurement; if so, the date and name of surveyor?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; to District Surveyor Greaves, on the 14th July, 1874.

- (3.) Chairman of Committees, Legislative Council:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—On how many Sitting Days during the present Session of Parliament was the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council absent from his place in the Legislative Council?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—I am unable to give this information, as it is not in accordance with the practice of Parliament for one Chamber of the Legislature to know anything of the business or proceedings of the other, except in so far as the same is published or given by the authority of that other Chamber.

- (4.) Wharfage Accommodation, Newcastle:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has wharfage accommodation been specially constructed at Newcastle for a second cargo steamer, so that there should be one berth for inward and another for outward steamships?

(2.) If so, is such wharfage now available, or when will it be?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) A second berth has been provided for the accommodation of steamers.

(2.) It is not available until the water shall have been deepened; but this difficulty will shortly be overcome by the return of the dredge "Hunter," which is contemplated in the course of a fortnight.

- (5.) Dredge for Hunter River:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is a Dredge at present at work on the River Hunter?

(2.) If not, will he cause one to be again placed there, in accordance with promises from time to time made that a Dredge would always be kept at work on it?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Dredge has merely been brought down to Bullock Island for facilitating repairs, and the fixing of a new boiler which is being constructed for her, on completion of which she will be immediately dispatched up river again. (6.)

(6.) Widening Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets.—Enclosure of Hyde Park :—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps the Government intend to take for the purpose of widening Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets, and the erection of dwarf wall and iron railing for the enclosure of Hyde Park ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Park has been dedicated, and an accurate survey is now being made, pending completion of which no steps can be taken towards the widening of Elizabeth and Liverpool Streets, or the erection of the dwarf wall.

2. REAL PROPERTY ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Real Property Act,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools, for 1877.

(2.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools, for 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RUSHCUTTERS BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND RESUMPTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

5. EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

6. SALE OF GOVERNMENT LAND, MORUYA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, without delay, copies of all Correspondence relative to the sale and transfer of Government land in the town of Moruya, formerly dedicated to School and Police purposes, to private individuals ; also, a copy of the clause of the Act by virtue of which this land was sold.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Appropriation Bill.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
10. **PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Lucas,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Dillon,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Day,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. McCulloch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Simson,	Mr. Clarke.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Long,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. O'Connor,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Jacob,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor in reference thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated 7th May, 1878, in reference to the Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill, does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

- (2.) Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1873,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Warialda and Bingera:—Mr. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any decision been arrived at with regard to the site for Warialda new Post and Telegraph Office; and if so, the nature thereof?

(2.) When are Tenders likely to be invited for the erection of these buildings, and for those at Bingera?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The question of the site for Warialda Post and Telegraph Office has not yet been finally decided, but it probably will be in the course of a day or two.

(2.) The plans for Bingera are in course of preparation, and Tenders will probably be invited for the building in three weeks time. The Warialda plans will be put in hand immediately the site has been determined on.

(2.) Gaol and Court-house, Orange:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the cost of flagging the Gaol and Court-house yard at Orange?

(2.) What was the cost of pitching the gateway to the Orange Gaol?

(3.) Have the above works been paid for?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The Gaol and Court-house yard has not been flagged; what the Honorable Member means is, I presume, the flagging of the footpath in front and at side of those buildings; this cost £436.

(2.) The cost of pitching the Gaol gateway was £10 14s. 6d.

(3.) These works have been paid for.

(3.) Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., Orange:—Mr. Greenwood asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a letter sent from the Railway Department on or about the 21st February refusing the application of Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., of Orange, to be permitted to carry unpressed hay and straw on the Government Railway according to the scale of charges on that class of goods from Picton and Penrith to Sydney?

(2.) Was a letter sent from the Commissioner of Railways, bearing the same date, or about the same time, granting to Messrs. Heaton Brothers, of Orange, the permission refused to Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co.; and if so, what was the reason for such diverse decisions?

(3.) Have Messrs. Wright, Heaton, & Co. any contract with the Government, or any authority in virtue of which they are entitled to advertise themselves as "Carriers to the Government of New South Wales"?

(4.) Have Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co. made application for permission to erect a stage at the Railway Station for the storage of coal consigned to them as agents for Mr. Brown of the Eskbank Colliery; and if so, on what ground was their application refused?

(5.) Were two trucks of coal, which were consigned to Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., from the Eskbank Colliery, one bearing date 17th April, and the other the 18th April, in the carrier's way-bills, detained in transit so as not to arrive at Orange until April 23rd, while another truck consigned to the same firm, dated April 18th in the carrier's way-bill, reached Orange on the same day; and if so, what were the causes of delay?

(6.) During the week when such delay occurred were Messrs. Wright, Heaton, & Co. receiving regularly at Orange from five to seven trucks of coal per diem?

Mr.

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1 and 2.) On the 22nd February a letter, dated 14th January, from Heaton Bros. to the Traffic Manager, and referred by that officer to the Commissioner, was replied to, and permission given for unpressed hay to be carried between Orange and Blayney at the scale of charges referred to. On the same date (22nd February) a letter addressed to the Minister for Works was received from Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., making a similar application to that of Messrs. Heaton Bros. which letter was replied to on the 27th of the same month, to the effect that prior to its receipt the Commissioner had already sanctioned the conveyance of loose hay as desired. Prior to this decision of the Commissioner, however, it appears that, under the guidance of the Rate Sheet, a letter from the Traffic Department had been sent to Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., informing them that such a request could not be complied with.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes; and the Commissioner granted their application upon certain conditions, which were accepted and acknowledged by Messrs. Moulder, Leeds, & Co., in their letter of 23rd March last.

(5 and 6.) The Minister for Public Works has instructed the Traffic Manager to carefully investigate and report upon this matter.

2. THE CIRCULAR QUAY:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, laid upon the Table (*as an Exhibit only*) the General Plan showing the contemplated improvements to the Circular Quay, Sydney Harbour.
3. MR. H. BRATHWAITE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Minutes, Correspondence, &c., in the case of Mr. H. Brathwaite, whose services were lately dispensed with by the officers of the Railway Department.
Question put and passed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to declare and define certain Privileges of Parliament and to confer certain Powers on Parliament and its Members.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to declare and define certain Privileges of Parliament and to confer certain Powers on Parliament and its Members,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th May, 1878.*

5. OPENING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON SUNDAYS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. Davies,—
 - "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Museum and Free Public Library should be open to the Public on week days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
 - "(2.) That the Resolution of this House, passed, on the motion of the Honorable Member for Hartley, on 26th March, 1878, for the opening of the Library and Museum on Sundays is hereby rescinded.
 - "(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—
 And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Roseby.
Mr. J. Davies,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Greenwood,	
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Leary,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Terry,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Day,	Mr. McCulloch.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 6th February, 1877, in reference to Francis Cameron's Conditional Purchase at Tamworth.
Ordered to be printed.
7. STOCK SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Lackey, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. Davies,—"*That the Report from the Select Committee on Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek, brought up on 5th April, 1878, A.M., be now adopted,*"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. M'Culloch,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Roseby,	Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. J. Davies,
Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Coonan.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Leary,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Day,
Mr. Bawden.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

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| (1.) Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | } <i>until Friday next.</i> |
| (2.) Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek <i>via</i> Glendon; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | |
| (3.) City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading;— | } <i>until Tuesday, 21st May.</i> |
| (4.) Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (5.) Game Protection Bill; second reading;— | |

10. NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY :—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps for the erection of a new Public Library, for which the respective sums of £25,000 and £40,000 have been already voted by Parliament. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the third reading of Beer's Disabilities Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday "next." Captain Onslow moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "week." Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Leary,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Beyers,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bawden,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Lynch,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. J. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Clarke,	Dr. Bowker,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Davies.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then put,—That the third reading of Beer's Disabilities Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Beyers,	
Mr. Leary,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Clarke,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Bawden
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. W. Davies,	Mr. Roseby.
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Jacob.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Extension to Hay:—Mr. Simson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to have a survey made of the country between Narranderra and Hay, with a view to a Railway extension to the latter place?

(2.) If so, will the Minister be good enough to state when such survey will be commenced?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—In the absence of the Secretary for Works, I beg to say that it is more than probable the Government will make a trial survey of this line; but my Honorable friend is not in a position to say what the Railway policy of the Government will be for the next Session.

- (2.) Grafton and Glen Innes Telegraph Contract:—Mr. Dillon asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will the papers relative to Lewis's Grafton and Glen Innes Telegraph Contract be laid upon the Table of the House, in pursuance of the Order made on 29th January last?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—These papers are being prepared, and will be ready in a few days.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library, for 1877.

(2.) Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ROBERTSON BROTHERS v. GEORGE DAY:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers of unimproved Crown Lands, in reference to an Appeal Case from the Supreme Court of New South Wales to the Privy Council between Robertson Brothers, appellants, and George Day, the younger, respondent, praying the House to take such steps as will enable the respondent to be represented before the Privy Council.

Petition received.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Copeland, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. Leary, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Simson, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Windeyer,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Public School, Orange :—*Mr. J. Davies*, for *Mr. Baker* (*on behalf of the Member for Orange*), asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Council of Education intend to provide a girls or female department in connection with the Public School at Orange?

(2.) Has the attention of the Council been drawn to the inadequate accommodation at present provided at the Public School at Orange; and if so, is it in contemplation to remedy the state of things complained of?

Mr. Leary answered,—I have ascertained that those matters have been brought under the notice of the Council of Education, but sufficient information thereon has not yet been obtained to enable the Council to come to a decision at present.

(2.) Site for Public School, Bourke-street, Surry Hills :—*Mr. J. Davies* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has any site been purchased or secured in Bourke-street, Surry Hills, for a Public School, by the Council of Education; and if so, when?

Mr. Leary answered,—I have ascertained from the Council of Education that no site has been purchased or secured in Bourke-street, Surry Hills, for a Public School.

(3.) Furniture for Court-house, Warialda :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Was a requisition sent in from the Bench of Magistrates at Warialda in November last for Furniture for that Court-house; if so, what has or will be done in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Portions of the Furniture have been obtained, and are ready to be dispatched, but are awaiting the remainder, which will be delivered on Friday next, when the whole will be sent to Warialda.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1878, in reference to the Sydney Grammar School, and the Free Public Library.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of East St. Leonards.

(2.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Richmond.

(4.) Statement of Moneys expended in 1877 under Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

(5.) Blue Book for the year 1877.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 15th March, 1878, in reference to William Ryman's Conditional Purchase at Murrurundi.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DEATH OF STEPHEN SCHOLEY, ESQUIRE, M.P.—VACANT SEAT :—*Mr. Farnell* informed the House that he had received a Certificate, signed by two Electors of the Electoral District of East Maitland, and attested by a Magistrate, of the death of Stephen Scholey, Esquire, Member for East Maitland,—

And moved, That the Seat of Stephen Scholey, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of East Maitland, hath become and is now vacant by reason of the death of the said Stephen Scholey, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

4. RAILWAY PLANS—EXTENSION FROM TAMWORTH TO TENTERFIELD:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Northern Railway from Tamworth to Tenterfield, laid before the House on the 5th May, 1878, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22nd Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Simson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Cohen,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Leary,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Pitcher,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Roseby,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. McElhone,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Bowker,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Teece,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),	Mr. Terry.

Noes, 9.

Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Macintosh,

Tellers.

Mr. Dillon,
Mr. Bawden.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read,—and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, discharged.
7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read,—and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, discharged.
8. DEFENCES OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Copeland proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name in reference to an Ironclad Vessel,—
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bawden, Mr. Beyers, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Copeland, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greville, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Leary, Mr. McCulloch, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at eighteen minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dedication of Cemeteries:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is it intended to dedicate the Cemetery at Baradine to the public use, and vest same in Trustees?
(2.) Have the Cemeteries at Narrabri, Walgett, Wee Waa, Moree, Bingera, and Warialda been so dedicated; if not, will steps be taken to do so?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Cemeteries have been dedicated, but Trustees have not yet been nominated.

- (2.) Railway Passenger Accommodation:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any money been voted to extend and increase the passenger accommodation at the several Suburban Station Platforms; and if so, when will such be done?

(2.) Considering the great danger and risk of life by long trains shunting beyond the Platforms at several of the Suburban Stations, is it intended to extend these Platforms (and if so, when) in a similar manner to the one at McDonald Town?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No special vote for this service has been obtained, but a vote has been taken for additional Siding and Station accommodation generally to meet the increasing traffic, and this will be available for the purpose.

(2.) Directions have been given to extend the Suburban Station Platforms, where required, as early as possible.

- (3.) James Kerr's Conditional Purchase, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to the answer given on Thursday last, 9 May, 1878 (see Votes and Proceedings No. 70), regarding the measurement of James Kerr's 90 acres conditional purchase, Walgett, by which it appears this measurement has been in the hands of Mr. Surveyor Greaves nearly four years, is it intended to take any steps to cause this surveyor to hurry on such measurement, and many others of a similar character?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The instructions originally issued to Mr. District Surveyor Greaves, after passing through the hands of several surveyors, are now with Mr. Licensed Surveyor R. Fisher, who has now been instructed to proceed with the survey without delay. Surveys in this district have been delayed through the numerous changes of surveyors, and also by the protracted drought, lasting nearly two years.

- (4.) Promise of Grant of Land to John Leighton:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any record of a promise of a grant to John Leighton of an allotment of land at or near Miller's Point, Sydney, being allotment No. 11 of section 92, containing 103 perches?

(2.) By whom and when was such promise made, and what was the consideration therefor?

(3.) Has any grant been issued to Leighton or his heirs for said land, or any part thereof?

(4.) Does any, and what portion, of the said land remain unalienated?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3 and 4.) The right to the land has formed the subject of an inquiry in the Court of Claims, the result being the issue of a deed to George Kenyon Holden, on trust. The matter is too intricate to explain fully in a reply to the Honorable Member's question, but he may peruse the papers at the Lands Department?

(5.)

(5.) District Court Office, Sydney:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the public are precluded from issuing or filing any legal process in the office of the District Court, Sydney, after half-past two o'clock p.m. on the ordinary days of the week, except Saturday, when the office is closed at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.?

(2.) Is he aware that the Supreme Court Office is open to the public until half-past three o'clock p.m. daily, except Saturday, when it closes at one p.m.?

(3.) Why is not the office of the District Court kept open for the convenience of the public during the same hours as the Supreme Court Office?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that the public are precluded from issuing or filing any legal process on which fees are payable in the office of the District Court, Sydney, after half-past two o'clock p.m. on ordinary days, and on Saturdays at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., in order that such fees may be paid into the Government Bank daily.

(2.) I am aware that the Supreme Court Office is open to the public until half-past three o'clock p.m. daily, and on Saturday until twelve o'clock, under the new Rules of Court.

(3.) The District Court Judges appoint the hours during which the office is to be kept open, and the question as to the necessity of altering the present hours will be referred for their early consideration.

(6.) Beer's Disabilities Bill:—Mr. Bawden asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true, as alleged in the statement of Mr. Walter Cooper, Barrister-at-law, in his address to the House on Dr. Beer's Bill, that the late Mr. Justice Therry at the time of trying the case of Dr. Beer was a member of the Mutual Provident Society?

(2.) Is it true, as also alleged at the same time, that Sir William Manning, then Solicitor General, was at the date of the said trial a member of the Mutual Provident Society?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that the late Mr. Justice Therry never was a member of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, and that he was not at any time in any other way interested in it.

(2.) I have also ascertained that His Honor Sir William Manning did not become a member until July, 1864, and therefore could not have been interested in the Society at the time of Dr. Beer's trial, which took place in the year 1856.

(7.) Allowance for House Rent to Certified Denominational School Teachers:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Council of Education to grant allowance for house rent to Certified Denominational School Teachers, as is granted to Public School Teachers?

Mr. Leary answered,—I have ascertained that the Council of Education has no intention at present to grant allowances on account of house rent to Teachers in charge of Certified Denominational Schools.

(8.) Civil Service Bill:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government during the recess take into consideration the advisability of introducing a Civil Service Bill?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—The Government are not indisposed to introduce a Civil Service Bill, but they think they have made as many promises for next Session as they can reasonably hope to redeem.

(9.) Bridge, Parramatta Park:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will steps be taken for the erection of the Bridge, Parramatta Park, for which the money has been voted?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Tenders will be invited in a few days.

(10.) Petty Sessions at Breeza and Tambar Springs:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish Petty Sessions and Police at Breeza and Tambar Springs, in the district of Gunnedah, and direct the Police Magistrate at the latter place to hold Courts at regular intervals; and if so, will that officer be relieved of the duties of Land Agent, &c., and paid a salary equal to that of other gentlemen performing like duties?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that persons arrested at Breeza for trifling offences are taken to Gunnedah, a distance of 25 miles, across the open scorching plains, before they can be dealt with?

Mr. Leary answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that Police Stations have been formed at Breeza and Tambar Springs, but there would appear to be some doubt as to necessity for establishing Petty Sessions, especially at Breeza, when the Railway passes through it to Gunnedah. I will, however, cause further inquiry to be made upon the subject, and the whole matter shall receive early consideration.

(2.) Yes, offenders are taken from Breeza to Gunnedah to be dealt with.

(11.) Railway Station-masters:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are Station-masters responsible for the departure of trains from their Stations in the daytime?

(2.) Is it a fact that Porters have that responsibility in the departure of night-trains, and only receive 6s. 6d. to 7s. per diem for ten to twelve hours work?

(3.) Does not the same responsibility devolve itself upon the Porters as upon Station-masters?

(4.) What is the salary of Station-masters, including rent, for Newtown, Petersham, Ashfield, Burwood, and Homebush?

(5.) What number of trains arrive and depart from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and what number from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This is the case at some Stations where a Night Porter is in charge.
- (3.) The responsibility is not the same, as in the event of any difficulty arising the Station-master has to be called.
- (4.) Newtown, £225; the other Stations, £200 a year, with residence in each case.
- (5.) Newtown, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., 14; from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., 22.

Petersham,	do.	do.	13;	do.	do.	23.
Ashfield,	do.	do.	13;	do.	do.	23.
Burwood	do.	do.	16;	do.	do.	23.
Homebush,	do.	do.	18;	do.	do.	23.

From 6 a.m. to noon, the following number of trains arrive and depart :—Newtown, 21; Petersham, 21; Ashfield, 22; Burwood, 22; Homebush, 21.

- (12.) Boxes for Instruments for Block System :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many boxes for the instruments necessary for the introduction of the Block System are being constructed for the Government by Hudson Brothers?
- (2.) Were Tenders called for the said work; and if so, who were the Tenderers, and the amount of their Tenders?
- (3.) What price is being paid to Hudson Brothers for the said boxes?
- (4.) The size of each box, and the materials of which it is constructed?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Twelve boxes have been constructed.
- (2.) Tenders were not invited; Hudson Brothers were asked to give a price, and as it was considered a reasonable one, an order for the boxes was given to them on the 14th September, 1877.
- (3.) The price agreed upon was £35 each box.
- (4.) The size of each box is 8ft. by 7ft. 6in., constructed of timber and roofed with galvanized corrugated iron.

- (13.) Railway Siding near Establishment of Hudson Brothers :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of money has been paid to the Traffic Department by Hudson Brothers for the conveyance of timber to their workshops from the head of Darling Harbour since the date of the construction of the Siding near the abovenamed workshops?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Nothing has yet been paid, as no timber has been carried. Hudson Brothers represented on the 6th ultimo that the wharfage duty charged on timber at the Darling Harbour Wharf would, added to the freight account, make the use of the line for this purpose prohibitory. The Commissioner for Railways suggested that no wharfage charge should be made for articles that were consigned for transmission by Railway, thereby adopting the principle which is in force at Newcastle wharf. This question is now before the Treasury Department for consideration.

- (14.) Charles Sherwin.—Immigration Regulations :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did a person named Charles Sherwin apply in the month of October last to have his two sons now in England brought to this Colony under the Immigration Regulations?
- (2.) Was his application rejected by the Agent General in London after he had complied with all the necessary regulations?
- (3.) For what reason was the said application so refused?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) Passages were, I think, properly refused by the Agent General to the Sherwins, it having been found that they had already been to Victoria as Immigrants.

- (15.) Corresponding Clerk, Auditor General's Office :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the appointment of Corresponding Clerk at the Auditor General's Office vacant by the death of Mr. Ryan, and which is specially provided for on the Estimates at £385 per annum, yet filled up; if not, why not?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a portion of the sum thus specially voted for this office has been divided amongst other officers; if so, on what authority?
- (3.) For what reason has the established rule of promotion been departed from?
- (4.) Is it a fact that a temporary clerk in this department, twice plucked at the Civil Service Examination, has been rewarded by an increase of £25 to his salary, when others, who have passed the examination, are receiving a less salary than the temporary clerk in question?

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

- (1.) No; Mr. Ryan's death has led to a general promotion of the clerks on the staff, step by step.
- (2.) No; £350 of the salary of £385 is taken up by the salary of the next officer on the staff, the balance of £35 is a saving to the public.
- (3.) The general rule of promotion has not been departed from.
- (4.) A temporary clerk, who was receiving £100 a year out of the Contingent Vote, was put on to the special work of a clerk who was paid £150 a year for that work. He proved so efficient that the Auditor General awarded him an increase of £25 per annum out of the sum for Temporary Assistance. This clerk did not pass the Civil Service Examination, but temporary clerks were not required to go up for examination, except to qualify themselves for promotion to the fixed staff.

- (16.) Insolvency Court :—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the long contemplated additions and improvements in connection with the Insolvency Court be carried out?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—The requisite steps will be at once taken for the purpose of carrying out these additions and improvements. I may inform the Honorable Member that the work was actually commenced some time since, but in consequence of a difference between the officers as to the accommodation proposed to be provided, the materials had to be removed pending the decision of the Minister of Justice.

- (17.) Railway Passenger Cars:—*Mr. Beyers*, on behalf of *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Does the Government intend to procure any more of the Passenger Cars of the American pattern for the Suburban Railway traffic?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It is not intended to order any more of these carriages from America; but if, upon further experience during the winter, it is found that this type of carriage is best suited to the suburban traffic, Tenders will be invited for the construction of a further supply of them in the Colony.

- (18.) Road between Yarrowick and Armidale:—*Mr. Terry* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause that portion of the Road now in use about 12 miles between Yarrowick and Armidale, *via* Blackfellows Gully and Mitchell's selection, to be surveyed on the road Bundarra to Armidale?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A part of the road referred to, *viz.*, that part through Mitchell's selections at Blackfellows Gully, has been surveyed, and was proclaimed in *Government Gazette* on 25th January, 1878. Objection to the road has recently been received, but has not yet been considered.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

- (1.) Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Act 1873'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

- (2.) Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866' and the 'Diseases in Sheep Act Amendment Act of 1876' to regulate the driving of Stock and to protect the Reserves for Travelling Stock from trespass,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

3. BRANCH RAILWAY FROM MOSS VALE TO BERRIMA:—*Sir John Robertson* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Moss Vale and surrounding Districts, in favour of the construction of a Branch Railway from Moss Vale to Berrima.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1878.
 - (2.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account. From 1st April, 1877, to 31st March, 1878.
 - (3.) Despatch respecting Apprehension of Deserters from Merchant Ships belonging to the Kingdom of Madagascar.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Leary laid upon the Table,—Amended By-Laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 15th March, 1878, in reference to the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay. [*Plans laid upon the Table as Exhibits only.*]
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 12th March, 1878, in reference to the irregular running of Goods Trains between Bathurst and Blayney.
 - (3.) Return of Rolling Stock obtained and ordered since 1st January, 1875, to 31st March, 1878.
 - (4.) Return showing Instructions issued by the Acting Traffic Manager respecting Line-clear Reports.
 - (5.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1878, in reference to the Refreshment Room at the Railway Station, Singleton.
 - (6.) Return to an Order, made on 17th July, 1877, in reference to Railway Contracts.
 - (7.) Papers respecting the case of *Mr. Morell*.
 - (8.) Return to an Order, made on 19th March, 1878, in reference to the Light-house at South Head.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
- (3.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the same Act.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PETITION OF PATRICK AND MICHAEL GRIFFIN :—Mr. Greville, as Chairman, brought up a Progress 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 29th March, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
6. MR. JOHN GARSEED :—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the case of Mr. John Garsed was referred on 4th May, 1877, and 5th February, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
7. SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUORS PREVENTION 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 22nd March, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Rushcutters Bay Land Reclamation and Resumption Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

RUSHCUTTERS BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND RESUMPTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th May, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 3. After "damage" insert "if any"
 " " " Omit "his property" insert "him"
 " " lines 5 to 10. Omit "regard being had in such appraisement to any increased
 " " value conferred upon such land by the works to be carried out under the authority of
 " " this Act. And every such appraisement shall be made and the amount of compensation
 " " thereby awarded for such severance shall be ascertained before such severance shall be
 " " actually effected"
 " clause 3, line 14. After "1861" insert "And provided also that in assessing such
 " " compensation the appraiser shall take into consideration in reduction of such com-
 " " pensation if any so to be assessed the enhancement in value of any land belonging to
 " " such owner as aforesaid by reason of the reclamation under the authority of this
 " " Act"
 " clause 4, line 21. After "time" insert "and on the same principles"
 " " line 22. After "hercof" omit remainder of clause.
 " clause 6, lines 56 and 57. Omit "Land Reclamation and Resumption"
 Page 3, clause 11, lines 33 and 34. Omit "Land Reclamation and Resumption"
 Page 4, schedule B, line 17. Omit "Dwyer" insert "Dyer"

Examined.—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

- (2.) Export of Warlike Stores Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

EXPORT

EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th May, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, lines 4 to 8. *After* "Treasurer" *omit* "and that any gunpowder arms or other warlike stores shipped contrary to the terms of such proclamation may be seized by any officer of Customs or police officer and shall be forfeited to Her Majesty"
 " " line 13. *Omit* "to secure the payment" *insert* "in the sum"
 " " line 18. *After* "port" *insert* "conditioned"
 " " line 30. *Omit* "that"
 " *After* clause 2 *add* new clause 3, viz. :—
 " 3. Any gunpowder arms or other warlike stores shipped or carried contrary to the terms of any such proclamation may be seized by any officer of Customs or military or naval officer on full pay or by any police officer and shall be forfeited to Her Majesty"

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(3.) Common Carriers Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers,*" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

JOHN HAY,
President.

COMMON CARRIERS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th May, 1878.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *After* "carriers" *add* "by land"
 " Preamble, line 2. *After* "carriers" *insert* "by land"
 " clause 1, line 6. *Omit* "From and after the passing of this Act" *insert* "after the thirtieth day of September next"
 Page 2, clause 1, line 7. *After* "charge" *insert* "if any"
 " clause 2, line 17. *Omit* "them" *insert* "him"
 " clause 3, line 29. *Omit* "which receipt shall not be liable to any stamp duty"
 " clause 4, line 35. *Omit* "From and after the first day of October now next ensuing" *insert* "after the commencement of this Act"
 " " line 38. *After* "carrier" *insert* "by land"
 " " line 40. *Omit* "from and after the first day of October"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 4. *Omit* "common" *insert* "such"
 " clause 7, line 35. *Omit* "common" *insert* "such"
 " clause 8, line 41. *Omit* "common" *insert* "such"
 " " line 45. *Omit* "a common carrier"

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, together with the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Windeyer, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers,*" including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.

10. ROBERTSON BROTHERS *v.* GEORGE DAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th May from Conditional Purchasers of unimproved Crown Lands, relative to Appeal Case to Privy Council—Robertson Brothers *v.* George Day, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

11. **APPROPRIATION BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. **RUSHCUTTERS BAY BILL** [*Heretofore RUSHCUTTER'S BAY LAND RECLAMATION AND RESUMPTION BILL*] :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.*

13. **EXPORT OF WARLIKE STORES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th May, 1878.*

14. **TOLLS ON BRIDGES AND FERRIES** :—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolutions passed by this House last year abolishing Tolls on Bridges and Ferries be rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Terry moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put, That that question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Clarke,
Sir John Robertson,	Sir Henry Parkes, —
— Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Hoskins, —
Mr. Cameron,	Tellers.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
— Mr. Windeyer,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Hartley</i>),
Mr. Leary,	Mr. W. Davies,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. Davies,	Mr. Beyers,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Coonan,	Tellers.
Dr. Bowker,	
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Day,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Lynch,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **MATERIAL FOR TELEGRAPH LINES** :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Telegraph Wire, Insulators, Pins, and material used in the construction of Telegraph Lines, other than Telegraph Posts, should be imported to the Colony direct by the Government.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

16. **MAIN ROADS, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND** :—Mr. Hungerford proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Cohen, Mr. Coonan, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Groville, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Leary, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Roseby, Mr. Teece, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Windeyer,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 MAY, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes, Sydney and Parramatta:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The names and occupations of all persons, not labourers, who are allowed to travel between Parramatta and Sydney free?
 (2.) The reason why this especial indulgence is allowed?
 (3.) Is it intended to continue the objectionable practice; and if so, will not the same indulgence be granted to other gentlemen in the Secretary for Works Department who travel by rail?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) From inquiries made since notice of this question was given, I find that the undermentioned employes travel free from their residences along the line to their offices,—

Mr. Donald Vernon, Secretary, Burwood to Sydney; Mr. F. Wickham, Accountant, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. W. H. Quodling, Chief Clerk, Burwood to Sydney; Mr. James Byrnes, Land Valuer, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. J. T. Bryant, Cashier, Petersham to Sydney; Mr. J. R. Neale, Assistant Cashier, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. A. Springthorpe, Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. John Vernon, Book-keeper, Burwood to Sydney; Mr. Geo. Andrews, Clerk, Traffic Manager's Office, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. J. Mingaye, Clerk, Traffic Manager's Office, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. A. Smithers, Clerk, Traffic Manager's Office, Petersham to Sydney; Mr. M'Vey Falconer, Clerk, Traffic Manager's Office, Newtown to Sydney; Mr. J. B. Goold, Coaching Superintendent, Penrith to Sydney; Mr. J. Harper, Goods Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. W. V. Read, Traffic Auditor, Ashfield to Sydney; Mr. W. R. Rowe, Audit Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. C. Neale, Audit Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. F. Pemberton, Goods Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. Jno. Drew, Goods Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. D. Kircaldie, Goods Clerk, Petersham to Sydney; Mr. J. Drew, Station-master, Parramatta to Sydney; Mr. F. Coogan, Goods Clerk, Parramatta to Sydney. Also the following Cadets:—Mr. S. R. Miller, Mr. G. Watt, Mr. G. J. Forsythe.

- (2.) There is no sufficient reason, in my opinion, why this privilege should have been allowed.
 (3.) No; when in office some years ago I refused to concede any such privilege, and will give instructions for its immediate withdrawal.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases, Gwydir District:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Minister aware that in the Gwydir District many Conditional Purchasers have paid up the balances on their selections more than eighteen months, and cannot get their Deeds until these Conditional Purchases have been passed by an Inspector, and none has visited such district for over twelve months?
 (2.) Is it intended to appoint an Inspector of Conditional Purchases for this District, and thus relieve this inconvenience?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Many cases of declarations are outstanding, as stated by the Honorable Member, and various causes have contributed to prevent the services of an Inspector being available in that locality.
 (2.) Arrangements have already been made, and will have effect on the necessary provision being available under the Appropriation Act.

- (3.) Medical Officer for Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Roseby, on behalf of Mr. J. Davies, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the vacancy at Darlinghurst Gaol, caused through the death of Dr. Aaron, been filled up; if so, who has been appointed?
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay in making this appointment?

Mr.

Mr. Fitzpatrick answered,—

(1.) The vacancy was filled temporarily.

(2.) The permanent appointment has been delayed by the pressure of public business, but the matter is not urgent.

(4.) Site for Public School, Moree :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a site for a new Public School at Moree been applied for by Council of Education or Local School Board ; if so, the cause of delay in granting such ?

(2.) Is the Government aware the great inconvenience parents and children are sustaining at Moree for the want of a Public School ; and will steps be taken to complete the grant of desired site for the School ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes ; but the area being excessive, the papers were referred back to the Council through the proper channel on the 21st September last, and have not yet been returned.

(2.) No steps can be taken until a further communication is received from the Council.

(5.) Roads from Gunnedah to Coonabarabran and Barraba :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to questions put by him on the 1st instant, relative to Roads from Gunnedah to Coonabarabran and Barraba,—

(1.) How is it proposed to expend the moneys already voted for these Roads if, as stated, the Government have no intention of surveying them ?

(2.) Will the Government cause a Travelling Stock Route to be proclaimed between these towns and Gunnedah, in view of the opening of the Railway to the latter place ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The money will be expended in clearing and other works found most advisable by the Road Superintendent on the lines on which road should go, and if necessary, a rough survey will be made to determine route, as is usual in such cases.

(2.) Inquiry will be made, and if required, a Reserve will be gazetted.

(6.) New Court-house, Walgett :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that nothing has been done towards the new Court House at Walgett since the last representations on the subject were made to him ?

(2.) How is it that although the Tender has been accepted some considerable time no bond has been signed ?

(3.) Is the Government aware that the Contractor for this work has previously failed in completing a Government contract he entered into ?

(4.) Will steps be taken to call for fresh Tenders for this work, or what will be done ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) On the 8th instant the Contractor telegraphed that bricklayers and carpenters would start immediately for Tamworth, and that the work would be completed in four months.

(2.) I am unable to give reason for the delay in executing the bond in this matter.

(3.) I am not aware that the Contractor previously failed in completing a Government contract.

(4.) On the 8th instant the Contractor was informed that unless the bond was executed and sent to Sydney within fourteen days the contract would be cancelled. The Contractor has sent a reply, expressing his readiness now to sign the bond, and the documents have been forwarded for the purpose.

(7.) Alienation of Crown Lands :—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Sir Henry Parkes, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Whether he will lay upon the Table before Parliament is prorogued copies of Reports from Surveyors in charge of Land Districts showing,—

(1.) The proportion of land taken up under the 13th, 14th, 21st, and 22nd sections of the Alienation Act of 1861 for *bonâ fide* homestead selections ;

(2.) The proportion under same sections taken up for speculative purposes ;

(3.) The proportion taken up on the probable calculation of selling to Crown lessees ;

(4.) The proportion of dummy selections by Crown tenants ;

(5.) The proportion remaining after these classifications, with remarks thereon ;—

Such reports having been called for by the Surveyor General, by the direction of Sir Henry Parkes, while acting for the Secretary for Lands in August last ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—All the Reports have not yet been received, but those that have been received will be copied and laid upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Farnell informed the House that he had it in command to state that His Excellency the Governor would prorogue Parliament on Tuesday next at Twelve o'clock (noon),—

And moved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 5th March, 1878, in reference to Railway Accidents.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 10th May, 1878, in reference to the case of Mr. H. Braithwaite. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting an alleged claim by Messrs. R. and A. Landale for costs incurred in an ejection suit against Thomas Rose.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Final Return to an Order, made on 27th March, 1878 A.M., in reference to the dismissal of William Stafford from the Police Force.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LAND AT CORNER OF PITT AND BRIDGE STREETS:—Mr. Hurley (*Hartley*), as Chairman, brought up a Progress 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 12th April, 1878; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

5. INVERELL FREE CHURCH OF EASTERN AUSTRALIA LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Angus Fletcher William Wilberforce Fraser Charles Campbell Colin Ross Peter M'Gregor and William Cameron to sell suburban allotment six of section one in the Town of Inverell in the Colony of New South Wales held by them as Trustees of the Free Church of Eastern Australia and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1878.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. TIMOTHY FOLEY:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from Timothy Foley, of Narrandera, respecting his dismissal from the Police Force; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into his case.
Petition received.

7. FORTIFICATIONS AT ST. GEORGE'S HEAD (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Bowker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the Tender, Terms, and Conditions, with all papers relating to St. George's Head Fortifications.
Question put and passed.

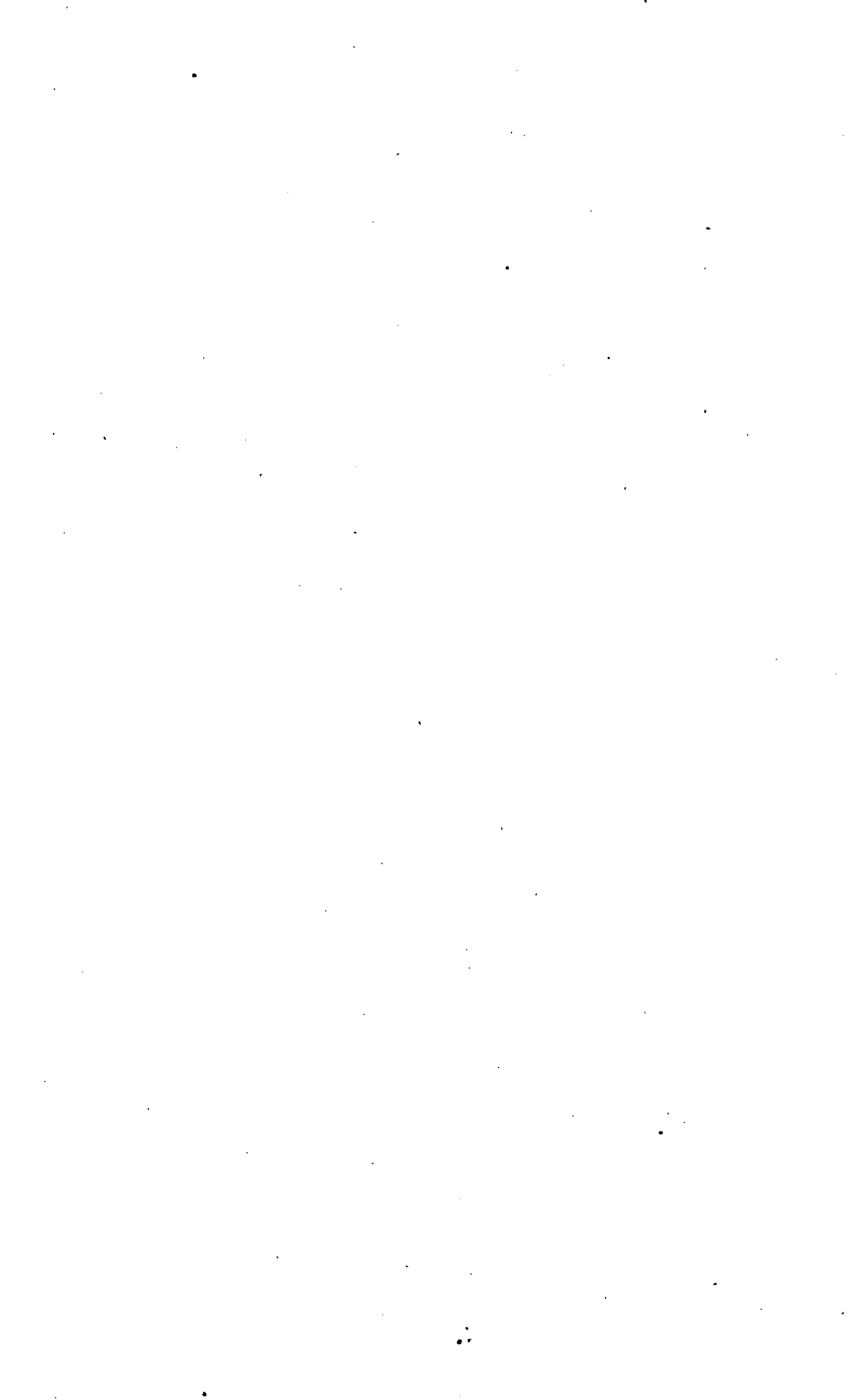
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Beyers, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Cohen, Mr. J. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Leary, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Roseby, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. W. H. Suttor, and Mr. Webb,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at seven minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at *half-past Eleven o'clock*.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 1878.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Common Carriers Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers by land*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th May, 1878.

(2.) Export of Warlike Stores Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the export of Arms and Warlike Stores*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th May, 1878.

(3.) Rushcutters Bay Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclaiming and improving of Land in Rushcutters Bay*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th May, 1878.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) City and Suburban Railways:—Mr. J. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Surveys be completed for the extension of the Railway into the City; and also for the construction of the Suburban Railways?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is impossible for me to say at present when the Plans and Surveys for these extensions will be completed.

(2.) Muswellbrook Bridge:—Mr. Hawley (*Hartley*), on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cause of delay in calling for Tenders for Muswellbrook Bridge, and when will work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders were accepted in November last in London for the supply of the Ironwork, and in the Colony for its erection on delivery.

(3.)

- (3.) Free Railway Passes, Sydney and Parramatta:—*Mr. Hurley (Hartley)*, on behalf of Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—If the twenty-six gentlemen named by the Secretary for Public Works as exercising the privilege of travelling free by rail were to pay for their tickets at the same rates as other passengers, what amount would the Department receive per annum?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—£338.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of Reports on the Working of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; with a Map to illustrate the same.
- (2.) Regulation under the Imported Stock Act of 1871.
- (3.) Correspondence forwarded by the Agent General of New South Wales to the Colonial Secretary, relating to the Colorado Beetle.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1878, in reference to Kenneth McLean's Conditional Purchase at Casino.
- (5.) Draft Bill to amend the Law of Impounding and Trespass.
- (6.) Draft Bill to regulate the Alienation, Occupation, and Administration of Crown Lands in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 26th February, 1878, in reference to a Site for Police Barracks at Singleton.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Paper by Mr. James Mauning on Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs.
- (2.) Progress Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers respecting the Water Supply to the Towns of Maitland and Morpeth.
- (3.) Progress Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers respecting the Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

4. WHARF ACCOMMODATION, SYDNEY HARBOUR:—Mr. Sutherland (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to John Musson, Esq., C.E., the Plans handed in by him for the use of the Select Committee on Wharf Accommodation, Sydney Harbour, in the Session of 1873-4.

Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY INFIRMARY:—Mr. Greenwood moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the credit of the Colony and the necessities of public health demand that the Sydney Infirmary should be in the highest state of efficiency; and that immediate steps should be taken by the Government to increase its accommodation and improve its sanitary condition.

Debate ensued.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor that this Honorable House do attend him immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Assembly has granted to Her Majesty the Supplies required for the Services of the current year, and to meet expenditure for previous years: These grants are embodied in a Bill intitled "A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years,"—which Bill I have now the honor to present to Your Excellency in order that it may receive the Royal Assent.

7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bill presented by Mr. Speaker, viz.:—"An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1878 and for the year 1877 and previous years."

8. PROROGATION:—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

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

1. Although the Session of Parliament now about to be terminated has not been fruitful of legislation on the more important questions engaging public attention, one good result has been achieved: the Estimates of Expenditure for the year have been passed much earlier than has been customary in former years; and there is now room for confident hope that after a moderate recess Parliament may be called together again in time to pass, before the close of this year, the Estimates for 1879, and thus at length place the financial arrangements of the Colony in a satisfactory state. And there will be still further cause for congratulation if the Session of Parliament can be brought into that period of the year which is admittedly the most convenient for country Members.

2. Several measures of a minor character, but of considerable public utility, have been passed, which do not demand special notice.

3. Owing to the rapid growth of population in some of the remoter districts of the Colony, the distribution of Electoral Representation determined by the Act of 1858 has become exceedingly unequal; and as the Bill introduced by the Government with a view to partially remove that inequality has failed to become law, the necessity is enhanced for an early amendment of the law in this respect, the more so that, so long as this inequality continues, it may be doubted whether some of the grave questions of public policy now demanding early settlement can be finally and satisfactorily disposed of.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. I thank you for the Supplies so liberally granted for the maintenance of the Public Service, and desire to assure you that the strictest economy will be exercised in the expenditure of the sums which you have provided for this purpose.

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

5. It affords me much pleasure to inform you that the estimate made in January last of the Revenue is being realized; it is therefore anticipated that the actual Revenue for the whole year will equal the amount estimated. Under the heads of Customs, Railways, Postage and Telegraphs, the collections of 1878 exceed those for the corresponding period of 1877 to a considerable extent.

6. Every effort will be made to push forward the extension of our Railways as sanctioned by Parliament, and it is confidently expected that early in the next Session proposals for a still more enlarged system of Railway construction will be submitted to you.

7. Although there are grounds for hoping that the complications arising out of the successful invasion of Turkey by Russia may yet admit of a peaceful solution, it is regarded by my Government as only a proper precaution that the Works of Defence for which provision has been made should be pressed forward to completion, and that the Volunteer Forces of the Colony should be remodelled.

8. The amended Contract for the Postal Service by way of California having now received the formal sanction of Parliament, we may look forward to a satisfactory continuance of that Service.

9. I have pleasure in informing you that the Conference which has just concluded its labours at Melbourne has arrived at a determination satisfactory to this Government for the duplication of the Telegraphic Cable. This was a measure long needed for the purposes of commerce, and it is one which, when completed, will be of extreme moment to the Australian Colonies should Great Britain be unfortunately involved in war.

10. When this Parliament was first summoned together, the great Pastoral interests of the Colony were threatened with almost annihilation by a drought of long continued severity. Since then the Colony has been blessed with copious rains, and although the season is still drier than the average, the dreaded calamity has, under Divine Providence, been averted.

11. I now declare this Parliament prorogued to Tuesday, the second day of July next.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

1877-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 1878.)

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GREENWOOD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reorganization of the Volunteer Force should be proceeded with as a matter of urgency, and that similar provisions and regulations to those adopted for the district of Sydney should be extended to all the chief centres of population throughout the Colony.
2. MR. HUNGERFORD to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum of money not exceeding £3,000 for the purpose of improving the Main Roads through the County of Northumberland.
3. MR. DAY to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878 a sum not exceeding £600 for the purpose of defraying the expenses necessary to have the Silk Industry of this Colony properly represented at the Paris Exhibition.
4. MR. BENNETT to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1879 a sum not exceeding £526, to compensate Johanna Connelly, District Tamworth, for loss of improvements and land, in consequence of certain illegal acts on the part of the Minister for Lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. City of Sydney Improvement Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company (Limited) Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Public Water Supply; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barbour,—
 - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, at an early period of next Session, introduce a comprehensive measure providing for the conservation of Water Supply, including the supply of water to all important cities and towns in New South Wales, the erection of Locks and Weirs to secure and detain in the Billabongs, Creeks, and Rivers the rainfall that now runs to waste to the sea, and by Canals, and other sources of irrigation, to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous droughts to which this Country has been hitherto subjected.
 - “ (2.) That something should also be done by boring to discover the depths at which good water may be obtained at various parts of country now being occupied by selectors and other settlers, and for the discovery of artesian wells.
 - “ (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
4. Statue of Her Majesty the Queen; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution:—

That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1878 a sum not exceeding £3,200 for the purchase of Mr. Marshall Wood's colossal Statue of Her Majesty the Queen, to be placed in some public site in Sydney.
5. Road, Glen Innes to the Gulf; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878, a sum not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of making a road from Glen Innes to the Gulf.
6. Road, Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek *via* Glendon; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1878, a sum not exceeding £3,000, for the purpose of making a Road from Glen Innes to Vegetable Creek *via* Glendon.
7. Game Protection Bill; second reading.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1877-8.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Allen, The Hon. Sir George Wigram, Knt. (<i>Speaker</i>)	...	...	...	...
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander, Esq.	37	32	1	70
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	49	50	2	101
Bawden, Thomas, Esq.	24	27	1	52
Bennett, Hanley, Esq.	63	71	4	138
Beyers, Hugo Louis, Esq.	49	62	3	114
Bowker, Richard Ryther Steer, Esq., M.D.	46	18	.....	64
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	27	32	.....	59
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	22	21	1	44
Brown, Stephen Campbell, Esq.	24	33	1	58
Browne, William Charles, Esq.	38	47	2	87
Burns, The Hon. John Fitzgerald, Esq.	35	71	4	110
Cameron, Angus, Esq.	53	49	1	103
Charles, Samuel, Esq.	49	52	2	103
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	23	37	.....	60
Cohen, The Hon. Henry Emanuel, Esq.	60	61	8	129
Combes, Edward, Esq.	10	5	.....	15
Coonan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	44	39	3	86
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	55	47	2	104
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	26	40	1	67
Davies, John, Esq.	62	62	4	128
Davies, William, Esq.	53	57	4	114
Day, George, Esq.	49	50	5	104
Dillon, John, Esq.	27	15	2	44
Driver, Richard, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees from 15 March, 1878</i>)	71	26	9	106
Eckford, Joseph, Esq.	52	59	3	114
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire, Esq.	69	76	9	154
Fitzpatrick, The Hon. Michael, Esq.	64	75	8	147
Garrett, Thomas, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees to 13 March, 1878</i>)	16	.....	.....	16
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.	18	10	.....	28
Greenwood, James, Esq.	49	56	1	106
Greville, Edward, Esq.	44	32	3	79
Harris, John, Esq.	26	53	2	81
Hoskins, James, Esq.	30	25	4	59
Hungerford, Thomas, Esq.	49	48	3	100
Hurley, John, Esq. (<i>Hartley</i>)	52	25	1	78
Hurley, John, Esq. (<i>Narellan</i>)	21	4	.....	25
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton, Esq.	32	22	5	59
Johnston, William, Esq.	14	14	.....	28
Lackey, John, Esq.	40	54	4	98
Leary, The Hon. Joseph, Esq.	65	76	7	148
Long, William Alexander, Esq.	16	18	.....	34
Lucas, John, Esq.	24	4	.....	28
Lynch, Andrew, Esq.	36	43	.....	79
Macintosh, John, Esq.	67	66	5	138
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	46	56	2	104
McElhone, John, Esq.	59	72	2	133
Merriman, James, Esq.	28	25	.....	53
Moses, Henry, Esq.	16	17	1	34
Murphy, John, Esq.	55	59	1	115
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	49	44	2	95
Onslow, Arthur, Captain, R.N.	22	14	.....	36
Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	22	10	3	35
Pilcher, Charles Edward, Esq.	3	8	.....	11
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G.	55	60	2	117
Roseby, John, Esq.	58	48	4	110
Scholey, Stephen, Esq. (<i>to 15 May, 1878, deceased</i>)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shepherd, John, Esq.	47	36	1	84
Simson, Colin William, Esq.	24	25	2	51
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	36	27	3	66
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	36	46	.....	82
Stuart, Alexander, Esq.	30	9	.....	39
Sutherland, The Hon. John, Esq.	49	60	5	114
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	8	15	.....	23
Suttor, The Hon. William Henry, Esq.	63	73	8	144
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	35	18	1	54
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	41	47	3	91
Terry, Samuel Henry, Esq.	48	44	3	95
Thompson, James Banford, Esq.	22	33	.....	55
Watson, James, Esq.	16	20	1	37
Webb, Edmund, Esq. (<i>from 6 February, 1878</i>)	11	17	2	30
Windeyer, William Charles, Esq.	36	33	3	72
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	28	22	2	52

1877-8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1877-8.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	9
2. Select Committees :—						
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	12	
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	7	
					—	19
3. Standing Committees...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—						
Originated in the Assembly—						
Received the Royal Assent...	...	...	...	...	15	
Passed last Session, Assent reported this Session	...	...	...	...	2	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of...	...	...	...	...	17	
					—	34
Brought from the Council—						
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	1	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of...	...	...	...	...	1	
					—	2
						36
5. Private Bills :—						
Originated in the Assembly—						
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	4	
Assent not reported...	...	...	...	...	1	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of...	...	...	...	...	2	
					—	7
Brought from the Council—						
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	0	
Dropped or otherwise disposed of...	...	...	...	...	0	
					—	0
						7
6. Petitions received :—						
Printed	...	...	...	...	134	
Not printed	...	...	...	...	15	
					—	149
7. Divisions :—						
In the House...	...	...	...	...	72	
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	76	
					—	148
8. Sittings :—						
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	76
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	...	457 h. 36 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	20 h. 25 m.
Daily average	...	...	...	...	...	6 h. 1 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—						
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	1	
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	8	
					—	9
						76
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	9
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—						
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	914	
Of Notices of Motions	...	...	...	...	1,591	
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	1,299	
Of Questions...	...	...	...	...	1,661	
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	23	
					—	5,488
Daily average	...	...	...	...	...	72
10. Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	...	9
Entries in Contingent Notice Paper	...	...	...	...	...	46
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	67
12. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	11
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	12
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—						
By Message...	...	...	...	...	12	
By Command	...	...	...	...	132	
By Speaker	...	...	...	...	3	
In Return to Orders...	...	...	...	...	47	
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	10	
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	16	
					—	220
Ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	217	
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	3	
					—	220

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 21 May, 1878.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

