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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** :—The House met at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the eighth day of September, 1874.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows :—

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

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fifteenth day of September instant: Now I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, 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 third 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 third 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 eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By Command,

"HENRY PARKES.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. **WRITS OF ELECTION** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House,—

(1.) That in accordance with the direction of the 30th clause of the Electoral Act of 1858 he had issued the following Writs for the election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,—

For the Electoral District of East Sydney,—in room of James Henry Neale, Esquire, whose Seat had been declared vacant on the 25th of June last (the last day of the Session) by reason of the resignation thereof by Mr. Neale.

For the Electoral District of West Maitland,—in room of Benjamin Lee, junior, Esquire, resigned.

For the Electoral District of Tenterfield,—in room of Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire, resigned.

(2.) That these Writs had been duly returned to him, with the respective Certificates endorsed thereon of the election of the following gentlemen,—

Charles Moore, Esquire,—to serve as a Member for East Sydney.

Lewis Wolfe Levy, Esquire,—to serve as Member for West Maitland.

Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire,—to serve as Member for Tenterfield.

3. **MEMBERS SWORN** :—The undermentioned Members having respectively taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned :—

Charles Moore, Esquire,—for East Sydney.

Lewis Wolfe Levy, Esquire,—for West Maitland.

The Honorable Robert Palmer Abbott, Esquire,—for Tenterfield.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

"MR. SPEAKER,

"It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber."

The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-eight minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL.—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Abstracts of the Public Accounts for the year 1873, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in conformity with the provisions of the 38th clause of the Audit Act, 33 Vic. No. 18. Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to be printed.
7. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

1. It is a matter for regret that it is necessary to call you together so soon after the labours of the late protracted Session, and I participate in the hope, which I am sure you must entertain, that the business of Parliament in future years may be confined to such limits as will not require you to give attendance to your public duties for the greater part of the twelve months,—an exaction of your time of which you too frequently have had occasion to complain. Every exertion will be made by the Government to consult your wishes by bringing the present Session to an early close.

2. The speedy transaction of business is rendered the more desirable by the approaching termination of Parliament itself as the result of special legislation. My Advisers, having due regard to the Act of last Session originated in the Legislative Assembly to abridge the term of its own existence, will abstain from laying before you any measures of a comprehensive character except such as have already been submitted for your consideration, in order that the sense of the Constituencies may be taken at the earliest convenient date on the several large questions now waiting to be determined. Among the principal of these may be included a thorough reform of the abuses of the present Land system, improvements in the law for establishing Municipalities, the construction of cheap Railways, and such an extension of the provisions of the Public Schools Act as will bring the benefits of Education within the reach of every family. In the present state of political affairs it is obvious that measures so momentously affecting the public welfare should be submitted to the judgment of the electors.

3. The Bill of last Session for extending and improving the representation of the people in the Legislative Assembly will be again introduced, and I confidently rely upon your attachment to the principles of the Constitution to pass it into law. The important changes for which it provides will render substantial justice to Districts for years past inadequately represented, and will enable the intelligence of the electoral bodies generally to be much more effectively expressed in the electoral results.

4. The Bill to reconstruct the Legislative Council on a basis of popular election will also be re-introduced without delay.

5. Other measures of last Session which were not then proceeded with, such as the Bills for consolidating and amending the Criminal Law, for securing an adequate supply of Water to the Metropolis and other parts of the Colony, for making better provision for the care and treatment of the Insane, and for other purposes of public utility, will be again submitted; and Bills will be introduced to improve the management of the Australian Museum and the Sydney Infirmary.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

6. The exposition of the financial condition of the Colony will be made, and the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1875 will be laid before you almost immediately.

7. The returns of Revenue for the current year, I am happy to say, show a satisfactory surplus; and you will be invited to consider the expediency of setting apart annually fixed amounts to be applied in the reduction of the Public Debt and in the construction of works of permanent improvement.

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

8. During the recess an important acquisition to British territory has been made in intimate connection with Australian interests. For some time past the people of this Colony have manifested a deep concern in the settlement of the Fiji Islands; and this Government, acting in accord with the general feeling, has made repeated representations to the Secretary of State in favour of their colonization by Great Britain. After much inquiry and consideration, and in response to appeals from Fiji herself and from other quarters, it was decided by the Imperial Government to accept the responsibility of adding the Islands to the Possessions of the Crown, if the Native Chiefs were prepared to unreservedly acquiesce in the transfer of authority. The task was entrusted to me to conduct the final negotiations, and I have the satisfaction to inform you that my labours

labours have resulted in the unconditional cession of those valuable and beautiful Islands to Her Majesty the Queen. The new Colony, planted in the van of Polynesia, cannot in its progress fail to exercise a civilizing influence over the whole of the Islands of the Pacific; and the advantages to the commerce of New South Wales, in common with the other Australian Colonies, will be manifold and may be expected to steadily increase. Papers explanatory of the subject, so far as the authorities of this Colony have been concerned, will be laid before you.

9. The Mining Department called into existence by the Act of last Session is being carefully organized. Arrangements have been made to ensure the early survey of lands for mining purposes and the undelayed issue of leases; and in the course of a short time the officers of the Department throughout the Colony will be able to deal with all cases as they arise. Some defects in the law will, however, require legislative remedy.

10. The contractors for the Pacific Mail Service have failed to carry out their temporary contract, and the necessary instructions have been given to enforce payment of the penalty of £25,000 secured by bond for non-performance. In the meantime measures have been adopted to continue the monthly postal communication between Sydney and San Francisco without interruption. It is satisfactory that the Government of New Zealand is prepared to bear half the expenditure of the interim contract now entered into, and has cordially agreed to co-operate with the Government of this Colony in firmly establishing the most efficient Service that can be obtained.

11. I rejoice that, in now leaving you to the performance of your Parliamentary duties, I can congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Colony; and I earnestly hope that, under the guidance of the Almighty, your labours may largely tend to increase the blessings of freedom and good government for all classes of the people.

Mr. Cooper then moved, and Mr. W. C. Browne seconded the motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Greville, Mr. Levy, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, offer to your Excellency the expression of our loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and of our thanks for your Excellency's Speech.

2. We are glad to learn that measures for improving the state of the law respecting the public Lands, the extension of Municipalities, the construction of Railways, and the provision for public Education, are engaging the attention of the Government.

3. We shall be prepared to give our earnest and careful consideration to the Bill for improving the representation of the people in this House.

4. The other Bills to which our attention is invited shall be fully considered at our hands.

5. We are much gratified to be informed that the Public Revenue continues to show a surplus, and we can promise our cordial assistance to mature any proposals that may be submitted to us for reducing the public debt and carrying out permanent improvements in the country.

6. The cession of the Fijian Archipelago to the British Crown is an event fraught with important consequences to the English communities in Australasia; and we congratulate your Excellency on your success in the difficult mission for which you were selected by Her Majesty's Government.

7. We shall give our best attention to any proposals for improving the Mining interests of the Colony whenever our attention is invited to the subject.

8. The information which will no doubt be laid before us respecting the Pacific Mail Service will enable us to give that just consideration to the matter to which its importance entitles it.

9. We join in your Excellency's congratulations on the prosperity of the Colony, and we earnestly hope that we may be permitted by our labours to promote the general happiness.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Address be amended, by the insertion, after the first paragraph, of the following paragraphs:—

"2. It is a matter for regret that your Excellency has not been advised, in view of the exigencies of the Public Service, and the state of public affairs requiring legislation, to call Parliament together at an earlier date. We doubt the possibility of this Parliament being able now to bestow a sufficient amount of care and attention on the important measures intended to be submitted by your Excellency's Advisers.

"3. With reference to the intimation contained in the second paragraph of your Excellency's Speech that measures to amend the Land Laws, the Municipal Act, and the Public Schools Act will be submitted to the judgment of the Electors, we are at a loss to understand how any such measures can be so submitted satisfactorily unless they have been previously laid before Parliament.

"4. With regard to the failure of the Temporary Contract for the Pacific Mail Service, we attribute the unfortunate result in this case to the injudicious selection of a contractor made by your Excellency's Advisers.

"5.

"5. For the foregoing and other reasons we feel bound to express our dissatisfaction with the present administration of the Government of the Colony."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,

Tellers.

Mr. Webb,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Thomas Robertson.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Taylor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put,—That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Tunks,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Macleay,
Tellers.
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Webb.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Parkes then 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 half-past Three o'clock to-morrow.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers relative to the Cession of the Fiji Islands to Great Britain.
- (2.) Extracts from Telegrams between the Secretary of State and the Governor of New South Wales relative to the Cession of Fiji.
- (3.) Despatches respecting the Temporary Administration of the Government in the absence of the Governor.
- (4.) Correspondence as to swearing in an Administrator of the Government, and transaction of business during the temporary absence of the Governor.
- (5.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales for 1873-4 and for 1874-5.
- (6.) Return showing the estimated number of Electors entitled to Vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts for 1873-4 and for 1874-5.
- (7.) Returns under Real Property Act for 1873.
- (8.) Statistical Register of New South Wales for 1873.
- (9.) Registrar General's Report on Vital Statistics for 1873.
- (10.) Report on Vaccination for 1873.
- (11.) By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- (12.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
- (13.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Yass.
- (14.) By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (15.) Prisons Regulation, dated 29th October, 1874.
- (16.) Regulation increasing Hospital Stoppages for New South Wales Artillery.
- (17.) Regulation as to precedence of Officers of different Corps in the Volunteer Force.
- (18.) Regulations as to Efficiency Certificates in the Volunteer Force.
- (19.) Report on the Nautical School Ship "Vernon" for the year ended 30 June, 1874.
- (20.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1874, in reference to the removal of Mr. M. B. Bindon from the office of Gaoler at Albury.
- (21.) Return to an Order, made on 9th June, 1874, in reference to the working of the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) General Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31 December, 1873.
 - (2.) Ditto for the Quarter ended 31 March, 1874.
 - (3.) Ditto for the Quarter ended 30 June, 1874.
 - (4.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account for the year ended 31 March, 1874.
- Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock to-morrow, for the purpose of proceeding to Government House, there, at half-past Three o'clock, to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at one minute after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

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

And, being returned,—

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

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I thank you for the loyal tenor of the Address which you have just presented to me, and for the congratulations you are so good as to express upon the result of the Mission to Fiji with which Her Majesty's Government did me the honor to entrust me.

It is very agreeable to me to know that I can rely with confidence upon your advice and assistance in all measures calculated to develop the growing prosperity of the Country, and to promote the general happiness of the people.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th November, 1874.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Messieurs Rochefort and Grousset:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was there a letter addressed as follows, namely:—"Messieurs Rochefort et Paschal Grousset, Suisse au Belgique, évadés de la Nelle. Calédonie, Faire Suivre," posted at the General Post Office, Sydney, sometime about the month of April or May last?

(2.) Was this letter, instead of being sent on to the persons to whom it was addressed, delivered by the Post Office authorities of Sydney to the French Consul resident here?

(3.) If this is so, will the Minister acting in this House for the Postmaster General state by whose authority this was done?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The authorities of the General Post Office have no knowledge whatever of any circumstance answering to that alleged to have had existence by the Honorable Member's question.

(2.) Furniture for Court-house at Molong:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any communication, or have any communications, been received by the Government in reference to Furniture for the Court-house at Molong within the last twelve months?

(2.) If so, on what date or dates, by whom, and the nature of such communication, or communications?

(3.) Do the Government intend to take any action in the matter; and if they do, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) A requisition for Chairs and Forms was received in February, and a letter on the subject from Mr. Smith, M.L.A., in October last.

(2.) The requisition referred to was received early in February, and the letter on 12th October last.

(3.) The supply of the Furniture has been authorized by the Government, but in consequence of the papers having been mislaid a delay occurred. The articles are however being made, and will be ready in a few days.

(3.)

(3.) **Railway Trial Surveys**:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What Trial Surveys have been ordered by the Government for the extension of the Great Western Line of Railway from Orange?

(2.) If any Trial Surveys have already been made, will the Government inform the House what they have been, and the report or reports of the Surveyors thereon?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member will find the information he seeks in the Papers on the subject of Trial Surveys, which were laid upon the Table of the House, and ordered to be printed, on the 25th June last.

(2.) A progress report from the Engineer-in-Chief on a Trial Survey which has been made for a line from Orange to Wellington was received by me a few days ago. When all the Trial Surveys have been completed there will be no objection to lay the reports thereon upon the Table of the House.

(4.) **Metropolitan Water Supply**:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government secured the services of an Hydraulic Engineer in connection with the contemplated new Metropolitan Water Supply?

(2.) If not, what steps have been taken in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Immediately after the vote of this House was obtained, communications were made to the Agent General in London to make the necessary inquiries in order to engage the services of an engineer such as was wanted for the purposes of the Colony. Nothing yet has been finally decided upon, and I have reason to believe that the Agent General at the present time is utterly incapacitated for the discharge of business, and probably some delay will arise in consequence.

(5.) **Instructions to Warden of Gulgong**:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—If he has sent any instructions to the Warden of Gulgong, and if so, what those instructions were, in reference to the Warden having granted a prohibition in the case of Kitchen and Berand, and his failure to enforce it?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes, a telegram to the following effect was sent to Mr. Warden Brown on the 31st October—"Neither the Minister nor the Warden has power to interfere further in the matter of the injunction. The parties must be left to their own remedy."

(6.) **Bridge over Saumarez Creek**:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Bridge over Saumarez Creek be commenced, the money for which work was voted by Parliament two Sessions ago?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A tender has been accepted for the erection of Saumarez Creek Bridge, but the work has been delayed in consequence of disputes respecting the site. Further information can be afforded the Honorable Member on the return to Sydney of the Commissioner for Roads, who has recently visited the locality.

(7.) **Armidale Gaol**:—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates this Session for the purpose of enlarging the Armidale Gaol, in accordance with a previous promise given by the Colonial Secretary in answer to a question asked by Mr. Terry on the 3rd February, 1874?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Gaol at Armidale will be enlarged in the course of a very short time.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Postmaster General on the Departments under his Ministerial control, being for the year 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 16th June, 1874, in reference to the Road from Gunning to Queanbeyan *via* Gundaroo.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Waratah Coal Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their line of Railway by the construction of branches.

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

5. **MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALISING BILL**:—

(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the Marriage of a man with the Sister, or the Daughter of the Sister, of his Deceased Wife.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to legalize the Marriage of a man with the Sister or the Daughter of the Sister of his Deceased Wife*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

6. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—

(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorces and Matrimonial Causes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

7. **ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Aliens.

Question put and passed.

8. **CRIMINALS INFLUX PREVENTION BILL** :—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the influx of Criminals into New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
9. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
Question put and passed.
10. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
11. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
12. **FORMAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
 (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which on the Question being put from the Chair "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 (4.) That, in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 Question put and passed.
13. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
14. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
15. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7 shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
16. **CRIMINALS INFLUX PREVENTION BILL** :—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prevent the influx of Criminals into New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 13th November.
17. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
 (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list so initialed on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
 Question put and passed.
18. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
19. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all Questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.

20. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Allen, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Greville, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
21. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Allen, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Captain Onslow, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, And Mr Webb requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council,—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Allen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lackey, and Mr. Garrett.
22. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
23. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—
"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
"of New South Wales.
"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of
"New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint
"Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire, | "John Lackey, Esquire,
"Richard Driver, Esquire, | "George Oakes, Esquire, and
"Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, | "John Stewart, Esquire,
"Richard Hill, Esquire,
"being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.
"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
"Sydney, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one
"thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.
"W. M. ARNOLD,
"Speaker."
24. **REFRESHMENT ROOM COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Macleay, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued,—
And Mr. Raphael requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council,—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Raphael, and Mr. Nelson.
25. **PAPER**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Returns of the number of Conveyances for Land, and Transfers for Land, situate in the City of Sydney, and the amount of Stamp Duty paid thereon, from 31 May, 1873, to 31 May, 1874
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bridges across Parramatta River and Iron Cove Creek :—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the erection of the Bridges across the Parramatta River and Iron Cove Creek be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans are now being prepared, and tenders will be invited in about a month.

- (2.) Fortifications and Military Roads :—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What Department of the Government is charged with the care and preservation of the Fortifications and Military Roads on the north side of the Harbour of Port Jackson?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Colonial Architect's Department is understood to be charged with the care and preservation of these works, subject to the supervision of the Defence Commission.

- (3.) Duty on Gold :—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in, during the present Session, a Bill to abolish the Duty on Gold?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—As I intend to make the Financial Statement at an early period, I shall then be able to inform the Honorable Gentleman what the Government intend to do in this matter.

- (4.) Old Post Office in Wynyard Square :—Mr. Raphael asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When does the Government intend to remove the old wooden Post Office in Wynyard Square?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention to remove the Old Post Office without any inconvenient delay, but there are one or two questions which will have to be determined before that step is taken.

- (5.) Road over Mount Manning :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What has caused the delay in the execution of the works for the improvement of the Road over Mount Manning, between the Wollombi and Macdonald Rivers, for which money has been appropriated?

- (2.) When will the work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Road Superintendent was instructed some time back to carry out this work. I am not aware of any cause for delay, and have directed that a telegram be sent to the Roads Officer to ascertain why the delay has occurred. As soon as a reply has been received, a copy will be furnished to the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Grants for erection of Churches :—Mr. Webb asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any sum, or sums, of money been paid by the Government during the Recess towards the erection of a Church, or Churches, or any other place or places of Worship?

- (2.) If so, to whom?

- (3.) What amount?

- (4.) From what fund, and by what authority?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—Two separate sums, each of £1,000, have been paid to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church towards building Churches at Albury and at Kiama. The question will be best answered by a statement of the facts. Some few months ago a Solicitor in the city, by searching in the books of the Treasury, discovered that two sums of money, each of £1,000, were payable to the Roman Catholic Church. In consequence application was made for these sums. This came under my notice, and I caused, at a great deal of trouble, all papers referring to this matter to be collected. It was then discovered that by the provisions of the Church Act, and during the time it was in force, these sums had been actually appropriated according to law for this purpose, and set aside in the books of the Treasury for the parties. The Governor at the time was Sir William Denison, the Colonial Secretary was Mr. Riddell, and the Clerk of the Executive Council, Mr. Fitzpatrick, now a Member of this House. On ascertaining this state of facts I wrote out a case, setting them forth for the opinion of the Attorney General, more particularly asking him whether the appropriation of this money had been in any way interfered with by subsequent legislation, and whether it was incumbent upon the Government to pay these sums. The opinion of the Attorney General was, that as these sums had been actually appropriated according to law, and set aside to the credit of the parties to whom they were appropriated, and who had simply neglected to take the money, it must be paid, and it was paid, I believe from the Church and School Lands Fund, but I am not certain upon that point.

(7.) Cabbage-tree Bay:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any report been received from Mr. Surveyor Biden in reference to Cabbage-tree Bay as a harbour of refuge?
- (2.) If so, will he lay the same on the Table of the House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes; a report and plan have been received and referred for the opinion and report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.
- (2.) So soon as the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers shall have reported on the matter, the Papers will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(8.) Court-house at Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What has been the result of inviting tenders for the new Court-house at Gundaroo?
- (2.) Were any such tenders received, and how many?
- (3.) Was any such tender accepted?
- (4.) Has any contract been made with or without tender?
- (5.) If no tender has been accepted or contract made, is it the intention of the Government to call for fresh tenders?
- (6.) If so, will the plan and specifications be published at Gundaroo, or Goulburn, or both places?
- (7.) If none of the above named courses be taken, what other course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In reply to the Honorable Member's questions, I desire to say, as the result of inviting tenders for the erection of a new Court-house at Gundaroo, that three tenders were received, of which one has been accepted.

(9.) Road between Braidwood and Warri:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government promised, or do they intend, to spend or appropriate a sum of money, equivalent to the usual expenditure for several years, or about £4,000, on the road between Braidwood and Warri?
- (2.) Has such an amount been actually so spent, or authorized to be spent?
- (3.) In either case, by what authority, and from what fund?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No, the Government have not promised, neither do they intend to expend any sums beyond those voted by Parliament.
- (2.) Such an amount has not been spent, but a large sum has been authorised.
- (3.) By the authority of the Secretary for Public Works; from the special vote of £4,000 for Road, Goulburn to Braidwood, and the annual vote of £1,800 for Road, Tarrago to Braidwood, both of which votes include the portion referred to.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Despatch, with copies of Commercial Treaty and Supplementary Convention between Great Britain and France.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (From 1st June to 31st October, 1874.)
 - (2.) Abstract of a Site for a Village, declared under the 4th section of the same Act. (From 1st June to 31st October, 1874.)
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
- Ordered to be printed.

4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.

Question put and passed.

5. **LUNACY BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
Question put and passed.
6. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.
Question put and passed.
7. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their Line of Railway by the construction of branches.
Question put and passed.
8. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Raphael presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1857*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES** :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Driver made his acknowledgments to the House.
10. **LETTER ADDRESSED TO M.M. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSET** :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire "into the conduct of the Post Office authorities of Sydney in having" delivered to the French Consul here a letter, entrusted to their care, addressed to M. Rochefort and Paschal Grousset, Switzerland or Belgium.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Forster, Mr. Combes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Oakes, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Allen moved, That the question be amended by the omission of the words "into the conduct of the Post Office authorities of Sydney in having," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "whether the Post Office authorities of Sydney have."
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
And Mr. G. A. Lloyd requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed; with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire whether the Post Office authorities of Sydney have delivered to the French Consul here a letter, entrusted to their care, addressed to M. Rochefort and Paschal Grousset, Switzerland or Belgium,—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Allen, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Combes, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Burns.
11. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL** :—Mr. Farnell having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their line of Railway by the construction of branches*,"—read a first time.
12. **BRIDGE OVER THE BELL RIVER** :—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution :—
That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £400, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Bell River, between Molong and Ironbarks.
Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) St. John's College:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the name of the gentleman who is now Rector of St. John's College?
- (2.) When was he elected, and which members of the Council were present at the election?
- (3.) What are the names of the gentlemen who at present form the Council of St. John's College?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have obtained the following information in reply to the Honorable Member's Questions:—

- (1.) The Most Reverend R. B. Vaughan, D.D.
- (2.) His election took place on the 16th July last, and the following members of the Council were present at the election,—Very Rev. J. Forrest, D.D., Very Rev. Dean Sheridan, Rev. G. F. Dillon, Rev. C. M'Carthy, Messrs. Coghlan, Ellis, Donovan, Duncan, Healy, Gilhooley, Jennings, and Makinson.

(3.) The following gentlemen form the Council of St. John's College,—The Most Rev. the Rector, Rev. D. J. D'Arcy, Rev. G. F. Dillon, Very Rev. Dr. M'Alroy, Rev. C. M'Carthy, Venerable Archdeacon Rigney, Very Rev. Dean Sheridan, Messrs. Browne, Butler, Coghlan, Dillon, Donovan, Duncan, Ellis, Gilhooley, Healy, Jennings, O'Connor, and Makinson.

- (2.) Special Religious Instruction by Public School Teachers:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Council of Education has resolved to let Public School Teachers impart special religious instruction?
- (2.) If so, when, and by whom was the resolution proposed?
- (3.) Under what circumstances are teachers to be allowed to impart special religious instruction?
- (4.) Has any teacher been authorized to impart such instruction, and, if so, how many of each denomination?

Mr. Allen answered,—The following replies have been sent to me from the Council of Education to the Honorable Member's Questions:—

- (1, 2, & 3.) On the 6th July, 1874, the Council of Education passed, by a majority, the following Resolutions:—

"(1.) That no Public or Provisional School Teacher shall be allowed to impart special religious instruction at any time in the school buildings, but this prohibition will not extend to instruction given in his own residence, although forming a portion of the school premises.

"(2.) That no Public or Provisional School building shall be used for the imparting therein of special religious instruction at any other time than during the hour allowed by the Public Schools Act.

"(3.) That, nevertheless, on the application of the local Board or Committee of any Public or Provisional School, the Council may suspend the operation of both or either of these Resolutions in respect of such schools for such time as the Council shall think fit."

- (4.) No teacher has been specially authorized to impart religious instruction under the above Resolutions.

- (3.) New Street North of the Post Office:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to open a new street in front of the New Post Office, between George and Pitt Streets; if so, when will this take place?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This is not simply a question of opening a street, but the kind of street to be opened, involving a number of considerations—for instance, the advisability of acquiring more land, and if so, by what means it shall be acquired. At the present time several proposals are before the Government, but no decision as to what would be the best, with a view to the improvement of the City, has been arrived at. Probably it will be arrived at in a week or two.

(4.)

- (4.) Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has a Temporary Contract been made for the conveyance of Mails between Sydney and San Francisco?
 (2.) If so, with whom, what amount of subsidy is to be paid, and for what term?
 (3.) Is it intended to submit the Contract to this House for approval?
 (4.) Is it intended to call for tenders for the performance of Permanent Service of a like character?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to give in detail the information which is sought. Negotiations are yet pending, and, in the judgment of the Government, it might seriously injure the public interest to give any details just at the present time.
2. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.
 Question put and passed.
3. WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Waratah Coal Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Grahame, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Baker, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
4. SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Moore presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
5. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stewart, the Debate on this Question adjourned (after Debate) until this day week.
6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Nelson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until Friday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooper.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Aliens.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate,—and negatived.
 Original Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Aliens.
 On motion of Mr. Nelson that report was adopted.
- (2.) Mr. Nelson then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Aliens*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 20th November.
8. PRESENCE OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Sessional records of the proceedings of this House shall include an account of the number of times each Member was present when a division took place, and when the House was adjourned for want of a quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 7th November, 1874, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Richard Driver, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court and Watch house at Tumut:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of a Court and Watch house at Tumut, for which the sum of £2000 was voted last Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders have already been invited for this work, to be received until the 24th instant, this course having been adopted on the receipt of plans, &c., from the Colonial Architect on the 4th instant.

(2.) Fiji Islands:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a Commission appointed by the Government of this Colony during the administration of Lord Belmore, at the instance of the Imperial Government, to inquire into matters connected with the Fiji or other South Sea Islands, or into the alleged Slave Trade there?

(2.) If so, what were the expenses of such Commission?

(3.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for these expenses, or any part of them?

(4.) What were the expenses to this Colony of the legal process or prosecution in the case of the seizure of the "Daphne"?

(5.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for those expenses, or any part of them?

(6.) Have any other similar cases occurred since, in which the Colony has been put to expense, and to what amount in each?

(7.) Has the Colony been reimbursed for these expenses, or any part of them?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A Commission for the purpose indicated was appointed during the Government of Lord Belmore.

(2.) The expenses of that Commission amounted to £248 7s. 9d.

(3.) The sum of £79 2s. 10d. was repaid by Captain Palmer of H.M.S. "Rosario," and the sum of £109 4s. 11d., making the total amount, has been charged to the Imperial Government.

(4.) The expenses of the prosecution in the case of the seizure of the "Daphne" were £100.

(5.) The expenses named, £100, were repaid by Lord Belmore.

(6 & 7.) It does not appear that there have been any other expenses of the kind.

(3.) Marriage of Minors:—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Marriages which have taken place within the last five years in which one or both of the persons have been minors, when the consent of the parents, guardians, or proper authority has not been obtained?

(2.) The names of the Ministers or Registrars who performed such ceremony?

(3.) The number of cases (specifying them) in which the Government have taken action?

Mr. Parkes answered,—During the last five years there have been four cases of the marriage of minors without the consent of their parents or guardians; three of these marriages were celebrated by Dr. Bailey, and one was celebrated by the Revd. Mr. Unwin. The Government has proceeded against the parties in two of the cases.

(4.)

- (4.) **Telegraph Office, Mudgee:**—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be called for the alterations to the Telegraph Office, Mudgee?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans for the work in question will be ready to-morrow. Tenders will be invited in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*.

- (5.) **Telegraph to Home Rule:**—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister representing the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring the Telegraph Line (and establish an Office) through the important town of Home Rule, as asked for in a Petition to the Postmaster General some months ago?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The official reports called for by the Postmaster General when the Petition referred to was received, did not then justify the immediate extension of the Telegraph Line to Home Rule. Further inquiries will be made, with a view to ascertain whether the prospects of the Home Rule Diggings will now warrant the expenditure for the establishment of this line.

- (6.) **Bridge over Cudgegong Creek:**—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has provision been made on the Estimates for 1875 for the construction of a Bridge over Cudgegong Creek, on the Mudgee Road?

(2.) If not, will the Minister make inquiries, and have provision made for the same on the Supplementary Estimates?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The attention of the Government has been directed to the necessity of bridging this Creek, and inquiries are now being made with a view of making provision for the work, if found to be necessary.

- (7.) **Roads in the Electorate of Monaro:**—Mr. Graham asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice, the gross amount of money expended on the following Roads since the 1st January to the present date:—

(1.) The amount expended on the Road from Bombala to Eden *via* Big Jack's?

(2.) The amount expended on the Road from Cathcart *via* Tantawoola to Pambula, during the same period?

(3.) How much of the sum of £10,000, voted for the repairs of these roads, has been expended, and how much is still to be expended?

(4.) When will the lapsed vote of £5,597'2s. 5d. be expended, and on what line of road?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In order fully to answer the Honorable Gentleman's Question, I have ordered a Return containing the necessary information to be prepared. It will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

- (8.) **Court-house at Dungog:**—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any requisition been made by or on behalf of the Bench of Magistrates at Dungog for Furniture for, and repairs to, the Court-house at Dungog?

(2.) What is the date of such requisition?

(3.) Has such requisition been complied with; if so, when?

(4.) Has the said requisition been refused; and if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A tender has been accepted for the articles required, and they will be supplied as early as possible.

3. **LETTER ADDRESSED TO M.M. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSET:**—Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That power to report be granted to the Select Committee on "Letter addressed to M.M. Rochefort and Grousset."
Question put and passed.

4. **RAILWAY EXTENSION:**—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from Freeholders, Licensed Graziers, and others, residents of Gundagai, Cootamundra, and the surrounding Districts, praying the House to consider the propriety of sanctioning the construction of a Branch Railway from the Main Trunk Line, (Goulburn to Cootamundra) to Gundagai.
Petition received.

5. **MR. AMOS DAVIES:**—Mr. Oakes presented a Petition from Amos Davies, of Wallabadah, Contractor, alleging that he has been subjected to loss and annoyance by being denied facilities for tendering for public works; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

6. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 18th November.

7. **DOGS BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better regulation for the registration and keeping of Dogs.
Question put and passed.

8. **ALIENATED CROWN LANDS, PORT JACKSON ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return and plan showing the alignment of the lands alienated by the Crown and abutting on the waters of Port Jackson, between Glebe Island Bridge along the western, northern, and eastern sides of Pyrmont to the Pyrmont Bridge; and also the date when all such lands were alienated or allowed to be used on sufferance.
Question put and passed.

9. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
Question put and passed.

10. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES AT ALBURY AND KIAMA (*"Formal" Motion*) :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Webb*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers in the possession of the Government relative to the paying over to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church the two sums of £1,000 each towards the erection of a Roman Catholic Church at Albury and Kiama respectively.

Question put and passed.

11. MINING REGULATIONS :—*Mr. Baker* moved, pursuant to Notice;—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Regulations relating to Mineral Leases, as well as those for Gold Mining Leases, made under and in pursuance of the Mining Act of 1874, are as a whole most injudicious, are calculated to *fetter mining enterprise*, and require immediate alteration.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Raphael,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Lucas,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Nelson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

(2.) Bridge over the Bell River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to provide for the better management of the Roads of the Colony.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Not this Session.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What have been the receipts from the Post and Telegraph Offices, Parramatta, during the past twelve months?

(2.) What has the Government expended upon the Post Office during that time?

(3.) What is the salary now allowed to the Postmaster?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Receipts from the Post and Telegraph Offices during the past twelve months equal to £920.

(2.) About £95.

(3.) £120 per annum fixed salary, with allowances in the shape of commission on sale of stamps, issue and payment of money orders, &c.; in all equal to a remuneration of £220 per annum.

- (3.) Public Parks:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Public Parks Act of 1854?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the law in reference to Public Parks.

- (4.) Auriferous Leases at Ironbarks—Mr. Cooper asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that there are many Auriferous Leases taken up at Ironbarks upon which neither the rent has been paid up, nor the labour conditions fulfilled?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the interests of such miners as are willing to work the ground so occupied, to declare these leases forfeited?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The leases are being issued with the utmost possible speed, and unless the rent be paid, the leases executed by the lessees, and the labour condition fulfilled, the leases will be cancelled forthwith.

- (5.) Railway Station and Post Office, Greta and Anvil Creek:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Railway Station and Post and Telegraph Offices for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Greta and Anvil Creek?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The plans for this work are ready, and tenders will be invited in the course of a week; but the contract must be contingent upon the funds being granted by Parliament.

(G.)

- (6.) *Annexation of Fiji*:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any correspondence taken place between the Government of this Colony and that of New Zealand, either before or after the annexation of Fiji, relative to any offer of pecuniary or other assistance from the Colonies to the British Government in the matter of such annexation?
Mr. Parkes answered,—No.
- (7.) *Court-house at Gundaroo*:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it probable that the work of building a Court-house at Gundaroo will be commenced?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—A contract was entered into on the 30th ultimo for the erection of a Court-house at Gundaroo, and the contractor states that he is prepared to commence the work at once.
2. *ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL*:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Rev. Robert Smith Paterson, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, and James Morrison, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Reverend James Fullerton, Doctor of Laws, George Henry Hamilton, M.D., Robert Smith Paterson, Minister, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, Elder, and James Morrison, Writing Clerk, to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the will of the late John Harris, of Ultimo, Sydney, as a site for a Presbyterian Church, Manse, and School, and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable site.
And Mr. Macintosh having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. *PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL*:—Mr. Moore presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate Vehicles in the City and Suburbs of the Police District of Sydney,'*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
4. *METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the supply of Water for the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for the Sewerage thereof.
Question put and passed.
5. *DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish District Councils.
Question put and passed.
6. *RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the law relating to Blasphemy.
Question put and passed.
7. *PUBLIC ROADS BILL ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Public Roads.
Question put and passed.
8. *PRISON DISCIPLINE BILL ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Prison Discipline.
Question put and passed.
9. *COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS*:—
(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Wednesday, the 4th instant, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire, Richard Driver, Esquire, Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, Richard Hill, Esquire, George Oakes, Esquire, and John Stewart, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
10. *RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL*:—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the Law relating to Blasphemy,*" which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th November.
11. *PUBLIC ROADS BILL*:—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate Public Roads,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th November.
12. *PRISON DISCIPLINE BILL*:—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Prison Discipline,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th November.
13. *GRATUITY TO SIR ALFRED STEPHEN*:—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to confer a Gratuity upon the late Chief Justice, Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G., in consideration of his long and eminent Judicial services.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House is of opinion that, in consideration of the large amount of business proposed by the Government, and the short time to elapse before the present Parliament must expire by law, it is expedient to submit to the judgment of the electors the question of a gratuity for Sir Alfred Stephen."
Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Thomas Robertson.
Captain Onslow,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lucas,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Scholey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Thomas Robertson.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Butler,	
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Booth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. **LUNACY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.

On motion of Mr. Parkes, that Report was adopted.

15. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT**:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Moneys received, and all Moneys paid, under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873, from its coming into operation to the first of the present month; and a list of all persons acting under that Act, with the Salaries they receive; also, the number of attendances of each of the Commissioners during that time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. **MR. AMOS DAVIES**:—Mr. Onkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th November, from Amos Davies, be printed.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Murray River Customs Duties:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount of Duties collected on Merchandize entered for consumption in New South Wales by way of and across the Murray River during each month of 1873, and to the 1st November, 1874?

(2.) The number of Bales of Wool exported from New South Wales by way of and across the Murray River during each month of 1873, and to the 1st November, 1874?

(3.) The number of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses, exported from New South Wales by way of and across the Murray River during each month of 1873, and to the 1st November, 1874?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I have caused a Return to be prepared, which I will presently lay upon the Table, which will give the information asked for in Question No. 1. It will not be possible to answer Questions Nos. 2 and 3, because no statistics were taken during those periods.

(2.) Gates Act:—Mr. Greville asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will action be resumed under the Gates Act?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I propose as soon as other business will admit to introduce a measure for remedying the difficulty that has arisen with reference to the Act referred to.

(3.) Mineral Selections:—Mr. Terry asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What course does he intend taking in the matter of Mineral Selections, and especially with reference to the prayer of the Petition presented by Mr. Terry on the 27th January last, from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the Districts of Armidale and Inverell, for amendment of the law which authorizes the retention by the Government of deposits made by unsuccessful applicants for Mineral Selections?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Mines to take any steps to procure the refund of the moneys retained by the Government in such cases?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Petition referred to by the Honorable Member has been dealt with by this House, and the course which the Government will take on the general question will be in accord with the decision then arrived at by the House.

(2.) No.

(4.) Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were any persons resident in the District of Queanbeyan lately recommended by the Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan for appointment to the Commission of the Peace?

(2.) Who were those persons?

(3.) Were any other persons recommended, and by whom?

(4.) Who were those persons?

(5.) Of the persons recommended in both cases, who were appointed?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—Four persons were recommended for appointment to the Commission of the Peace by the Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan, and by Mr. Thomas Rutledge. The names of the persons so recommended were Mr. William Forster Rutledge, Mr. Pat Hill Osborne, Mr. Henry G. Powell, and Mr. Nathanael S. Powell. Another person was recommended by 108 residents, who signed their names to a petition, and separately by Mr. Leopold Fane de Salis. For some months past the Government has, in every case where a gentleman has been recommended for appointment to the Commission of the Peace, caused a Circular Letter to be addressed to him. The following are extracts from that Circular,—“The Colonial Secretary has lately had his attention called to the fact that a large number of gentlemen holding the Commission habitually neglect their duties as Magistrates, and he has determined, for the future, not to advise the appointment of any person who is not prepared to give a fair amount of attention to the business of the Bench in the District wherein he resides.” “I am directed to ask whether, in this view of the position and duties of the Magistrate, you are willing to accept appointment to the Commission.” This Circular was addressed to Mr. William Forster Rutledge, to Mr. Pat Hill Osborne, and to Mr. Henry G. Powell. The Circular was not sent to Mr. Nathanael S. Powell, because it was understood the two latter gentlemen were brothers, and it was deemed inadvisable to appoint two brothers to the Commission in the same place. Mr. Henry G. Powell acknowledged the receipt of the Circular, and agreed to accept the Commission, and he was subsequently appointed. Mr. Pat Hill Osborne has taken no notice whatever of it. In the case of Mr. William Forster Rutledge, his father, Mr. Thomas Rutledge, replied on his behalf, stating that his son would give a fair amount of attention to the business; but the Government, in so serious a matter as the appointment of a Magistrate, were not prepared to accept a father's assurances for his son.

(5.) *Railway Station at Wallsend*.—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware that additional accommodation for Goods and Passenger Traffic is urgently required at the Railway Station at Wallsend?
- (2.) Whether for the purpose of providing this additional accommodation any attempt has been made to arrange with the Wallsend Coal Company for the construction of the buildings and other necessary works; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that platform accommodation is required at Wallsend, and when on a visit there the Deputation who waited upon me on the subject undertook to obtain from the Wallsend Company a site for the same.
- (2.) As soon as sufficient land for the purpose is conveyed to the Government, the requisite accommodation will be afforded.

(6.) *Swamps, Macleay River*.—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a Report been forwarded to the Government by Mr. Licensed Surveyor Herborn, of West Kempsey, with reference to certain large alluvial Swamps on the Lower Macleay River, and the best means to make them available for pastoral and agricultural purposes?
- (2.) Have the Government taken into consideration the suggestions and recommendations contained in the Report?
- (3.) Will the Government have any objection to lay the Report, with the plan annexed, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; provision will most probably be made for dealing with the reclamation of swamp lands on the introduction of any Bill upon land legislation.
- (3.) No; a copy of the Report and plan will be laid upon the Table in the course of the afternoon.

(7.) *Wharf Accommodation—Circular Quay*.—Mr. Onkes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What steps have the Government taken during the recess to provide increased shipping facilities for the Port of Sydney?
- (2.) When will the Government be prepared to submit to the House a plan for the improvement of Circular Quay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Evidence and Correspondence relating to this work have been issued from the Government Printing Office only a few days, and they are now under consideration. Plans will be laid upon the Table of this House as early as possible.

(8.) *Government Banking Account*.—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is there any agreement existing between the Government and the Bank of New South Wales with reference to the management of the Government Banking Account; if so, is there any objection to lay a copy of such agreement, with any subsequent additions or alterations, on the Table of the House?
- (2.) Does the agreement, if any, embrace equally the Consolidated and Loans Account?
- (3.) On what amount of Government Funds, in the hands of the Bank of New South Wales in Sydney and in London, is the Government at present receiving interest, and at what rate?
- (4.) What were the respective balances on all accounts, to the credit of the Government in the Bank of New South Wales in Sydney and London, at latest dates, on which no interest was paid on 30th June, 1870; 31st December, 1870; 30th June, 1871; 31st December, 1871; 30th June, 1872; 31st December, 1872; 30th June, 1873; 31st December, 1873; 30th June, 1874; 31st October, 1874?
- (5.) Does the Government derive any special advantage from the Bank of New South Wales having a monopoly of the Government Banking business?
- (6.) When does the present agreement with the Bank of New South Wales expire, and is it the intention of the Government to renew such agreement with the Bank of New South Wales?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Most of the information asked for by the Honorable Gentleman will be given in my Financial Statement, which will be made at an early period. I shall be happy to give all the other information soon after the Financial Statement is made.

(9.) **Aid to Agricultural Societies**:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874 in aid of the Agricultural Societies throughout the Colony; and if so, will such sum provide for those Societies that applied during the present year, but owing to the insufficiency of the late Vote were unable to obtain their share of the Grant?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It has been decided to place a sum of money on the Estimates, upon the condition that certain sums be raised in the various localities.

(10.) **Gaol at Young**:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Gaol at Young?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans and estimates have been prepared, and tenders will be invited as soon as the required funds are voted by Parliament.

(11.) **Wharf Accommodation—Circular Quay**:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government arrived at any, and what decision, on the evidence taken by the Select Committee on Improvement of the Wharf Accommodation at the Circular Quay, and is it their intention to submit, during the present Session of Parliament, any proposal for making the necessary improvements?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Honorable Gentleman's Question has been answered by the reply given to Mr. Oakes's Question, No. 7.

(12.) **Telegraph to Murrumburrah and Cootamundra**:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in view of the early opening of the Railway to Murrumburrah and Cootamundra, to give the residents of those towns the benefit of Telegraphic communication, the Telegraph wires passing through, or within a short distance of both towns?

Mr. Parkes answered,—At present it is not considered that the Government would be justified in incurring the expense of establishing Telegraphic communication with Murrumburrah and Cootamundra, unless the residents of those places give the usual undertaking, guaranteeing the Government against loss.

2. **DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL**:—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish District Councils*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th November.

3. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Allen laid upon Table, Further Return to an Order, made on 20th January, 1874, in reference to Charges made against Mr. H. E. Stratford, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Casino.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Report from Mr. Licensed Surveyor Herborn on the means to make the Swamps on the Lower Macleay River available.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table a Return showing the amount of Duties collected on Merchandise entered for consumption in New South Wales by way of and across the Murray River during each month of 1873, and to the 1st November, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 6th November, 1874, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 20th November.

5. **WATER SUPPLY REGULATION BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill for constituting Water Trusts, and for regulating the conservation of Water by artificial means.

Question put and passed.

6. **DISTILLATION BILL, No. 1 ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws regulating Distillation, for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits, for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

7. **DISTILLATION BILL, No. 2 ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Distillation.

Question put and passed.

8. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

Question put and passed.

9. **FORSTER FOREST RESERVE ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, Minute or Minutes, Letters, Papers, Plans, and all other Documents having reference to the Forster Forest Reserve, Cape Hawke.

Question put and passed.

10. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Reverend James Fullerton, Doctor of Laws, George Henry Hamilton, M.D., Robert Smith Paterson, Minister, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, Elder, and James Morrison, Writing Clerk, to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the will of the late John Harris, of Ultimo, Sydney, as a Site for a Presbyterian Church, Manse, and School, and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable site.
Question put and passed.
11. **AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all Minutes, Correspondence, and other Papers relating to the appointment and dismissal of the late Curator of the Museum, Mr. Gerard Krefft.
(2.) Copies of the Report of a Committee of the Trustees of the Australian Museum appointed by the Board of Trustees to investigate certain charges made against the late Curator, and of the Evidence taken before the said Committee on that inquiry.
(3.) Copies of the Minutes of all Meetings (special and general) of the Board of Trustees from the appointment of the aforesaid Committee of Inquiry until the final dismissal of Mr. Krefft.
Question put and passed.
12. **LAND OFFICES AT GRAFTON, CASINO, &C.** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the Cash Returns from the respective Land Offices at Grafton, Casino, Tweed River, Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield, from the 1st January, 1862, to the 30th June, 1874.
Question put and passed.
13. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL**:—Mr. Macintosh having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Reverend James Fullerton Doctor of Laws George Henry Hamilton M.D. Robert Smith Paterson Minister Alexander Leckie Elphinston Elder and James Morrison Writing Clerk to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the Will of the late John Harris of Ultimo Sydney as a Site for a Presbyterian Church Manse and School and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable site,*"—read a first time.
14. **METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water for the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for the Sewerage thereof.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water for the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for the Sewerage thereof.
On motion of Mr. Parkes, that report was adopted.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water to the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for the Sewerage thereof,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
- The House adjourned, at six minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Schools Act:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will the measure referred to in the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor for "an extension of the provisions of the Public Schools Act," be laid upon the Table during the present Session?

(2.) If not, will the Government propose any alteration in those Regulations of the Council of Education which relate to the cost of erecting Public Schools?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Government will take an early opportunity to inform the House of the course they intend to adopt with respect to the Education question.

- (2.) Insolvency Law:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in, during the present Session, a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Insolvency?

Mr. Allen answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency this Session, as they believe there will not be time to give it the necessary consideration.

- (3.) Audit Act:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to bring in a Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am not able to answer the Honorable Member's question to-day. If he will put it in the course of a week or two I shall be able to give him an answer.

- (4.) Beacon at Port Macquarie:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Beacon at the entrance of Port Macquarie, for which the sum of £250 was voted last Session?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Tenders for the work referred to will be called for shortly.

- (5.) Court-house and Lock-up at Nambucca River:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have tenders been accepted by the Government for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at the Nambucca River, for which the sum of £800 was voted last Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—There is great difference of opinion with reference to the proper site for this building. Tenders have been received by the Government, but none have been accepted pending the decision of the question as to the site.

- (6.) Court of Petty Sessions at Tinonee:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Petty Sessions, and erect a Court-house, at Tinonee, Manning River?

Mr. Allen answered,—I find on inquiry that Tinonee, Manning River, was gazetted as a place for holding Petty Sessions in March, 1870, and there was a notification in the *Government Gazette* of 7th January, 1873, cancelling the appointment (no Court having been held in the interim). The Government have not since thought it necessary to re-establish it as a place for holding Petty Sessions; but further inquiry will be made.

(7.)

(7.) **Post Office Savings Banks**:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any, and if so, what remuneration been paid to the Managers of the Post Office Savings Banks?
- (2.) Is this rate equivalent to the amount promised by him in answer to a question upon this subject last Session?
- (3.) How many hours of the day, and days of the week, are Postmasters expected to give to the business of the Bank?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Controller, £100 per annum; Postmasters one shilling (1s.) per centum on account of deposits. One penny on each deposit, and one penny on each withdrawal.
- (2.) Yes, except in regard to a misprint in the answer to question in Votes and Proceedings No. 78 of last year, which should read one shilling (1s.) per centum, instead of one per cent.
- (3.) From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week, except Sundays, and on Saturdays the offices are open until 8 p.m.

(8.) **Government Savings Banks**:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What remuneration is allowed to the Managers of Government Savings Banks?
- (2.) How many days of the week, and hours per diem, are they expected to be in attendance for the performance of their duties?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Controller, £100 per annum; Postmasters, one shilling (1s.) per centum on amount of deposits; one penny on each deposit, and one penny on each withdrawal.
- (2.) From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week except Sundays, and on Saturdays the offices are open until 8 p.m.

2. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Mr. Harrie Wood on the Working of the Mining Branches of the Lands Department.
- (2.) Report of Mr. Harrie Wood on the mode of dealing with Applications for Leases of Auriferous Tracts.
- (3.) Report of the Examiner of Coal Fields on the condition and prospects of the Coal Fields, together with the Reports of the Inspector of Collieries on the state of the various Coal, Petroleum Oil, Cannel Coal, and Kerosene Shale Mines in New South Wales, and Accidents therein, for the year 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence. Question put and passed.

4. **POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—

- (1.) The number of Post Office Savings Banks in the Colony on the 30th September, 1874.
- (2.) The number of Depositors, and amount of deposits in each Bank, on the above date.
- (3.) The amount of remuneration paid to each Manager since the inauguration of the Banks to the 30th September, 1874.

Question put and passed.

5. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and with power to send for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Watson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hill, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminals Influx Prevention Bill postponed until Friday, 4th December.

7. **SYDNEY COMMON IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Moore, discharged. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, that the Bill be withdrawn.

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

- (1.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
- (2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

9. **DOGS BILL**:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better regulation for the registration and keeping of Dogs. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better regulation for the registration and keeping of Dogs.

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

- (2.) Mr. Nelson then presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to regulate the registration and keeping of Dogs*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th December.

10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Raphael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Wearue,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Stephen Brown,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Raphael (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

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

11. BRIDGE OVER THE BELL RIVER:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £400 for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Bell River, between Molong and Ironbarks.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.

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

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1875, a sum of money not exceeding £400 for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Bell River, between Molong and Ironbarks.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, read a second time, and agreed to.

12. DISTILLATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Forster moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Distillation.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Distillation

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

13. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution,—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Cemeteries.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Rodd, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That the Seat of James Rodd, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields North, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Rodd, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sites for Presbyterian Schools:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What Grants of Land, as Sites for Presbyterian Schools, within the City or its Suburbs, were made on the application of the late Reverend Dr. John M'Garvie, of St. Andrew's Scots Church, Sydney?

(2.) Were any, and if so, how many, of these grants intended for the exclusive use of the particular congregation over which Dr. M'Garvie presided, and not to meet the requirements of the denomination generally?

(3.) Has it ever been the practice of the Government to grant more than one site within the City for the erection of schools in connection with one particular congregation?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Portions of land have been granted for Presbyterian Church purposes in the parishes of Willoughby, Alexandria (five portions), Paddington, St Philip, and St. Andrew.

(2.) The grants were in some instances given to meet the exigencies of particular congregations, but were to the Presbyterian body generally.

(3.) More than one site has been granted in some instances, as stated in reply to Question 1. Further information on the subject may be found in a Return relating to Religious Endowments, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 13 December, 1859.

(2.) Public School at Tarlo:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Public School at Tarlo, near Goulburn, been shut up for the last two months, and if so, will the Minister state the reason?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Public School at Tarlo has not been closed at any time within the last two months.

(3.) Police Protection, Wheoco:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether any application has been made within the last twelve months for Police protection at Wheoco?

(2.) What was the nature of the reply, if any?

Mr. Parkes answered,—An application of the kind has been made by a number of residents at Grabben Cullen, and the Inspector General of Police informs the Government, on the report of Mr. Superintendent Zouch, that further police protection in that part of the Colony is not required; but information has reached me which will lead me to make further inquiry before any decision is arrived at.

(4.)

(4.) Municipal Council of Sydney :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received from the Town Clerk of Sydney a statement setting forth the financial position of the Municipal Council of Sydney up to the 31st December, 1874?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or intend to take, to place the Council in a position to meet their engagements, and carry out the more efficient improvement and good government of the City?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A memorial of the kind spoken of has been received by the Government.

(2.) I cannot recognize that it is a duty incumbent upon the Government to place the Council in a position to meet their engagements; but I admit that the case is one requiring serious consideration, though not very easily dealt with. It is under consideration, but as yet no decision has been arrived at.

(5.) Site for Presbyterian School, Erskine-street :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a building is in the course of erection at the foot of Erskine-street on a piece of land granted as a site for a Presbyterian School, and for no other purpose whatsoever?

(2.) If so, will the Government exercise the powers retained by them in the Deed of Grant of 1847?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Trustees :—

(1.) A school was built on a portion of the grant ten years ago by the Trustees, from contributions, and the rent accruing from the lease of the remaining portion, and was put under the old Denominational Board. Subsequently it was recognized by the Council of Education as a Certified Denominational Presbyterian School, and since then it has been kept in repair, and all the requirements of the Council met by funds accruing from the remaining portion of the grant now under lease, and on which a building is being erected. The rent of the leased portion is the only fund available to the Trustees to defray the expenses of keeping the school in repair.

(2.) This is a matter which will require further inquiry and consideration, especially under the explanation given in the preceding answer.

(6.) Pilot Service, Port Jackson :—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken any steps towards the improvement of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government have had under consideration a proposal from the Marine Board, which contemplates the purchase of a steamer at a cost of £10,000, for the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, and the amount asked for will be placed on the Estimates for the decision of Parliament.

(7.) Railway Time Table :—Mr. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government had under their consideration the expediency of making alterations in the present Railway Time Table, more particularly as regards the Mail and Goods Trains?

(2.) If so, will the Minister state the nature of any such contemplated alterations?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No; but the plan of carrying goods by the Mail Trains was adopted as a temporary measure only, rendered necessary by the want of adequate engine power, and the Secretary for Public Works is not unmindful of the intention he expressed at that time to abolish the combined system as soon as the locomotives then ordered had been supplied. Some of the engines having now been delivered, an amended Time Table has been prepared, but has not yet been approved by the Government.

3. LUNACY BILL :—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Insane*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th November.

4. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT :—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from Proprietors and Drivers of Licensed Carriages and Cabs in the City of Sydney praying for the repeal of this Act. Petition received.

5. MR. JOHN CONNERY :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from Mr. John Connery, formerly a Clerk in the Department of the Legislative Assembly, representing that certain moneys deducted from his salary, under the provisions of the Superannuation Act, have not been refunded to him; and praying inquiry into the case, with a view to relief. Petition received.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on 11th November, 1874, in reference to moneys received and paid under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act. Ordered to be printed.

7. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Minister, Elders, and others connected with the Pyrmont Presbyterian Church on the Ultimo Estate, in favour of this Bill. Petition received.

8. REFRESHMENT ROOM COMMITTEE,—

(1.) Mr. Nelson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That power to report be granted to the Refreshment Room Committee.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Nelson then, as Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee,—And moved, That the Report be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Groville,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Booth,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Nelson,	

Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Scholey,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:**—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Mr. George Harris, and others, praying to be heard by Counsel in opposition to this Bill.
Petition received, and referred to the Committee now sitting on the Bill.
10. **DISTILLATION BILL (No. 2):**—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Distillation*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th December.
11. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:**—Mr. Forster presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Cemeteries*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th December.
12. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**—John Lackey, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. **ROADS BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Common Roads of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
14. **OFFICIAL REPORTS OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES:**—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874 a sum not exceeding £3,000, to defray the expense of providing an Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. O'Connor,

Tellers.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW:**—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Creed, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Progress Reports and Evidence on the same subject, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th August, 1872, the 24th April, 1873, and the 24th June, 1874, be referred to the said Committee.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
16. **COMMISSION OF THE PEACE:**—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence having reference to the recent recommendations by the Police Magistrate or other persons for the appointment of persons in the District of Queanbeyan to the Commission of the Peace, and to any appointment or appointments made in consequence.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

17. **ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all applications to the Government for the establishment of an Electric Telegraph in regard to which the Government have required a pecuniary guarantee from private individuals, showing in each case whether or not such guarantee was undertaken, the names of the guarantors, the amount guaranteed, the amount annually paid since by each guarantor in pursuance of any such guarantee, the names of every person who has failed, or refused, or not been called upon by the Government to pay, and whatever reasons there may be for the course taken by the Government.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Teachers under Council of Education :—Captain Onslow asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of persons qualifying for the office of Teacher under the Council of Education, who are in the Training School at Fort-street?
- (2.) How long are the Candidates for Teachership required to remain at the Normal School?
- (3.) Are there any untrained Teachers in any of the Schools under the Council?
- (4.) The number of Schools which have no higher class than the third?
- (5.) How often are the Scripture Lessons read, and what is the duration of a lesson?
- (6.) The number of Public Schools without a Class Room?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Thirty-one.
- (2.) Six months.
- (3.) Yes.

(5.) As a rule Scripture Lessons are read twice a week, and each lesson occupies three quarters of an hour. Inquiries are now being made in order to supply answers to Questions 4 and 6, but some time must elapse before the information necessary for that purpose can be obtained.

- (2.) Prisoners in Gaols and Penal Establishments :—Mr. Webb asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of sentenced Prisoners were there in the Gaols and Penal Establishments of this Colony on the 1st January, 1874?
- (2.) How many of such Prisoners professed to belong to the Church of England, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Wesleyan Methodist, Independent, and Baptist Churches, respectively?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The number of sentenced prisoners in the established gaols on the 1st January last, was 1,183. Of these, there were 522 who returned themselves as belonging to the Church of England; 542 as belonging to the Roman Catholic Church; 56 Presbyterians; 14 Wesleyan Methodists; 2 Independents; 4 Baptists. There was a balance of 43 who are represented to have consisted of Hebrews, Quakers, Lutherans, Unitarians, and Pagans. There were 44 prisoners in the police gaols whose religious professions could not be ascertained.

- (3.) Furniture for Court-house at Molong :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Furniture ordered by the Government for the Court-house at Molong been sent to its destination?
- (2.) When is it likely the Magistrates will have Chairs with seats in them to sit upon?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Presbyterian Cemetery at Liverpool :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was application made for a piece of land for a Cemetery for the Presbyterian Body at Liverpool?
- (2.) If so, when will such grant be completed?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The land applied for forms part of a grant made to the Church of England authorities, the deed for which has been surrendered. Before the application for the Cemetery can be dealt with, it will be necessary to resume the land by Act of Parliament.

(5.) **Telegraph Office, Paterson** :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the returns from the Telegraph Office at Paterson for the present year, up to the end of last month?

(2.) What are the expenses incurred in maintaining such office?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The revenue received at the Paterson Station up to the end of last month was £17 9s. 4d., and for messages received at other Stations on account of the Paterson Station £8 15s. 6d., making a total of £26 4s. 10d.

(2.) The expenses up to the same date were £53 6s. 8d.

(6.) **Certificates of Naturalization** :—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Certificates of Naturalization have been granted during the last six months, and how many during the previous twelve months?

(2.) How many applications for such Certificates are now under consideration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Fifty-nine Certificates of Naturalization have been granted during the last six months, and two hundred during the previous twelve months.

(2.) Five applications are now under consideration.

2. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Hannell presented a Petition from Electors and Residents of the Electorate of Northumberland, praying that this Bill may be so amended that the boundaries of the Electorate of Northumberland shall remain the same as they are in the Act now in force, and that an additional Member may be given to the said Electorate.
Petition received.

3. **PAPER** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Return showing the Distribution of the Police Force on the 1st November, 1874.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th November, from certain Cab-proprietors and others, praying for the repeal of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th November, from the Minister, Elders, and others connected with the Pyrmont Presbyterian Church, in favour of the passing of the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.

6. **MR. JOHN CONNERY ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th November, from Mr. John Connery, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. **MORPETH RAILWAY ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the actual cost of laying down the Morpeth Line of Railway, irrespective of branch to Coal Staiths; the yearly cost of working such Line for the last five years, and the Annual Return for the same period, together with the names of persons who have received compensation for land resumed, and the respective sums paid.
Question put and passed.

8. **CULLENBONE PROVISIONAL SCHOOL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Local Board of Cullenbone Provisional School, and Inspector O'Byrne, relative to the appointment of a Teacher, and other matters in connection with the School.
Question put and passed.

9. **RAILWAY EXTENSION ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th November, from certain Inhabitants of Gundagai, Cootamundra, &c., relative to Railway Extension, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. **PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERY MANAGEMENT BILL** :—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the management of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, and for the incorporation of the Trustees thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

11. **MESSRS. MUNFORD AND BLOMFIELD** :—Mr. John Robertson presented a Petition from Edward Merigold Munford and Matthew Blomfield, of Hill End, Contractors, alleging that certain moneys due to them on account of Road Contracts are withheld by the Government; and praying the House to take their case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

12. **SUPPLY**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
14. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read;—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Webb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Jacob.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Single,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Webb,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hill,
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Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Scholey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Jacob.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

15. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1875, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND 1874:—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1875, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the years 1873 and 1874.

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th November, 1874.*

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

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1871.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house at Burrowa:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government had any report on the dilapidated and unsafe condition of the Court-house at Burrowa; and if so, what is the nature of such report?

(2.) Has any application been made to the Government for the supply of Furniture for the Court-house at Burrowa; and if so, has such application been granted?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No report has yet been received from any officer of my department on this matter, but steps have been taken by the Colonial Architect to obtain one as early as practicable.

- (2.) Tolls on Great Northern Road:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount obtained annually from Tolls on the Great Northern Road, between Morpeth and Branxton, from the 1st January, 1871?

(2.) The amount expended on the said road, from Morpeth to Campbell's Hill, and from the latter place to Branxton, respectively, from the same date?

(3.) The unexpended balance of the said toll receipts at the present time?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay upon the Table in the course of the evening a Return showing the information required.

- (3.) Tolls at Beckett's Bridge:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to continue the collection of Tolls at Beckett's Bridge Toll-bar from persons passing to and from the Railway Station, at the junction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The lease of Tolls at this Bar has been withdrawn from sale pending the decision of the Government.

- (4.) Survey for Railway from Tamworth to Armidale:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When does the Government intend to cause a Survey for a line of Railway from Tamworth to Armidale?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A survey of the line in question was made many years ago, but owing to the rough nature of the country passed through, and its unproductive character, it was decided that a line running more easterly, and through more favourable country, should be surveyed, and this will be carried out as soon as surveyors can be spared for the purpose.

- (5.) Road to Armidale—Moonby Deviation:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates to complete the deviation on the second Moonby, on the direct road to Armidale?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No; whatever is required here will be provided from the ordinary Road Vote.

(6.)

- (6.) **TRIAL SURVEY FOR RAILWAY TO INVERELL**:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When does the Government intend to cause a Trial Survey for a Railway between Inverell and Armidale?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—So soon as the survey between Tamworth and Armidale has been completed it will be carried on to Inverell. The former survey will be proceeded with directly surveyors can be spared for the purpose.
2. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from Electors of the Electoral District of Eden, praying that the name of this Electorate may be changed to "Bega," and that the place of nomination and declaration of the Poll may be the Town of Bega.
Petition received.
3. **GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose.
And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Goulburn Herald*, *Southern Argus*, and the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 50th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. **DOGS**:—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from Sheep-owners of the District of Carcoar, alleging that great ravages are committed by tame dogs on their flocks; and praying that a heavy tax may be put on all Dogs.
Petition received.
5. **PAPER**:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table a Return under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **RACECOURSE AND RECREATION GROUND AT GRAFTON ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all Minutes and Correspondence relative to the application of the Municipal Council of Grafton for, and the grant of, 112 acres of land in the City of Grafton, known as the Racecourse and Recreation Ground, to Messrs. T. Bawden, G. Avery, T. H. Smith, and A. McKellar, as Trustees thereof.
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence in reference to a Petition from the inhabitants of Grafton, in Public Meeting assembled, praying the Executive Council to vest the said land in the Municipal Council as a Recreation Ground, exclusively for the inhabitants of Grafton.
Question put and passed.
7. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Hannell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th November, from certain Electors and Residents of the Electorate of Northumberland, in reference to the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
(1.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading;—until *Wednesday next*.
(2.) Orders 2, 3, 4, and 5,—to follow after Order No. 6.
9. **DISTILLATION BILL (No. 1)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws regulating Distillation, for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits, for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the laws regulating Distillation, for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits, for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom, and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, that report was adopted.
10. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £20 12s. 2d., to defray sundry expenses incurred in connection with the New South Wales Infantry since the disbandment of the Force, being for the Supplementary Service of the year 1873.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
12. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

13. PAPERS:—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1875.
(2.) Statement showing the Revenue derived from Taxation during the years 1843, 1853, 1863, and 1873; the Charge of collecting certain portions of such Taxation; the Estimated Population of the Colony; the Taxation per head; the Charge of Collection per cent.; the Gross Revenue and Receipts; and the Gross Expenditure, &c., of each of those years.

(3.) Statement showing the Land Revenue of the Colony from 1860 to 1873 inclusive; the Expenditure properly chargeable thereon during each year of that period; and the Annual Surplus or Deficiency of such Revenue.

(4.) Statement with respect to Conditional Purchases under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, from the passing of the same to the 31st December, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table a Return showing the Revenue and Expenditure of Tolls,—Morpeth, Campbell's Hill, and Black Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Metropolitan Railway:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention shortly to lay a progress report upon the Table of this House, showing the result of the trial surveys for the construction of a Railway from Redfern to deep water at or near the Circular Quay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Some of these surveys have been completed, and others will be proceeded with shortly. When the whole of the suggested routes have been surveyed there will be no objection to lay the Engineer's Report thereon upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Armidale Post Office:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Terry, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the attention of the Government been called to the insufficient accommodation in the Armidale Post and Money Order Office, and is it their intention to cause the same to be enlarged?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No representation on this subject has been made to the Government.

- (3.) East Maitland Reserves:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is it his intention to include the East Maitland Reserves, and other similar Reserves, in the proposed new Parks Bill, and to make the Reserve Trustees elective?
(2.) When will the Bill be introduced?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A Bill is being prepared to deal with the Reserves specified, and to make the Trustees elective.

(2.) As soon as the state of the public business will admit.

- (4.) Incorporation of Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have any steps been taken towards proclaiming Gulgong a Municipality?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Petition for Incorporation, and the counter Petition, have both been notified. The counter Petition stated that the area to be incorporated would be ninety square miles. On official examination it was found to be sixty square miles, or ten square miles beyond the area allowed by law. This has been stated to the petitioners, who have stated that they have replied. The reply has not been received, and a copy has been asked for, and so the matter rests at present.

2. DISTILLATION BILL (No. 1):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws regulating Distillation—for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits—for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom—and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table a Return respecting Roads in the Electorate of Monaro.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table Electoral Rolls for 1875. (Compiled as for the proposed "Electoral Act Amendment Bill.")

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

4. **ELECTORAL LISTS ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Instructions from the Government to the Inspector General of Police, and from the Inspector General of Police to the Police, relative to the collection or preparation of the Electoral Lists in anticipation of the Electoral Bill now before the House becoming law; also, of any Reports from the Police to the Government on the subject.
Question put and passed.
5. **SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862.
Question put and passed.
6. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th November, from certain Electors of Eden, praying that the name of the Electorate may be changed from Eden to Bega, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. **GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose.
Question put and passed.
8. **DOGS ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th November, from certain Sheepowners in the District of Carcoar, praying that a heavy tax may be put on all Dogs, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. **EAST MAITLAND RESERVES ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Accounts of the Trustees of the East Maitland Reserves from the 1st November, 1873, to the 1st November, 1874, specifying in detail the amounts received for Rent or Agistment, and from whom; also the payments made, and to whom, and for what purpose in each instance, and the balance in hand, if any.
Question put and passed.
10. **GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:**—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Teece, having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose,*"—read a first time.
11. **SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL:**—Mr. Jacob presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 11th December.
12. **ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 11th December.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 4th December:—
(1.) Waratah Coal Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
(3.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
14. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Raphael moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Nelson,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Raphael, *passed.*

Mr.

Mr. Raphael then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.'*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th November, 1874.*

15. POSTPONEMENT:—The following Order of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the making, repairing, and management of the Common Roads of the Colony.
16. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Farnell moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate,—and passed.
17. POSTPONEMENT:—The following Order of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—
Water Supply Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill for constituting Water Trusts, and for regulating the conservation of Water by artificial means.

The House adjourned, at a quarter after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court of Equity:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in, during the present Session, a Bill to reform the practice and procedure of the Court of Equity?

Mr. Allen answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to bring in this Bill during the present Session; they believe that the many matters before the House will preclude the possibility of giving sufficient time to its consideration.

(2.) Parramatta Dam:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he authorized the Mayor of Parramatta, in January last, to carry out certain repairs to the Fresh-water Dam in Parramatta, which supplies the inhabitants and Government Establishments with water, and which was washed away by the flood?

(2.) Was such authority countermanded?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Military Hospital, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the state of the buildings known as the Military Hospital and Lumber Yard in the town of Parramatta?

(2.) Is it intended to repair such buildings?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, a sum of money is on the Estimates for repairing this building.

(4.) Funded Stock:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total amount taken up of the Loan created under the Funded Stock Act of 1873?

(2.) Of the amount so taken up, how much of Trust Funds has been invested by the Government in the Funded Stock created by the Act of 1873, and what particular Trust Funds have been so invested?

(3.) What have been the prices at which the Funded Stock has been taken up, either by the Government or the public?

(4.) What is the price the Government now require for this Stock?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) £451,661 16s. 9d.

(2.) £325,263 3s. 2d., viz.:—Clergy and School Estates, £90,000; Government Savings Bank, £235,263 3s. 2d. Total, £325,263 3s. 2d.

(3.) £100, £95 10s., and £95.

(4.) £95.

(5.)

- (5.) **Home Rule Gold Fields**:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the increasing importance of the Home Rule Gold Fields, is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Gold Receiver at that place, and order the Western Gold Escort to call, as asked for in a Petition to the Government some months ago?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no present intention of appointing a Gold Receiver, or of directing the Gold Escort to call at Home Rule; but Superintendent Lydiard will visit Gulgong and Home Rule in the course of a few days, and will make special inquiry upon the subject.

- (6.) **Tolls on Roads within Municipalities**:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the collection of Tolls on Main Roads within Municipalities?

(2.) If so, will such Tolls be handed over to the various Municipalities in which they are collected?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government has come to no decision on this point yet.

- (7.) **Mining Leases**:—Mr. Baker asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to cause leases, which will be drawn in accordance with the form of lease attached, or belonging to, the Regulations made under and in pursuance of the Mining Act of 1874, for Mineral Leases and for Gold Mining Leases, to be issued to persons who have applied either for Mineral Leases under the Crown Lands Occupation Act, or for Gold Mining Leases under the Gold Fields Act of 1866, or will such persons have the option of taking their leases under the forms which used to be issued before the Mining Act came into force?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Leases applied for prior to the date on which the Mining Act, 1874, came into operation will not be issued in the form prescribed in the Regulations made in pursuance of that Act unless at the request of the applicant.

- (8.) **Auriferous Leases**:—Mr. Cooper asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Are the Government prepared to enforce payment of Rent for Auriferous Leases for any period prior to the date of such leases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is no intention on the part of the Government to depart from the practice which has been followed with respect to the payment of Rent reserved on Auriferous Leases.

- (9.) **Volunteer Force**:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government have issued an order that no more Volunteers are to be enrolled; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to do away with the Force?

(2.) Has any memorial been received by, or has a deputation ever waited on him, pointing out the injury that would be done to the Volunteer Force if the said order was not rescinded?

(3.) Will the Government cause the above order, forbidding the enrolment of Volunteers, to be withdrawn?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Instructions have been given not to enrol any further Volunteers until a change in the law has been effected.

- (10.) **Railway Siding at Campbellfields**:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When does he propose to carry out his promise with reference to a Siding at Campbellfields; and is it his intention to erect a Platform there?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A Platform at Campbellfields has already been erected; the question of the Siding is still under consideration. I may add that my promise to have this Siding constructed was a conditional one, dependent on it being ascertained that the estimated traffic would justify the outlay.

- (11.) **Parramatta Volunteers**:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the Parramatta Volunteers, or was any corps of Volunteers at Parramatta, paraded for Church, or before any Church for Divine Service therein, on 12th July last, at an unusual hour or with unusual military ceremonies?

(2.) If so, was it done with the concurrence or approval of the Government, or otherwise by what authority?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Parramatta Corps was paraded for Divine Service on Sunday, the 12th July, at an unusual hour (in consequence of the limited church accommodation at the regular hour), but with no unusual military ceremony.

(2.) It was not done with the concurrence of the Government, but under the authority of the officer commanding the Parramatta Company.

- (12.) **Recreation Reserve, North Yass**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Recreation Reserve at North Yass be handed over to the Municipal Council of Yass?

Mr. Farnell answered,—As soon as the dedication is according to law formally completed, that is, at the expiration of one calendar month from the date on which an abstract of the intended dedication was laid before Parliament, which was on the 5th instant.

2. **MR. JAMES WILLARD LOWE**:—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from James Willard Lowe, alleging that he has suffered loss through the Government making a road through his property; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

3. **RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND**:—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Thomas Fisher, Mayor of Grafton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Freeholders, Graziers, and other residents of the District of the Clarence, setting forth the desirability of connecting the Clarence and New England Districts by means of a Railway; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.

4. **MESSERS. MUNFORD AND BLOMFIELD ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th November, from Edward Merigold Munford and Matthew Blomfield, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. **GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Terry, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Goulburn Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Combes, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Webb, Mr. Single, and Mr. Teece.
Question put and passed.
6. **RELEASE OF THE PRISONER GARDINER** :—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Minute of His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the release of the prisoner Gardiner, laid by Command upon the Table of this House on the day of its last prorogation.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1874, A.M.

Mr. Nelson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Hurley (Central
Mr. Grahame,	Cumberland),
Mr. Bennett,	Tellers.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bawden,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Baker;
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Butler,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Warden,	Tellers.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Oakes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock A.M. until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve at Miller's Creek:—*Mr. Hurley (Central Cumberland)*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does Mr. Seville still hold possession of the Reserve at Miller's Creek, on the road from Jerry's Plains to Breeza?

(2.) If so, will immediate steps be taken to eject him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Crown Bailiff reports that the Reserve in question is now thrown open to the public, Mr. Seville having removed his fence.

- (2.) Reserve at Sadler's Creek:—*Mr. Hurley (Central Cumberland)*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the Reserve at Sadler's Creek, on the road from Jerry's Plains to Breeza, is occupied by the proprietor of the adjoining estate?

(2.) If so, will immediate steps be taken to eject the trespasser?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Reserve referred to cannot be identified.

- (3.) Protection to River-bank, West Maitland:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention, in accordance with a promise made by him to a deputation, to bring in a Bill this Session to protect the river bank in West Maitland from devastation by flood; if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to protect the river embankment at West Maitland, and the Bill will be introduced this Session, if other business will admit of its introduction.

- (4.) Public Vehicles:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Moore, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What sums have the City Corporation expended in the management and control of Public Vehicles during the year 1872?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The expenditure has been as follows:—In salaries of Inspectors and Assistants, £435; in wages of Time-keepers, £477 15s; for stationery, printing, &c., £20. Total, £932 15s.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Parkes* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the employment of persons in the Civil Service.
Question put and passed.

3. RAILWAY STATION AND POST OFFICE, ANVIL CREEK AND GRETA ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all offers of Sites for the Railway Station, Post and Telegraph Offices, for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Anvil Creek and Greta, and of all Minutes and Correspondence in relation thereto.
Question put and passed.

4. MR. JAMES WILLARD LOWE ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Combes* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th November, from Mr. James Willard Lowe, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. **SALE OF FISH ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of Sydney to make By-laws to regulate the sale of Fish.
Question put and passed.
6. **RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND ("Formal" Motion):**—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th November, from the Mayor of Grafton, on behalf of a Public Meeting, in favour of Railway Communication between the Clarence and New England, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL:**—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
8. **PAPERS:**—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1874, in reference to recommendations for the appointment of persons in the District of Queanbeyan to the Commission of the Peace.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day of General Business.
10. **EQUITY REFORM BILL:**—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to reform the practice and procedure of the Court of Equity.
Question put and passed.
11. **RANDWICK TOLL-GATE REMOVAL BILL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869' by authorizing the removal of the Randwick Toll-gate,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 25th November, 1874. President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th December.
12. **RELEASE OF THE PRISONER GARDINER:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Combes, "That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the Minute of His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the release of the prisoner Gardiner, laid by Command upon the Table of this House on the day of its last prorogation,"—
Debate resumed.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Teeco,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Warden,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Watson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Webb,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Hurley, (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Moore,	<i>Cumberland),</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Nelson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Combes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—

(1.) That this Committee regrets that the Governor should have been advised to communicate to this Assembly His Excellency's Minute to the Executive Council, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the release of the Prisoner Gardiner. Because it is indefensible in certain of its allegations, and because if it is considered to be an answer to the respectful and earnest petitions of the people, it is highly undesirable to convert the records of this House into a means of conveying censure or reproof to our constituents; and if it refers to the discussions in this Chamber, then it is in spirit and effect a breach of the constitutional privileges of Parliament.

(2.) That this be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr.

Mr. Combes then moved, That that report be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Clarke,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Warden,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lawden,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Taylor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said that it devolved on him to give the casting vote, and, looking to all the circumstances of the case, he thought it to be his duty to vote with the *Noes*;—and declared the question to have passed in the *negative*.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, { Proclamation by His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE
to wit. (ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander, of the Most

(L.S.) Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
HERCULES ROBINSON, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New
Governor. South Wales and its Dependencies, and 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, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of December next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !



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to wit. } ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most
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Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

HENRY PARKES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

