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No. 1.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 19th day of September last, which was read by the Clerk of the Parliaments, by direction of the President, as follows :—

" NEW SOUTH WALES, } *Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD,*
" to wit. } *EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy*
" (L.S.) BELMORE, } *Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of*
" Governor. } *New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

" WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the third
" proximo : NOW I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, in pursuance of the power and
" authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said
" Parliament to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of November next ensuing ; and I do hereby further
" announce and proclaim, that the said Parliament shall assemble for the dispatch of business on
" the aforesaid fourteenth day of November next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known
" as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney ; and the Members
" of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give
" their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

" Given under my hand and seal, at Government House, Sydney, this nineteenth day of
" September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one,
" and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By Command,

" JOHN ROBERTSON.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !"

Members Present :—

The Honorable George Allen, The Honorable John Blaxland, The Honorable William Byrnes, The Honorable John Campbell, The Honorable Charles Campbell, The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley, The Honorable Joseph Docker, The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon, The Honorable John Hay, The Honorable Thomas Holt, The Honorable Thomas Iffly, The Honorable Francis Lord, The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight, The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning, Knight, Q.C., The Honorable Henry Moore, The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*, The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie, The Honorable Robert Owen, The Honorable Alexander Park, The Honorable John Richardson, The Honorable Bourn Russell, The Honorable Thomas Ware Smart, The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B., The Honorable Robert Towns, and The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

Absent :—

The Honorable William Busby, The Honorable Alexander Campbell, The Honorable James Chisholm, The Honorable George Henry Cox, The Honorable William Bode Dalley.

2. Opening the Session—Presence of the Governor :—His Excellency the Governor having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, and conducted to his seat by the President, accompanied by other Members and Officers of the House, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod, through the Aide-de-Camp, to let the Legislative Assembly know—" That it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"—

(1.) Attendance of the Legislative Assembly:—

The Assembly, with their Speaker, being in attendance accordingly, and seated, by desire of the Governor,—

(2.) Governor's Opening Speech:—

His Excellency read the following Speech:—

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

1. The great length to which the last Parliamentary Session was prolonged and the magnitude of the Questions subsequently calling for consideration have rendered it necessary that I should call you together at a later period of the year than usual.

2. Among other measures of importance which have been under the consideration of the Government, are Bills for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws regulating the Occupation and Sale of Crown Lands—for the extension of Municipal Institutions—for the Amendment of the Laws for the Regulation of the Gold Fields—and for the Amendment of the Impounding Laws.

3. These Bills, with the exception of the Gold Fields Bill, will be submitted for your consideration without delay.

4. Shortly after the Prorogation it was thought desirable to endeavour to enter into some arrangement with the Governments of the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland, for the establishment of a Mail Service that would afford the Colonies interested the means of more frequent communication with other parts of the World than they have at present.

5. With that object, the Attorney General, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Postmaster General proceeded to Melbourne, to attend a Conference called at the instance of this Government, and the deliberations of that Conference have resulted in the making an Agreement, subject to the sanction of the Parliaments of the Colonies represented there, which it is thought will, if carried out, be generally advantageous.

6. The approaching termination of the Agreement made in 1867 between this Colony and the Colony of Victoria, in reference to goods imported into and exported from the Colony, across or by way of the River Murray, rendered it incumbent upon the Government to make a new Arrangement, which, while securing to this Colony the duties to which it is fairly entitled, would keep the trade in question free from all injurious or irritating restrictions.

7. At the Conference at which the question of the Mail Service was disposed of, this matter of the Murray River trade was considered by the Representatives of this Colony and the Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, but no agreement for the renewal of the existing arrangement on equitable terms could be arrived at.

8. The proceedings of the Conference will be forthwith submitted to you for your consideration.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. I am able to congratulate you on the state of the Public Finances. The Loan of £374,980, which the Act of Parliament 35 Vic. No. 5 authorized the Government to raise for the prosecution of various Public Works, was obtained without difficulty in Sydney at a premium. The Treasury Bills, amounting to £334,600, which the Government were empowered by the Act 35 Vic. No. 4 to dispose of to meet the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account, have not been offered for sale, as the money has not been, and there is reason to believe will not be, required. The income of the Country has so increased as to enable the Government, with a due attention to economy, to meet all engagements, without any resort being had to additional taxation.

10. The Estimates of Expenditure have been prepared, and will be immediately submitted to you.

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

11. It is hoped that the measures which I have enumerated, with some others, amongst which may be included a proposal for the extension of the Railways, may be disposed of without much delay, with a view to the commencement of the next Session at an early period of the year.

12. There is every reason to believe that the Colony is now on the eve of a period of great prosperity. A favourable season has given an impulse to our Agriculture; whilst the yield from our Gold Fields has increased, and is still increasing. Mining industries are springing up in various directions, and the price to which our chief staple has arisen in Europe and America has caused a marked improvement in pastoral affairs.

13. I trust that, under Divine Providence, your labours will give a further impulse to the prosperity of which we now see the beginning.

His Excellency being then conducted to the door by the President, accompanied by other Members and Officers of the House,—

The Assembly, with their Speaker, withdrew,—

The House then adjourned, on motion of the Postmaster General, until Four o'clock, P.M., this day.

The House resumed:—

3. Chairman of Committees:—

(1.) The Postmaster General moved, *without previous Notice*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended, as would preclude the appointment of a Chairman of Committees without notice.

Question put and passed.

(2.) On motion of the Postmaster General, it was then resolved unanimously; That the Honorable George Allen be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session, and until a fresh appointment be made in the next Session of Parliament;—

Whereupon Mr. Allen made his acknowledgments to the House.

4. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Despatches (2) respecting the weight and fineness of Gold Coins struck at the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting supply of New Silver Coinage.
 - (3.) Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarters ended 31st December, 1870; 31st March, and 30th June, 1871, respectively.
 - (4.) Superannuation Fund—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1870.
 - (5.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1870, to 31st March, 1871.
 - (6.) Return of Runs appraised in 1870.
 - (7.) General Abstract of Runs appraised in 1870.
 - (8.) Summary of Runs appraised in 1870.
 - (9.) New Regulation under Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866.
 - (10.) Additional Regulations under Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, dated 20th June, and 7th November, 1871, respectively.
 - (11.) New Regulations under the Gold Fields Act of 1866.
 - (12.) Regulations for carrying into effect the Oyster-beds Act of 1868.
 - (13.) Regulation respecting Fines inflicted for Drunkenness in New South Wales Artillery and Infantry.
 - (14.) Report on the Nautical School Ship Vernon, to 30th June, 1871.
 - (15.) Rules and Regulations for Volunteer Brigade Band, under Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
 - (16.) Report of Astronomer on Government Observatory, Sydney, for the year 1870.
 - (17.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School, for the year 1870.
 - (18.) Regulations for the Industrial School for Girls, Biloele, Parramatta River.
 - (19.) Report from Trustees of the Australian Museum, for the year 1870.
 - (20.) Substituted By-law—Borough of Newcastle.
 - (21.) Amended By-laws—Borough of Newtown.
 - (22.) By-laws—Borough of North Willoughby.
 - (23.) By-law—Borough of Mudgee.
 - (24.) By-laws—Municipal District of North Illawarra.
 - (25.) Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics, for the year 1870.
 - (26.) Blue Book, for the year 1870.
 - (27.) Proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference held at Melbourne in the month of September, 1871.
 - (28.) Despatch respecting proposed establishment of a Court of Appeal for the Australasian Colonies.
 - (29.) Despatch on the subject of Dr. Lang's suggestion relative to Annexation of Fiji Islands to New South Wales.
 - (30.) Despatch forwarding Correspondence respecting Deportation of South Sea Islanders.
 - (31.) Despatch respecting new method of destroying Chrysalids of Silkworms.
 - (32.) Report of the University of Sydney, together with a Return of the Receipts and Expenditure, for the year 1870.
 - (33.) By-laws and Regulation of the University of Sydney.
 - (34.) Returns under the Real Property Act, for the year 1870.
 - (35.) Despatches respecting payment of expenses of Witnesses in cases of prosecution for forcible Deportation of Natives of the South Sea Islands.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. *Pro-forma Bill*—Ordinance Lands Transfer Bill :—The Postmaster General having presented a Bill, and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time, *pro-forma*—
Question put and passed ;—
And Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordinance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance Land Act of Council 1840,*"—read a first time *pro-forma*.
6. Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech :—The President having reported that he had obtained a copy of the Speech His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to make this day to both Houses of Parliament, read the same,—
Mr. Ogilvie then moved,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz :—Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Darley, The Postmaster General, Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Sir William Macarthur, Mr. Moore, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Committee retired to consider and prepare the Address,—
And Mr. Ogilvie having, after some time, brought up the Address as prepared by the Committee, moved, That the said Address be now read.
Question put and passed ;—
The said Address was read by the Clerk accordingly, viz :—
"*To His Excellency the Right Honorable SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and Vice-Admiral of the same.*"
"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government, and to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech.

"2. The various measures to which Your Excellency refers, and particularly the Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws relating to the Occupation and Sale of Crown Lands, shall receive our most careful consideration."

"3. The proceedings of the recent Conference, held in Melbourne, shall duly receive our attention."

"4. We are glad to learn that the Public Finances are in a satisfactory condition."

"5. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may aid in advancing the general prosperity."

Mr. Ogilvie moved, and Mr. Holt seconded the motion,—That the Address, as read, be now adopted as the answer of this House to the Speech His Excellency the Governor had been pleased this day to make to both Houses of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Twenty-four minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock, P.M.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The President, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Darley, Mr. Weekes, Sir W. M. Manning, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hay, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Holt, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Assembly.
2. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That the Library Committee of this House for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The President, Mr. Allen, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Lord, Mr. Owen, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hay, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the Resolution of 7th August, 1862.
3. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Allen, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hay, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Darley, Mr. Smart, Mr. Charles Campbell; and the Mover, with the duties and powers conferred upon a similar Committee appointed in the Session of 1862.
4. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Chairman of Committees, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Moore, Mr. Deas Thomson, 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 Assembly.
5. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for the Despatch of Business at Four o'clock, P.M., on Wednesday and Thursday in each week.
6. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That on Wednesday in each week Government Business take precedence of General Business.
7. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That the Order respecting the Transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Question:—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON to ask THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Has any further negotiation taken place with reference to the Customs duties on Goods exported from or imported into this Colony across or by way of the Murray, since the termination of the late Intercolonial Conference?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, P.M.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Thomas Icoly,
The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,

The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Bourn Russell,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Presentation of Address in reply to Governor's Opening Speech :—The Postmaster General 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 Government House on Wednesday next, at Four o'clock, P.M.
3. Standing Orders Committee :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. :—The President, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Darley, Mr. Weekes, Sir W. M. Manning, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hay, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Holt, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Assembly.
Question put and passed.
4. Library Committee :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee of this House for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. :—The President, Mr. Allen, Mr. Alexander Campbell, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Lord, Mr. Owen, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hay, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the Resolution of 7th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
5. Printing Committee :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Allen, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hay, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Darley, Mr. Smart, Mr. Charles Campbell, and the Mover, with the duties and powers conferred upon a similar Committee appointed in the Session of 1862.
Question put and passed.
6. Refreshment Room Committee :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Chairman of Committees, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Moore, Mr. Deas Thomson, 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 Assembly.
Question put and passed.

7. **Sitting Days** :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for the Dispatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday in each week.
Question put and passed.
8. **Precedence of Government Business** :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday in each week Government Business take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
9. **Transmission of Messages between the two Houses** :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the Transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.

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

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Question :—

1. **MR. DEAS THOMSON to ask** THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT, —Has any further negotiation taken place with reference to the Customs duties on Goods exported from or imported into this Colony across or by way of the Murray, since the termination of the late Intercolonial Conference?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE POSTMASTER GENERAL** to move, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

MEMO :—The House to proceed to Government House, and there, at Four o'clock, present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE POSTMASTER GENERAL** to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, President.

*The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable William Byrnes,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,*

*The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.*

2. Paper :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table, By-laws of the Municipal District of Forbes.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Murray River Customs Duties :—Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Has any further negotiation taken place with reference to the Customs duties on Goods exported from or imported into this Colony across or by way of the Murray, since the termination of the late Intercolonial Conference?
The Postmaster General replied,—No further negotiation has taken place.
4. Intercolonial Postal Conference :—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted.
Mr. Deas Thomson moved, That the Debate of this Question be now adjourned until the next day of sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the Debate of this Question be now adjourned until the next day of sitting,—put and passed.
The House adjourned, at Eight minutes after Six o'clock, until Wednesday next, at half-past Three o'clock, p.m.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

MEMO :—The House meet *this day* at *half-past Three* o'clock to proceed to Government House, and there, at Four o'clock, present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Questions :—

1. **MR. C. CAMPBELL** *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Has the Colonial Government requested Commodore Stirling to demand, with a view to the protection of British subjects visiting the Polynesian Islands, either as traders or missionaries, that the treacherous murderers of the late Bishop Patteson be adequately punished?
2. **MR. C. CAMPBELL** *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Is this House to understand that the respectful request made by this House to the Governor, that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the state of the Superannuation Fund, was submitted to his Constitutional Advisers, and that they advised that no notice should be taken of the Resolution of this House in reference to that subject?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE POSTMASTER GENERAL** to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **Intercolonial Postal Conference** :—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the Question on motion of the Postmaster General, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1871.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, <i>President</i> .	
The Honorable George Allen.	The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,	The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,	The Honorable Alexander Park.

There not being a Quorum present, the President adjourned the House at *two* minutes after *Four* o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Questions :—

1. MR. C. CAMPBELL *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Has the Colonial Government requested Commodore Stirling to demand, with a view to the protection of British subjects visiting the Polynesian Islands, either as traders or missionaries, that the treacherous murderers of the late Bishop Patteson be adequately punished?
2. MR. C. CAMPBELL *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Is this House to understand that the respectful request made by this House to the Governor, that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the state of the Superannuation Fund, was submitted to his Constitutional Advisers, and that they advised that no notice should be taken of the Resolution of this House in reference to that subject?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL to move, That this House approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Intercolonial Postal Conference :—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the Question on motion of the Postmaster General, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted.

No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,

The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Presentation of Address in reply to Governor's Opening Speech :—The Postmaster General informed the House that, as there was no Quorum of the Council yesterday, the House had been unable to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at the time and place then fixed by His Excellency; and he had now ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive the said Address, at Government House, on this day week, at Four o'clock, p.m.
3. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Regulations under Customs Duties Act of 1871.
(2.) Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales, for the year 1870.
(3.) Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

4. The late Bishop Patteson :—Mr. Owen, on behalf of Mr. Charles Campbell, having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Has the Colonial Government requested Commodore Stirling to demand, with a view to the protection of British subjects visiting the Polynesian Islands, either as traders or missionaries, that the treacherous murderers of the late Bishop Patteson be adequately punished?

The Postmaster General replied,—The reply I have received from the Minister, under whose Department this matter properly comes, is in these words : "Enclosed is a letter which will show why we have done nothing. It has been published by authority in the daily newspapers of the city." The letter referred to is dated "'Olio,' at Melbourne, 12th November, 1871," is addressed to His Excellency the Governor, and is to this effect :—

"MY LORD,—

"I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that your telegram respecting Bishop Patteson's murder reached me last night, and I replied by telegraph this morning.

"The 'Rosario' left Sydney on the 19th ultimo for a cruise amongst the New Hebrides and Santa Cruz Groups, calling first at Norfolk Island, which place she would reach about the time the news of the Bishop's murder arrived there, or soon afterwards.

"As Commander Markham had discretionary power as to the order in which he visited the New Hebrides and Santa Cruz Islands, I have no doubt that, on hearing of the sad occurrence, he proceeded from Norfolk Island direct to Santa Cruz.

"In this morning's *Argus* the murder is stated to have taken place at Nukupu, a small Island in the Swallow Group, in lat. 10° 7' S., long. 165° 59' E., about 36 miles north of Santa Cruz."

"I have, &c.,

(Signed) "F. H. STIRLING,

"Commodore and
"Senior Officer."

5. Superannuation Act of 1864—Royal Commission:—Mr. Owen, on behalf of Mr. Charles Campbell, having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Is this House to understand that the respectful request made by this House to the Governor, that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the state of the Superannuation Fund, was submitted to his Constitutional Advisers, and that they advised that no notice should be taken of the Resolution of this House in reference to that subject?

The Postmaster General replied,—His Excellency the Governor did submit the Address of the Legislative Council, requesting His Excellency to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the state of the Superannuation Fund, to his Constitutional Advisers. The Government did not advise that no notice should be taken of the Resolution of the Council in reference to that subject, which is still under consideration.

6. Paper:—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table, By-Laws of the Borough of Windsor.
Ordered to be printed.

7. Border Duties—Murray River:—The Postmaster General moved, pursuant to Notice, That this "House" approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deas Thomson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—

"(1.)—regrets that no satisfactory agreement was arrived at by the Delegates at the recent Inter-colonial Conference in respect to the Border Duties, and recommends that the offer of the Delegates representing Victoria to continue the present convention until the end of 1872 should be accepted; with a view in the meantime of collecting such statistics as may form the basis of a renewed agreement between the Colonies interested, more especially as the Delegates from Victoria have expressed their willingness, if the balance is ascertained to be in favour of New South Wales, after deducting the amount due to Victoria, to covenant to pay such ascertained balance."

"(2.) That this House is of opinion that no renewed agreement should be made to embrace a longer period than from three to five years,—because the districts north of the Murray receiving their supplies by or across that River are liable to constant and rapid extension, as facilities are afforded by the construction of railways and other improvements in the means of transit, and it seems therefore only equitable that at stated intervals of sufficient duration, and after the collection of the necessary statistics, the terms of any new agreement should be subject to adjustment."

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, and Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next,—put and passed.

8. Intercolonial Postal Conference:—Upon the Order of the Day being read for the Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the Question on motion of the Postmaster General, That the Contract entered into at Melbourne, on the 29th September last, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Queensland, in reference to Mail Services between London and Sydney by way of Suez, and between London and Melbourne by way of San Francisco, be adopted,—

The Postmaster General moved, That this Order of the Day be now discharged from the Paper.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Question:—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON to ask THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Will there be any objection, on the part of the Government, to lay Lord Kimberley's Circular Despatch, dated the 13th July, 1871, respecting Colonial Fiscal legislation, before this House?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties—Murray River:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of the Postmaster General, That this "House" approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last; in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray,—upon which Mr. Deas Thomson had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—
 - "(1.)—regrets that no satisfactory agreement was arrived at by the Delegates at the recent Inter-colonial Conference in respect to the Border Duties, and recommends that the offer of the Delegates representing Victoria to continue the present convention until the end of 1872 should be accepted; with a view in the meantime of collecting such statistics as may form the basis of a renewed agreement between the Colonies interested, more especially as the Delegates from Victoria have expressed their willingness, if the balance is ascertained to be in favour of New South Wales, after deducting the amount due to Victoria, to covenant to pay such ascertained balance.
 - "(2.) That this House is of opinion that no renewed agreement should be made to embrace a longer period than from three to five years,—because the districts north of the Murray receiving their supplies by or across that River are liable to constant and rapid extension, as facilities are afforded by the construction of railways and other improvements in the means of transit, and it seems therefore only equitable that at stated intervals of sufficient duration, and after the collection of the necessary statistics, the terms of any new agreement should be subject to adjustment."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

MEMO:—The House to proceed to Government House, and there, at Four o'clock, present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President.*

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable William Byrnes,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Thomas Holt,
The Honorable Thomas Icoly,

The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, O.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes,

2. Papers:—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Despatch respecting the insertion in the Army List of Names of Officers of Colonial Militia and Volunteers.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act, 25 Vict. No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Colonial Fiscal Legislation:—Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Will there be any objection, on the part of the Government, to lay Lord Kimberley's Circular Despatch, dated the 13th July, 1871, respecting Colonial Fiscal legislation, before this House?
The Postmaster General replied,—I am not at present aware of any objection to laying this Despatch upon the Table.
4. Border Duties—Murray River:—The Adjourned Debate on motion of the Postmaster General, That this "House" approves the steps taken at the Conference, held in Melbourne in September last, in reference to the question of imports into and exports from this Colony across or by way of the River Murray,—upon which Mr. Deas Thomson had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof following the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—
" (1.)—regrets that no satisfactory agreement was arrived at by the Delegates at the recent Inter-colonial Conference in respect to the Border Duties, and recommends that the offer of the Delegates representing Victoria to continue the present convention until the end of 1872 should be accepted; with a view in the meantime of collecting such statistics as may form the basis of a renewed agreement between the Colonies interested, more especially as the Delegates from Victoria have expressed their willingness, if the balance is ascertained to be in favour of New South Wales, after deducting the amount due to Victoria, to covenant to pay such ascertained balance.
" (2.) That this House is of opinion that no renewed agreement should be made to embrace a longer period than from three to five years,—because the districts north of the Murray receiving their supplies by or across that River are liable to constant and rapid extension, as facilities are afforded by the construction of railways and other improvements in the means of transit, and it seems therefore only equitable that at stated intervals of sufficient duration, and after the collection of the necessary statistics, the terms of any new agreement should be subject to adjustment,"—resumed.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes,

Ayes, 12.

The Postmaster General,
Mr. Darley,
Mr. John Campbell,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,

Tellers.

Mr. Ogilvie,
Mr. Park.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Deas Thomson,
Mr. Owen,
Sir W. M. Manning,

Tellers.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Busby.

Original Question again stated.

Whereupon Mr. Hay moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof "in so far as they were directed towards the renewal of the existing arrangements "on equitable terms of payment by Victoria to New South Wales; and expresses a hope that the "proposal finally made by the Victorian Delegates, as explained in their Memorandum of 30th "September, may yet be followed up by further negotiations, with a view to a satisfactory settlement of this important question."

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Deas Thomson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Allen,

Tellers.

Mr. Busby,
Sir W. M. Manning.

Noes, 10.

The Postmaster General,
Mr. Ogilvie,
Mr. Park,
Mr. John Campbell,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Byrnes,

Tellers.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Darley.

Original Question then put and passed.

5. Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—The President reported the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

- (1.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1871.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

Ordered, that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next, and that the Bill, in the meantime, be printed.

- (2.) Import Entries Regulation Bill:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1871.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next, and that the Bill, in the meantime, be printed.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock, P.M.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

MEMO :—The House meet *this day* at *half-past Three* o'clock, to proceed to Government House, and there, at *Four* o'clock, present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second-reading.
 2. Import Entries Regulation Bill ; second reading.
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No. 7.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twelve minutes before Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable William Byrnes,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Thomas Holt,

The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Address in reply to Governor's Opening Speech:—On motion of the Postmaster General, the House 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 having returned,—

The President reported that the House had presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—

I thank you for your Address, and for the sentiments of Loyalty and unfeigned attachment towards Her Most Gracious Majesty's Person and Government which animates it.

I thank you also for the assurances which you offer to me that the various measures which will be submitted to you shall receive your careful consideration.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1871.*

BELMORE.

The House adjourned, at Sixteen minutes after Four o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
2. Import Entries Regulation Bill; second reading.

No. 8.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

• The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Francis Lord,

The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Robert Towns,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the present Gold Fields Act and Regulations of New South Wales, and into the best means of securing a permanent Water Supply for the Gold Fields of the Colony.
- (2.) Statistical Register of New South Wales for the year 1870.
- (3.) Despatch on the subject of Intercolonial Fiscal Legislation.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—The President reported the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

- (1.) Public Roads Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for and regulate Roads*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st December, 1871.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week, and that the Bill, in the meantime, be printed.

- (2.) Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclamation of Land in Blackwattle Bay*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st December, 1871.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for this day week, and that the Bill, in the meantime, be printed.

4. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—

(1.) The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

(2.) On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment,—

And the House having adopted the Report:—

Ordered, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. Friendly Societies Bill:—The President reported the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th December, 1871.*W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow week, and that the Bill, in the meantime, be printed.

6. Import Entries Regulation Bill:—

(1.) The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

(2.) On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at a quarter before Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; third reading.
2. Import Entries Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill; second reading.

No. 9.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blasland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Thomas Icely,

The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable Thomas Ware Smart,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Bank Liabilities and Assets, for the quarter ended 30 September, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Sessional Return showing the estimated cost of Printing for or upon the Order of the Legislative Council, during the Session of 1870-71.
3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill (*Formal Business*),—on motion of the Postmaster General, read a third time, and *passed*.
The Postmaster General then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon the Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly, with the following Message :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
Question put and passed.
4. Import Entries Regulation Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment,—
And the House having adopted the Report :—
Ordered, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
The House adjourned, at six minutes before Six o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill ; second reading.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; second reading.
3. Import Entries Regulation Bill ; third reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CHISHOLM to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of roads proclaimed through private property since the 1st January, 1869.
 - (2.) The amount of compensation given for each road proclaimed, distinguishing roads to the farms of private individuals, to minor roads, or roads intended to be such.
 - (3.) Whether the amount of compensation demanded has been given in each case, or whether the Government fixed the amount without reference to the parties claiming compensation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill ; second reading.
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No. 10.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland;
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,

The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, during the period from 10th June to 5th December, 1871.
(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 Vict. No. 1, during the period from 13th June to 5th December, 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill :—Mr. Darley presented a Petition from the Reverend Alexander Barnard Davis, and others, praying leave to introduce a Bill to make provision for the sale and disposition, and for the application of the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon Trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School, and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes, and to declare the Trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School,—
And Mr. Darley having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald, Town and Country Journal*, and *Sydney Mail*, Newspapers, containing the requisite Notices of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
4. Import Entries Regulation Bill (*Formal Business*),—on motion of the Postmaster General, read a third time, and *passed*.
The Postmaster General then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon the Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly; with the following Message :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
Question put and passed.
5. Public Roads Bill :—The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Ordered, That the Committal stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

6. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill :—

(1.) The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

(2.) On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill with Amendments,—

And the House having adopted the Report ;—

Ordered, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. Roads through Private Property :—Mr. Chisholm moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of roads proclaimed through private property since the 1st January, 1869.

(2.) The amount of compensation given for each road proclaimed, distinguishing roads to the farms of private individuals, to minor roads, or roads intended to be such.

(3.) Whether the amount of compensation demanded has been given in each case, or whether the Government fixed the amount without reference to the parties claiming compensation.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Question :—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Has the Ministry adopted any steps for reopening negotiations with the Government of Victoria on the subject of the Border Duties?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DARLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the sale and disposition, and for the application of, the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney, held upon Trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School, and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes, and to declare the Trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Friendly Societies Bill ; second reading.
2. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Question :—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—

(1.) Has the Government yet decided what course it will recommend the Governor to adopt in pursuance of the Address to His Excellency from this House, requesting that he would be pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to suggest an equitable mode of adjusting the claims upon the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce into Parliament any measure during the present Session for the amendment of the Superannuation Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Roads Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

No. 11.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President.*

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable William Byrnes,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Thomas Holt,

The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Robert Owen,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Border Duties:—Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Has the Ministry adopted any steps for reopening negotiations with the Government of Victoria on the subject of the Border Duties?
The Postmaster General replied,—Not at present; but the Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on the 13th instant, will be immediately transmitted to the Government of Victoria.
3. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill (*Formal Business*):—
(1.) Mr. Darley moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the sale and disposition, and for the application of, the proceeds of certain lands and hereditaments in the City of Sydney, held upon Trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School, and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes, and to declare the Trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Darley then presented this Bill, and having produced a Certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Sale and Disposition and for the Application of the Proceeds of certain Lands and Hereditaments in the City of Sydney held upon Trusts for a Jewish Synagogue and School and for the appointment of Trustees for such purposes and to declare the Trusts of lands and premises appropriated for a Jewish Synagogue and School.*"—read a first time.
4. Friendly Societies Bill:—
(1.) The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
(2.) On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.
5. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill:—
(1.) The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."
Mr. Ogilvie moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "recommitted with a view to the further consideration of Clause 1."
Debate ensued.

Question,—

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 so inserted,—
 put and passed.

Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted with a view to the further consideration of
 Clause 1,—put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of
 the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported the Bill with a further Amendment ;—

And the House having adopted the Report 2° ;—

Ordered, That the third-reading stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Six o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Question :—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—

(1.) Has the Government yet decided what course it will recommend the Governor to adopt in
 pursuance of the Address to His Excellency from this House, requesting that he would be pleased to
 appoint a Royal Commission to suggest an equitable mode of adjusting the claims upon the Super-
 annuation Fund?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce into Parliament any measure during the
 present Session for the amendment of the Superannuation Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Roads Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Friendly Societies Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill ; third reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DARLEY *to move*,—

(1.) That the Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill be referred for consideration and report to a Select
 Committee.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz :—The Postmaster General, Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Moore, Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.

No. 12.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-seven minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable John Campbell,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
The Honorable John Hay,

The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Sir William Montagu Manning,
Knight, Q.C.,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Messages from the Governor:—The Postmaster General handed to the President Messages from His Excellency the Governor, which were read by the President, as follows :—

- (1.) Superannuation Act of 1864—Royal Commission :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 2.

In reply to the Address from the Legislative Council, of the 22nd June last, requesting the Governor to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Superannuation Act of 1864, and if necessary to suggest an equitable mode of adjustment, His Excellency desires to state, for the information of the Council, that he has consulted his Responsible Advisers, who do not think that any useful object will be obtained by appointing such a Commission, and are therefore unable to advise him to do so.

2. The Government have it, however, in contemplation to introduce a Bill into Parliament shortly to deal with the above question.

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th December, 1871.*

- (2.) Assent to Bill—Import Entries Regulation Bill :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law regulating the time allowed for Entering Imported Goods,*" 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 now transmits 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, 18th December, 1871.*

(3.) Assent to Bill—Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*," 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 now transmits 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, 18th December, 1871.

3. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill—Petition :—The Postmaster General presented a Petition from John Williams, of Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, Solicitor, praying that this Bill may not pass in its present form.
Petition received.
4. Special Adjournment :—The Postmaster General, *by consent*, moved, *without previous Notice*, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Wednesday, the 24th January next.
Question put and passed.
5. Question Dropped :—Superannuation Act of 1864—Royal Commission :—Mr. Deas Thomson not asking the Question standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
6. Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill (*Formal Business*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Darley moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Jewish Synagogue and Schools Bill be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz :—The Postmaster General, Mr. Hay, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. Deas Thomson, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
 - (2.) The Postmaster General then moved, *without previous Notice*, That the Petition presented by him this day, from John Williams, Solicitor, be referred to the Select Committee on the said Bill.
Question put and passed.
7. Public Roads Bill :—On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. Friendly Societies Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, the 24th January next.
9. Blackwattle Bay Land Reclamation Bill :—The Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Postmaster General,
Mr. Moore,
Sir W. Macarthur,
Sir W. M. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Ogilvie,
Mr. Darley,

Tellers.

Mr. Park,
Mr. Busby.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. John Campbell,
Mr. Charles Campbell.

Bill read a third time ; and, on motion of the Postmaster General, *passed*.

The Postmaster General then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the reclamation of land in Blackwattle Bay*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly, with the following Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the reclamation of land in Blackwattle Bay*," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

BLACKWATTLE BAY LAND RECLAMATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 20 December, 1871.

Page 2, clause 1, line 5. *After* "aforesaid" *insert* "Provided that a portion not being less than a fourth part of the entire area so reclaimed shall be set apart and dedicated in perpetuity for a Park or place for public recreation"

" " " *After* "Provided" *insert* "also"

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Page 3. *Schedule. Omit Schedule insert the following new Schedule.*

"That part of Blackwattle Bay lying to the south of the embankment on which the Pymont Bridge Company's Road crosses the Bay commencing at the eastern end of said embankment where it meets the original high-water mark and bounded thence on the east south and west by the original high-water mark of the Bay to the western side of the aforesaid embankment and thence by the embankment to the point of commencement."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

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

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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No. 13.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1871.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock.

*Members Present :—*The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
 The Honorable John Blaxland,
 The Honorable William Busby,
 The Honorable William Byrnes,
 The Honorable Joseph Docker,
 The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,
 The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,

The Honorable Henry Moore,
 The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
 The Honorable Alexander Park,
 The Honorable John Richardson,
 The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
 The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Public Roads Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

*Point of Order :—*The Chairman reported a Point of Order to the House, which Point of Order he stated to be,—

Clause 5 of the Bill, as printed, having been read by him, it was proposed, prior to its consideration, to insert a New Clause to follow Clause 4 of the Bill, as printed, and objection being taken to the consideration of the proposed New Clause, until certain Amendments, of which Notice had been given, to be proposed in Clause 5 of the Bill, as printed, had been dealt with by the Committee,—

And the Chairman ruling, That the then consideration of the proposed New Clause was in order,—
 And objection being taken to such ruling,—

It was resolved to report the Point of Order to the House.

The President stated, That in his opinion the proposed New Clause was duly before the Committee. A Member, who may have given notice of Amendments, was not entitled to precedence on that account.

Mr. Deas Thomson then moved, That the President do now leave the Chair, and the Committee do resume the further consideration of this Bill.

Question put and passed.

The Committee resumed accordingly.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum of Members present in the Committee,—

And the House having been counted after one minute had elapsed, and there being a Quorum of Members present,—

The Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Six o'clock, until *Wednesday, the 24th day of January next*, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1872.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 2. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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No. 14.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President.*

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable George Henry Cox,
The Honorable William Bede Dalley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,
The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,

The Honorable John Hay,
The Honorable Thomas Holt,
The Honorable Francis Lord,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable John Richardson,
The Honorable Thomas Ware Smart,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Further Correspondence respecting Steam Postal Communication, from 29th May to 3rd November, 1871.
- (2.) Correspondence respecting Telegraphic Communication with Europe.
- (3.) 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 Vict. No. 1, during the period from 5th December, 1871, to 19th January, 1872.
- (4.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the Act, 25 Vict. No. 1, during the period from 5th December, 1871, to 19th January, 1872.
- (5.) By-Laws of the Borough of Bathurst.
- (6.) Report from the Government Astronomer, Sydney, on the result of the Solar Eclipse Expedition.
- (7.) Despatch notifying the appointment of Sir Hercules Robinson as the Successor of Governor the Earl of Belmore.
- (8.) Despatch conveying the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Sir W. M. Manning, and Mr. John Williams, for services rendered *in re* "Daphne."
- (9.) Despatch authorising the handing over of the Books of the late Garrison Library, Sydney, for the use of the Defence Force.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Postponement—Friendly Societies Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill, postponed on motion of the Postmaster General, until this day week.

4. Public Roads Bill :—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow

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

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock.

Members Present :—

The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President.*

The Honorable George Allen,
The Honorable John Blaxland,
The Honorable William Busby,
The Honorable Charles Campbell,
The Honorable James Chisholm,
The Honorable George Henry Cox,
The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
The Honorable Joseph Docker,

The Honorable Thomas Icoly,
The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
The Honorable Henry Moore,
The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
The Honorable Alexander Park,
The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.,
The Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes.

2. Assent to Bill Reserved—Navigation Bill :—The Postmaster General handed to the President a Message from His Excellency the Governor, which was read by the President, as follows :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message, No. 4.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd Section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Council that the Bill, passed by the Parliament of New South Wales and styled the "Navigation Act of 1871," has been laid before the Queen in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th January, 1872.*

3. Paper :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Chisholm, on the 13th December last, in reference to Roads through Private Property.
4. Public Schools Act :—Sir William Macarthur presented a Petition from the Ruridecanal Chapter of Camden, comprising the parishes of Camden, Cobbitty and Narellan, and Picton, praying the House so to alter the provisions of the 23rd section of the Public Schools Act, as to place Denominational Schools on the same footing as Public Schools in the matter of repairs.
Petition received.
5. Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—The President reported the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—
- (1.) Matrimonial Causes Bill :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in New South Wales*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1872.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

(2.)

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

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 Service of the year 1872*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th January, 1872.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a first time.

(2.) The Postmaster General, *by consent*, moved, *without previous Notice*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of this Bill through all its remaining stages in the present sitting of the Council.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, then read a second time.

(4.) On motion of the Postmaster General, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment,—

The House adopted the Report.

(5.) Bill, on motion of the Postmaster General, read a third time, and *passed*.

The Postmaster General 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 Service of the year 1872*."

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon the Postmaster General moved, That this Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with the following Message.

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 Service of the year 1872*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Question put and passed.

6. Public Roads Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, the President left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at four minutes after Five o'clock, until Wednesday next, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Questions:—

1. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Warrant authorizing the Chief Justice or Senior Puisne Judge to exercise the powers of the Governor in the event of his death or absence from the Colony?
2. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Will there be any objection to lay before this House copies of the Statistics relative to the collection of the Border Duties exhibited at the Intercolonial Conference, held at Melbourne in September last?
3. MR. DEAS THOMSON *to ask* THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT,—Will there be any objection to lay before this House the additional Correspondence and other communications between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria which have taken place since the proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference, held at Melbourne in September last, were laid upon the Table?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

No. 16.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1872.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The President took the Chair at twenty-seven minutes after Four o'clock.

*Members Present :—*The Honorable Sir Terence Aubrey Murray, Knight, *President*.

The Honorable George Allen,
 The Honorable William Busby,
 The Honorable John Campbell,
 The Honorable Charles Campbell,
 The Honorable James Chisholm,
 The Honorable George Henry Cox,
 The Honorable Frederick Matthew Darley,
 The Honorable Joseph Docker,
 The Honorable Samuel Deane Gordon,

The Honorable John Hay,
 The Honorable Thomas Holt,
 The Honorable Sir William Macarthur, Knight,
 The Honorable Henry Moore,
 The Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie,
 The Honorable Alexander Park,
 The Honorable John Richardson,
 The Honorable Edward Deas Thomson, C.B.

2. Assent to Bill—Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill :—The Postmaster General handed to the President a Message from His Excellency the Governor, which was read by the President, as follows :—

BELMORE,

*Message No. 6.**Governor.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1872,*" 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 now transmits 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, 30th January, 1872.*

3. Papers :—The Postmaster General laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Amended By-Laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's.
 - (2.) Regulation respecting Stoppages on account of fines for drunkenness in the New South Wales Artillery and Infantry.
 - (3.) By-Laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 - (4.) Correspondence relative to the presentation of Smooth Bore Ordnance by the Imperial Government.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. Administration of Government in event of death, incapacity, or absence of Governor :—
- (1.) Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Warrant authorizing the Chief Justice or Senior Puisne Judge to exercise the powers of the Governor in the event of his death or absence from the Colony?
- The Postmaster General replied,—In reply to the Question of the Honorable Member, I beg to lay upon the Table the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing the Warrant for the appointment of the officers mentioned therein. The Government consider it necessary that the Despatch should be laid upon the Table, as well as the Warrant, because the Despatch explains the view of the Imperial Government upon the question, and shows that it was intended merely to be a temporary arrangement.

(2.) Paper:—The Postmaster General then laid upon the Table, Despatch, enclosing a Warrant, authorizing the Chief Justice or Senior Puisne Judge to exercise the powers of the Governor in the event of his death, incapacity, or absence from the Colony, together with a copy of the said Warrant.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Border Duties Statistics:—Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Will there be any objection to lay before this House copies of the Statistics relative to the collection of the Border Duties exhibited at the Intercolonial Conference, held at Melbourne in September last?

The Postmaster General replied,—The information in possession of the members of the Government who acted as delegates upon the occasion referred to in the question, respecting the amount and description of Imports and Exports, will be found in the Statistical Register for 1870, page 108, and in the Registers for previous years. This information being already in possession of the Council, it is not considered necessary to incur the expense of reprinting it. In addition to these documents the delegates were in possession of calculations showing the amounts which would have been collected upon these dutiable articles if the agreement with Victoria had not been in force, and also a summary of the value of the duties which would have been so collected during the last three years. There will be no objection to laying these last named documents upon the Table.

6. Intercolonial Conference—Border Duties:—

(1.) Mr. Deas Thomson having, pursuant to Notice, asked the Representative of the Government,—Will there be any objection to lay before this House the additional Correspondence and other communications between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria which have taken place since the proceedings of the Intercolonial Conference, held at Melbourne in September last, were laid upon the Table?

The Postmaster General replied,—In reply to the Question of my honorable friend, I beg to lay upon the Table the Correspondence referred to.

(2.) Paper:—The Postmaster General then laid upon the Table, Correspondence relative to the collection of Customs Duties upon the Murray River Border.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Ministerial Statement—Adjournment:—The Postmaster General having informed the House,—That in consequence of an adverse vote in the other Chamber of the Legislature, the Government had advised the Governor to dissolve the Legislative Assembly, which advice His Excellency had been pleased to express his willingness to adopt; and that it was not, therefore, the intention of the Government to proceed with any public business, excepting so far as was necessary to obtain Supplies for carrying on the Government of the Colony during the period prior to the calling together of a new Parliament,—

Moved,—That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at seventeen minutes after six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

JOHN. J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Friendly Societies Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Public Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency the Right Honorable
to wit. } SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, a Member of
(L.S.) Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor
BELMORE; and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
Governor. Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by the Bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen, intituled, "*An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty*," and assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the Session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said Reign, 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*," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, SOMERSET RICHARD, EARL OF BELMORE, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Thursday, the eighth day of February instant, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Throsby Park, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Throsby Park, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

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