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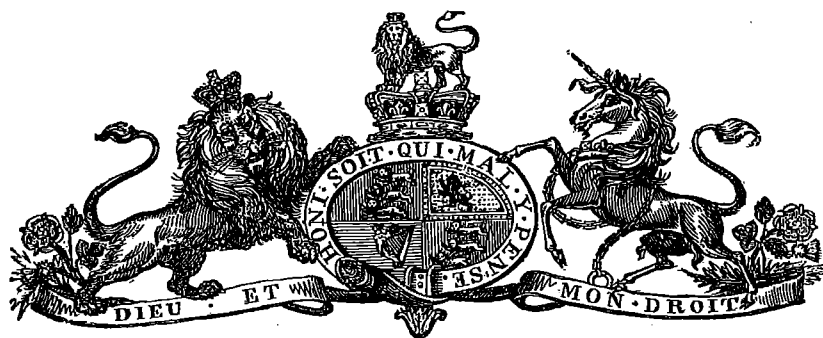
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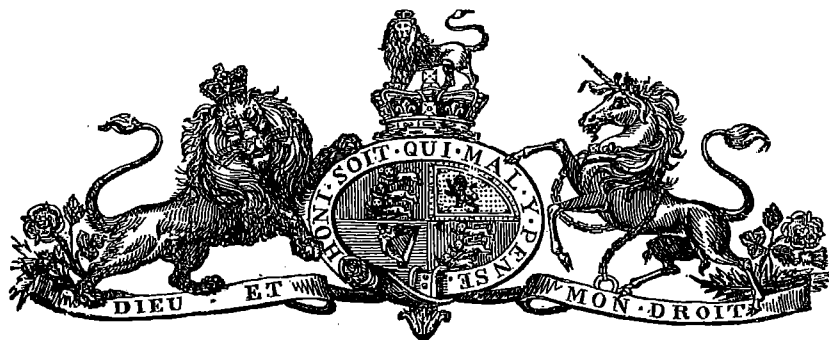
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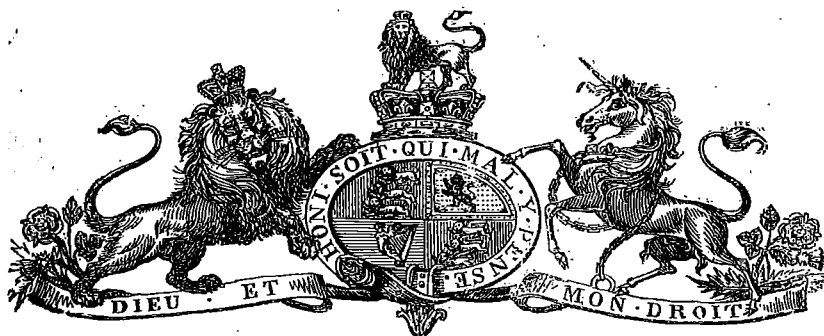


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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 1.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1856.

1. The Council assembled at noon, pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 21st November, 1856.

2. The Commissioners—His Honor Mr. Justice Horne, Mr. Kermode, and Mr. Henty—appointed by the Governor to open the Parliament having taken their Seats at the Clerk's table, Mr. Horne proceeded to declare the purpose for which the Commission was appointed, and directed the Usher of the Black Rod to request the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly at the Bar of the Council.

3. The Members of the House of Assembly having arrived, the Governor's Commission is read by the Clerk of the Council.

4. Mr. Horne then informed the Members of the House of Assembly, that it was their duty now to proceed to the Chamber appointed for them, and to elect a Speaker; and that it would hereafter be communicated to them at what time the Governor would declare in person the purposes for which the Parliament had been assembled.

5. The Members of the House of Assembly retire.

6. Mr. Horne then acquainted the Members of the Legislative Council that their first duty would be to elect a President.

7. Thereupon the Commissioners retired.

8. The Clerk of the Council read his Commission appointing him Clerk of the Legislative Council; also a Commission empowering him to administer the necessary Oath to the Members.

9. The Clerk of the Council next read a List, certified to by the Governor, containing the names of Members returned to serve in the Legislative Council, and produced the Writs.

10. Thereupon the Members take and subscribe before the Clerk the Oath required by the *Constitutional Act*.

11. The Members proceed to the election of a President.

12. *Election of President.*

Mr. Lowes moved that Mr. Horne do take the President's Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Walker.

Captain Langdon moved that Mr. Knight do take the President's Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Wedge moved that Dr. Bedford do take the President's Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Burgess.

Mr. Horne, Mr. Knight, and Dr. Bedford severally submit themselves to the Council; whereupon debate ensues, and the Council divides with the following result:—

*For Mr. Horne—*

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Whyte.

*For Dr. Bedford—*

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Bisdee.

*For Mr. Knight—*

Mr. Smith.  
Capt. Langdon.

Mr. Horne, having been conducted to the President's Chair by Mr. Lowes and Mr. Walker, makes his acknowledgments to the Council.

13. It is ordered that a Deputation, consisting of Mr. Lowes, Mr. Walker, Mr. Kermode, and Mr. Whyte, and such other Members as may be inclined to go, do wait upon the Governor to notify to His Excellency the election of a President.

14. The President informs the Council, that it has been intimated to him that the Governor will receive the Deputation at a quarter to two o'clock this day.

15. The Council adjourns at half-past one until half-past two o'clock this day.

16. The Council resumes.

17. The President announces that the Governor has notified to him that His Excellency will, at twelve o'clock to-morrow, inform the Parliament in person of the causes for which His Excellency has summoned it.

18. *Members' Roll.*

The Council proceeded to determine by lot the order in which the names of the several Members should be entered upon the Members' Roll, as follows:—

1. Mr. Walker.
2. Mr. Horne.
3. Mr. Lowes.
4. Mr. Knight.
5. Captain Langdon.
6. Mr. Wedge.
7. Mr. Whyte.
8. Mr. Henty.
9. Mr. Button.
10. Mr. Kermode.
11. Mr. Nairn.
12. Mr. Burgess.
13. Mr. Bisdee.
14. Mr. Smith.

15. Mr. Bedford.

19. On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at five minutes to three until to-morrow at a quarter to twelve o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.
2. *Governor's opening Speech.*

His Excellency the Governor having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, and conducted to his Seat by the President, accompanied by all the Members, desired the Usher of the Black Rod to request the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly in this House. The Speaker and Members of that House, having thereupon attended, stand in the Chamber below the Bar; and, the Members of this House being requested by the Governor to be seated, His Excellency read the following Speech:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

1. At the first meeting of an entirely elected Parliament, I perform a very gratifying duty in congratulating you, and through you the Colonists at large, that Tasmanian freedom has passed from a name into a reality; since it is now guaranteed, not by positive laws merely, but by the enduring bulwarks of Free popular Institutions. I congratulate you also on the system of voting by Ballot having proved economical and convenient.

2. I regret that I should have been obliged to desire your attendance at a season so inconvenient to those among you who reside in the country; but the state of the Public Finances, and the near approach of the new year,—the Supplies for which are as yet unprovided,—allowed me no alternative. I trust, however, that you will not be subjected to any lengthened detention, as the shortness of the time which has elapsed since the formation of the existing Administration, and the inconvenient period of the year, alike render it desirable that the Session should not be protracted longer than is requisite to dispose of the measures submitted for your consideration.

3. As soon as the returns to the Writs of Election for both Houses had supplied the Constitutional elements out of which to select the first Administration, that task was at once entered on and accomplished; and the Ministry thus selected, being dependant for its tenure of office on obtaining your support, will be, so long as they possess that support, the virtual Representatives of Parliament, and the actual Responsible Government of Tasmania.



4. I trust that the Community will repose confidence in those who now initiate the new system,—thereby furnishing the strongest incentive to the Ministry and the Parliament to use their powers with such moderation, prudence, and patriotism as will be calculated to acquire a good repute for the first Session under the New Constitution, and to establish a significant and happy augury of the future.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

5. I regret that I have to inform you that the Revenue derivable from the Customs, as also the Territorial Revenue, have fallen far below the amount estimated as probably available for the service of the current year.

The Estimates for the ensuing year, which will immediately be laid before you, have been framed with the utmost regard to economy, and every reduction has been made that appeared to be at present compatible with the absolute necessities of the Public Service.

The work of reduction cannot, however, be completed at once,—it being necessary that care should be taken, when altering existing arrangements and establishments, that the Public may not be injured by any sudden and unwise change. The reduction which has been effected, though large, must therefore be regarded rather as an indication of the policy of the Government than as a final measure. I have sanctioned the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the working of the several Public Departments, with the view of its being ascertained whether any further reductions can be effected either by the abolition of unnecessary routine, or the amalgamation of any Departments now separately worked; and to their recommendations the utmost attention will be given.

For even the reduced Expenditure, the Revenue derivable from existing sources will not be adequate; and measures will accordingly be submitted to you for obtaining such an increased amount as will be sufficient to place the Public Credit on a satisfactory basis. By these measures it will be sought to attach to the wealthier classes a greater share in the contribution to the Public Revenue than that which they have hitherto borne; and it will be the desire of the Government that no one class of the community should be subjected to any undue pressure arising from the nature of the Public Imposts.

It has appeared to the Government that Public Works of a permanent or re-productive character may very properly be executed by means of Loans guaranteed by an Act of Parliament, under which money can be obtained at a very moderate rate of interest; and for this purpose a Bill will be submitted for your consideration.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

6. By an Act of the Imperial Parliament, the management of the Waste Lands of the Colony, hitherto confided to the Governor as the Representative of the Crown, under the restrictions and regulations provided by Acts of the Imperial Parliament, has been transferred to you; and a Bill has accordingly been prepared, setting forth the terms upon which it is proposed that the Public Lands of the Colony should be hereafter occupied or disposed of. Without entering into details upon this important subject, I may state briefly that it is the intention of the Government that all the Public Lands shall be made available as rapidly as possible, either for occupation as pasture land, or for sale in small lots upon conditions favourable to those who desire to become *bonâ fide* occupiers and cultivators.

7. The attention of the Government has also been directed to the means by which Roads may be opened up, and the resources of the Country developed by the establishment of easy internal communications. It appears to the Government that the expense in such cases may very properly be spread over a series of years; and that thus Works may be undertaken which will be of immense benefit to the Country, but of which the whole cost could not at once be defrayed. To carry out this object, the Government have under consideration the preparation of a measure—which, however, it will not be possible to introduce during this Session—enabling Districts to obtain a Loan for any public purposes, such as Roads or Bridges, &c., upon the Inhabitants assenting to an Assessment on their properties sufficient to defray the amount of interest that would be due upon such a Loan. The Loan would be raised by the Government under a guarantee, and such a rate of interest charged to the District in excess of the rate at which the Loan might be obtained as would provide for the extinction of the Debt within such a period of years as may be agreed upon. It appears also to the Government that the same principle might be adopted in regard to works of a purely local character required in Hobart Town and Launceston; and a Bill will accordingly be submitted to you empowering the Municipal Authorities to carry it into operation should they desire to do so.

8. With regard to Immigration, I have to state to you that the sum of £100,000 has been repaid to the Treasury as having been expended in the introduction of Immigrants; and that provision has been made for the introduction of a further supply of Immigrants on the Bounty System, which it is intended to carry out to the extent of £100,000; thus exhausting the amount which the Government were authorised to raise

by Debentures in a Bill passed in the last Session of the Legislative Council. No further provision on this head will, under these circumstances, be necessary for the ensuing year.

9. The Government has given its most attentive consideration to the subject of the Police arrangements throughout the Colony; and I regret that it has not as yet been found practicable, consistently with a due regard to the protection of life and property, to effect any important reduction in this most expensive branch of the Service. It has, however, been deemed desirable to alter the arrangements for its general management, in the expectation of thereby increasing its efficiency, and ultimately of reducing the present charge. With this view it is proposed that the control of the Police should be vested in an Inspector, who will not be required to perform any magisterial duties, but who will be responsible for the appointment and working of the Constabulary throughout the Island.

10. With regard to the important subject of Education, provision has been made for the establishment of new Schools, and for more efficient inspection. It is also proposed that a change should be made in the administration of the Department of Public Education. Hitherto the Public Schools have been under the management of a Board consisting of the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils. The dissolution of the latter Council, and the creation of two Houses, necessitate a change in this management; and it has been considered that, while the principle upon which the sum voted for Education should be adhered to, a great improvement might be effected by placing the control of the Department in four Commissioners, one of whom should act as Chairman, and be allowed a Salary in such capacity. The want of proper School-houses has been forcibly brought under the notice of the Government, and, among the Public Works for which it is proposed that a Loan should be obtained, School-houses have been included.

11. It is with much gratification that I am able to communicate to you that Her Majesty's Government have entered into a Contract for the conveyance of a Monthly Mail by Steam between England and the Australian Colonies, and have agreed to pay half the expense of that Contract,—leaving the remaining half to be provided for by the Colonies in proportion to the amount of Postal Service performed for each.

12. I have also to inform you that I have received a Despatch from the Secretary of State intimating that Her Majesty's Government are willing, on certain conditions, to transfer to the Colonial Authorities the control and management of the Imperial Convict Establishments in Tasmania: this Despatch will be laid before you; and I shall be happy to receive from you an expression of your views on the subject, to which I am sure you will devote the attentive and serious consideration which its importance demands.

13. By the late Legislative Council, provision was made for the construction of Electric Telegraphs from Mount Louis to Hobart Town, and from George Town to Launceston; thus superseding the existing arrangement of Signal Stations. It has been found that, at a comparatively small additional cost, the line could be continued between Hobart Town and Launceston; and a Contract has accordingly been entered into for the performance of the work. In connection with this subject, I have much pleasure in informing you that the Government of Victoria have assented to defray half the expense of establishing a Sub-Marine Telegraph across the Straits; thus providing an immediate communication between the two Colonies, which cannot fail, I conceive, to be of great advantage to our own commercial and general interests, as well as to those of the adjacent Colonies.

14. The attention of the Government has also been drawn to the necessity of facilitating the recovery of Small Debts by some easy and inexpensive process; and a comprehensive measure is now under consideration for effecting this object, but which cannot be matured in time to admit of its being laid before you during this Session. In the meantime, as a measure of immediate relief, Courts of Requests have been established throughout the Colony,—and a Bill will be introduced restoring to the Hobart Town Court its former jurisdiction in cases not exceeding £30.

15. The subject of Law Reform has not escaped attention; but the whole question is one of such importance, and requires such mature consideration, that it will not be practicable to bring forward any amending measures during this Session.

A Bill will be submitted to you by which it will be provided that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall not be removable from office by the Governor unless upon an address from both Houses of the Legislature. Hitherto the Judges have been liable to removal or suspension from office by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, subject to the final approval of Her Majesty. The measure submitted will, it is considered, contribute most materially to the maintenance of that independence of the Judges which must ever be regarded as one of the most important guarantees of true freedom.

A Bill will also be submitted to you, similar to one which has already received Her Majesty's assent, and which is now in operation, in a neighbouring Colony, enabling persons who have claims against the Local Government to obtain redress according to law.

16. To the discharge of the public business of the Colony your best and most attentive consideration will, I feel assured, be given. Chosen by your fellow-Colonists to represent their interests, it seems not unreasonable to anticipate that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, the measures you will adopt will be such as to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Colony; and I desire to assure you of my earnest wish to co-operate with the Parliament in the maintenance of such a Government as will be most effective in sustaining and advancing the public interests.

The Assembly then withdrew; and His Excellency the Governor having been conducted to the door of the Chamber by the President, accompanied by the Members as before, the Council adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock until one o'clock.

The Council resumed pursuant to adjournment.

The President having taken the Chair,—

3. Captain Langdon moved—"That the proceedings of this Council do commence with Prayer to Almighty God for the Divine blessing, and that the Lord Bishop of Tasmania be requested to officiate for that purpose." *Ordered.*

4. Captain Langdon moved—"That Mr. Wedge, Mr. Knight, and Mr. Nairn do wait upon the Bishop to communicate to him the result of this Motion." *Ordered.*

5. The Bishop, having been introduced into the Chamber, knelt at the Clerk's Table, and read certain Prayers from the Book of Common Prayer.

6. The Bishop having retired, It is ordered that the thanks of this Council be tendered to His Lordship for complying with the request of this Council; and that the mover and seconder of the proposal for requesting His Lordship to offer up prayers be requested to convey to His Lordship the thanks of this Council.

7. Whereupon Captain Langdon and Mr. Wedge retire; and on returning inform the Council that they have conveyed to the Bishop of Tasmania the thanks of this Council as ordered; and that His Lordship expressed his acknowledgments for the same.

8. Mr. Nairn moved that, until Standing Rules and Orders have been established for the guidance of this Council, the Rules, Forms, and Usages of the Imperial Parliament be followed so far as the same can be applied to this Council. *Ordered.*

9. Mr. Nairn moved the first reading of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to give further Remedies to Creditors against Persons removing from one Australasian Colony to another."

10. The same having been ordered, the Bill was read a first time.

11. The President then read the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on the opening of Parliament.

12. The Clerk of the Council next read the same.

13. *Papers.*

Mr. Button, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, laid on the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—Bye Law No. 34, Bye Law No. 35, passed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Launceston on the 18th February, 1856.

14. Mr. Nairn moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in answer to the Speech of His Excellency. *Ordered.*

15. Mr. Nairn moved—(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare such Address; and (2) That such Committee consist of the following Members; viz.—Mr. Knight, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Henty, with the mover (Mr. Nairn) and the seconder (Captain Langdon).

16. The same having been ordered, the Council adjourned at a quarter past two o'clock until four o'clock.

The Council resumed pursuant to adjournment, and the President having taken the Chair,—

17. Mr. Nairn brought up the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency as prepared by the Committee; the same was, by order of the President, read by the Clerk, as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, Governor-in-Chief in and over the Island of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyal attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to thank Your Excellency for your Address to this Council.

We respond to Your Excellency's congratulations on the inauguration of Responsible Government.

We have every reason to believe that the community repose confidence in those who are charged with the initiation of the new system of Government.

We have received with great satisfaction the announcement that measures are about to be taken for increasing the efficiency of the Police.

The transfer of the Imperial Convict Establishment to the Colony will receive our most anxious consideration, when the Despatch upon that subject is laid before us.

The Bill to be introduced for securing the independence of the Judges will receive our most cordial support, as a guarantee for the purity of justice, and for the maintenance of our privileges under Constitutional Government.

The important subjects of the management of the Waste Lands of the Colony, and the establishment of more enlarged and efficient provision for Public Education, as well as the other matters referred to by Your Excellency, will receive our most attentive consideration.

In conclusion, we desire to convey to Your Excellency our thanks for the expression of your earnest wish to co-operate with the Parliament in the maintenance of such a Government as will be most effective in sustaining and advancing the public interests; and our hope that the anticipations entertained by Your Excellency, as to the results of the measures that will be adopted, may, under the blessing of the Divine Providence, be fully realised.

18. Mr. Bedford moved that the Address, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted as the Reply of this Council to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor. *Ordered.*

19. Mr. Nairn moved that the President, the mover (Mr. Bedford), and the seconder (Mr. Button), be appointed a Deputation to ascertain when it would be the Governor's pleasure to receive the Address, and to report thereon to this Council. *Ordered.*

20. Mr. Knight moved that Mr. Walker be now allowed to give two notices of motion. *Ordered.*

21. On motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until twelve o'clock on Friday, the 5th instant.

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#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, 5th December.

##### *Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Walker to move that the following Members be appointed a Select Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Council; such Committee to have power to confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly, and to report not later than the 13th instant; such Committee to consist of—

The President.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Smith.  
Dr. Bedford.

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Monday, 8th December.

##### *Question.*

Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Nairn—Whether the Order in Council of the 21st November, 1856, is intended to apply to any Officers holding political offices, and to specify them?

Who are the Officers already elected into either the Council or Assembly to whom the Order applies?

To specify all those Officers and Public Servants to whom the Order could refer.

Also whether those Officers of this Colonial Government (if any) who hold and exercise any Office without receiving pay from the Colonial Treasury in respect thereof will be allowed to vote according to their consciences?

To give such a definition of those Offices which may hereafter be created, and which would come within the meaning of the Order in Council, as would enable the Constituencies to know whether any Candidates holding such Offices are or are not within the meaning of the Order.

Tuesday, 9th December.

*Notice of Motion.*

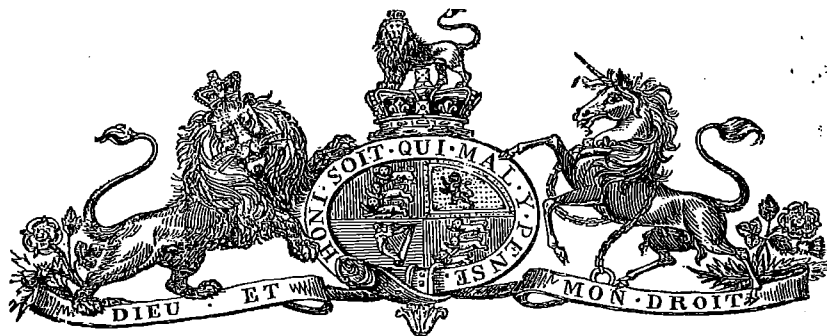
1. Mr. Knight to move—"That this Council resolves that the Order of the Governor in Executive Council, dated 21st November, 1856, is a plain violation of the rights conferred by the Constitution upon the Officers and Servants of the Public therein described and upon their Constituents. That it is an attempt to debauch those Officers and Public Servants by confounding in their minds the distinction between right and wrong. That whereas the Constitution of this Colony permits the election of such Officers and Public Servants to either the Legislative Council or House of Assembly, and obliges them when elected to vote conscientiously on every question, the said Order in Council, during the tenure of office by the present Ministers, and still more after a change in the Administration, would offer a dangerous and perplexing temptation to such Officers and Public Servants either to vote contrary to their conscience from fear of losing office, or to sacrifice their office to the conscientious discharge of the duty cast upon them when elected, viz.—to represent their Constituents to the best of their ability by voting on every question according to their conscience, or to resign their seats in Parliament,—and by doing so, to deprive their Constituents of the faithful services in Parliament of men whom the Constitution permitted them to elect, and in whom their Constituents confided as the representatives and defenders of their interests."

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 3.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1856.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

Mr. Nairn, *by command*, laid on the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—

(1.) *Correspondence* relative to the transfer of Convict Establishments to the Colonial Authorities.

(2.) *Despatch* (30 July, 1856) relative to the Report of Select Committee on the Convict Department.

(3.) *Despatch* (1 February, 1856) relative to the Inquiry by the late Legislative Council into the condition of the Convict Establishment.

(4.) *Despatch* (11 January, 1856) in reference to the appointment of Public Officers.

(5.) *Despatch* (3 May, 1856) respecting the right of the late Legislative Council to compel the attendance of Witnesses.

(6.) *Despatch* (Circular, 4 December, 1856) in reference to Steam Postal Communication.

(7.) *Statistics* of Tasmania for 1855.

(8.) *Statistical Account* of Tasmania from the year 1804 to the year 1823.

(9.) *Immigration Agent's Report* for half year ending 30 June, 1856.

(10.) *Board of Education Report* for the year 1855.

(11.) *Light-houses*, Report of the Commissioners, with Minutes of Evidence.

3. *Question.*

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Nairn (as a Member of the Government) whether the Bill about to be introduced by the Government to enable the Colonists to sue the Government will provide redress for by-gone injuries and breaches of Contract.

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the Bill in question would enable every present Claimant against the Government to obtain redress according to law, and would therefore have a retrospective effect.

4. The President intimated to the Council that the Governor had named half-past twelve o'clock this day as the hour when it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Address in reply to his Speech on the opening of Parliament.

5. On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned till one o'clock, and proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament.

6. The Council having resumed, the President proceeded to read His Excellency's answer to their Address, as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

It is gratifying to me to receive the expression of loyal attachment to Her most Gracious Majesty which is contained in your Address; and I feel assured that the like dutiful feelings cordially animate the entire Colony.

I beg to return my best thanks also for all the other very satisfactory assurances conveyed in your Reply to my Speech to the Legislative Council in Parliament assembled.

H. E. F. YOUNG.

7. Dr. Bedford moved that the following Members of this Council be appointed the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the *Electoral Act*; viz.—

Mr. Henty,  
Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Whyte,  
Wr. Wedge,  
Mr. Button. *Ordered.*

8. Mr. Nairn moved that it be an instruction to the Committee, about to be appointed to report the Rules and Standing Orders which this Council shall adopt, to consider and report whether answers given to questions put to Members in this Council shall be given in writing or not. *Ordered.*

9. Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to notice—That the following Members be appointed a Select Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Council; such Committee to have power to confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly, and to report not later than the 13th instant; such Committee to consist of—

The President,  
Mr. Nairn,  
Mr. Henty,  
Mr. Button,  
Mr. Smith,  
Dr. Bedford. *Ordered.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at ten minutes to two o'clock until Tuesday, the 9th December, at three o'clock.

### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Monday, 8th December.

#### *Question.*

Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Nairn—Whether the Order in Council of the 21st November, 1856, is intended to apply to any Officers holding political offices, and to specify them?

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Tuesday, 9th December.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Knight to move—"That this Council resolves that the Order of the Governor in Executive Council, dated 21st November, 1856, is a plain violation of the rights conferred by the Constitution upon the Officers and Servants of the Public therein described and upon their Constituents. That it is an attempt to debauch those Officers and Public Servants by confounding in their minds the distinction between right and wrong. That whereas the Constitution of this Colony permits the election of such Officers and Public Servants to either the Legislative Council or House of Assembly, and obliges them when elected to vote conscientiously on every question, the said Order in Council during the tenure of office by the present Ministers, and still more after a change in the Administration, would offer a dangerous and perplexing temptation to such Officers and Public Servants either to vote contrary to their conscience from fear of losing office, or to sacrifice their office to the conscientious discharge of the duty cast upon them when elected, viz.—to represent their Constituents to the best of their ability by voting on every question according to their conscience, or to resign their seats in Parliament,—and by doing so, to deprive their Constituents of the faithful services in Parliament of men whom the Constitution permitted them to elect, and in whom their Constituents confided as the representatives and defenders of their interests."

2. Mr. Knight to move for the appointment of a Library Committee.

That the President, Dr. Bedford, Mr. Henty, Mr. Nairn, and the Mover do constitute such Committee; and that the Committee, or any two of its Members, have full power to co-operate with any Library Committee (or any Members thereof) who may be appointed or empowered in that behalf by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

3. Mr. Nairn to move that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week be the days on which the Council shall assemble for the dispatch of business; and that on Wednesday and Thursday in each week Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

4. Mr. Henty to move that the following Members be appointed a Committee to enquire into the Revenue of the Post Office; the sources from whence derived; the uses enjoyed of the Postal Communications by Departments that do not contribute to its income; and as to all expenses charged on the Post Office, and generally into the economy of Postage Communication within the Colony:—

Mr. P. T. Smith,  
Mr. Button,  
Capt. Langdon,  
Mr. Whyte,  
Mr. Walker, and  
The Mover.

5. Mr. Henty to move—"That, inasmuch as this Council has elected as its President the Honourable Thomas Horne, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown be taken as to the propriety of introducing a Bill into the Legislature, under the powers conferred by the 29th Section of the 14 Victoria, chap. 59, for remedying any inconvenience that might arise to the course of justice, or the proceedings of this Council, by such election."

*Questions.*

1. Mr. Wedge to ask Mr. Nairn whether there will be any objection to produce the Despatches of the Governor to the Secretary of State upon the Convict Enquiry.

2. Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Nairn (as the only Member of the Executive Council holding a seat in this House) whether there is any objection to his laying on the Table of this Council a copy of any Minute or Order made by His Excellency in Council (if any), defining the duties cast upon that Honourable Member touching the communications of this Council with His Excellency the Governor, or with the Government; and if no such Order or Minute exists, then whether the Honourable Member will explain the position in which it is intended by the Government that the Honourable Member should stand in relation to this Council in its communications with the Government.

3. Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Nairn whether the track or road made by Messrs. Walton, Page, and Wilson between Hobart Town and the Huon, and the nature and quality of the adjacent land, have been surveyed and examined by order of the Government; and whether there is any objection to laying upon the Table of this Council copies of any reports or other communications that have been made to the Government upon the subject.

Wednesday, 10th December.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Knight to move that copies of all Orders in Council made (in England) under the authority of the *Land Sales Act*, 10 Vict. c. 104, be laid upon the Table of this House; also copies of all Regulations respecting the sale or other disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown made under the authority of the Statutes 6 Vict. c. 36, and 10 Vict. c. 104, or either of them, which were legally in force in this Colony when the *Land Sales Acts Repeal Act* came into operation in Tasmania.

2. Mr. Knight to move—

(1.) For a Return of all Convictions by Justices in this Colony since 1st January last of Constables (if any) still employed in the Police of this Colony; specifying their offences, and the punishment or penalty awarded, and stating whether the penalty or punishment in each case has been enforced or mitigated.

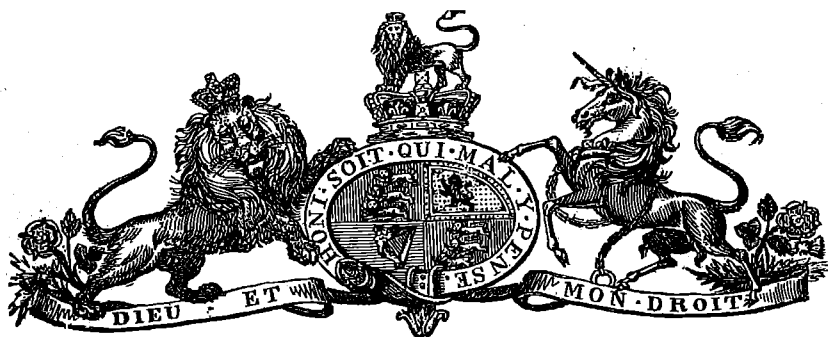
(2.) A Return of all Constables who have been removed from one Station in the Colony to another, specifying the causes respectively of their removal.

(3.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the *Licensing Act* in which (if any) there have been Acquittals, and in which the only Witnesses for the Prosecution were Constables; specifying in each case whether those Constables have been retained afterwards in the Police, and at what Stations.

(4.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the same Act followed by Convictions; specifying the amount of the Fines imposed in each case which might have been awarded to the Prosecutor.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Question: Order in Council.*

The under-mentioned answers given by Mr. Nairn to questions put by Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, are taken down by the Clerk, by order of the Council:

(1.) Q. Whether the Order in Council of the 21st November, 1856, is intended to apply to any Officers holding political offices, and to specify them?

A. It is not intended to apply to Officers holding political offices.

(2.) Q. Who are the Officers already elected into either the Council or Assembly to whom the Order applies?

A. The Chairman of Quarter Sessions at Launceston; the Stipendiary Magistrate at Clarence Plains; and the Chief Police Magistrate.

(3.) Q. To specify all those Officers and Public Servants to whom the Order could refer?

A. All Officers and Servants who may receive pay from the Colonial Treasury.

(4.) Q. Also whether those Officers of this Colonial Government (if any) who hold and exercise any office without receiving pay from the Colonial Treasury in respect thereof will be allowed to vote according to their consciences?

A. Any Officer holding a Colonial office, although not receiving any pay for such office, will be held subject to this Order in respect of such office.

(5.) Q. To give such a definition of those Offices which hereafter may be created, and which would come within the meaning of the Order in

Council, as would enable the Constituencies to know whether any Candidates holding such offices are or are not within the meaning of the Order?

- A. All Officers who may receive pay from the Colonial Treasury, or who may hold honorary Colonial offices involving the charge of Public Departments.

3. *Question.*

Mr. Kermode asked Mr. Nairn whether the Order in Council refers to Officers receiving pay from the British Treasury?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the Order in Council is only applicable to those Officers receiving pay from the Colonial Treasury.

4. Mr. Knight, having obtained leave to amend the notice standing first in his name for this day, moved—"That this Council resolves that the Order of the Governor in Executive Council, dated 21st November, 1856, is not in accordance with the Constitutional Act. That whereas the Constitution of this Colony permits the election of Officers and Public Servants to either the Legislative Council or House of Assembly, and obliges them when elected to vote conscientiously on every question, the said Order in Council during the tenure of office by the present Ministers, and still more after a change in the Administration, would offer dangerous and perplexing temptation to such Officers and Public Servants either to vote contrary to their conscience from fear of losing office, or to sacrifice their office to the conscientious discharge of the duty cast upon them when elected, viz.—to represent their Constituents to the best of their ability by voting on every question according to their conscience, or to resign their seats in Parliament,—and by doing so, to deprive their Constituents of the faithful services in Parliament of men whom the Constitution permitted them to elect, and in whom their Constituents confided as the representatives and defenders of their interests."

Mr. Lowes moved as an amendment—"That, as the enquiry into the conduct of the Ministry now before the Council has been satisfactorily answered in the House of Assembly, and a decision given by that House in favour of the Ministry, it is unnecessary for this Council to entertain the question."

Whereupon debate ensued; and the President having ruled that it was not competent to put this amendment, as having reference by mention to proceedings in the House of Assembly, the Council divided upon the main question:—

AYES 8.

Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller.*)

NOES 6.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

5. Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice—(1.) That a Library Committee be appointed; and (2.) That the President, Dr. Bedford, Mr. Henty, Mr. Nairn, and the Mover do constitute such Committee; and that the Committee, or any two of its Members, have full power to co-operate with any Library Committee (or any Members thereof) who may be appointed or empowered in that behalf by the Honorable the House of Assembly. *Ordered.*

6. Mr. Nairn, having obtained leave to amend the Notice of Motion standing in his name third for this day, moved that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at four o'clock in each week, be the days on which the Council shall assemble for the despatch of business; and that on Wednesday and Thursday in each week Government business shall take precedence of all other business. *Ordered.*

7. Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that the following Members be appointed a Committee to enquire into the Revenue of the Post Office; the sources from whence derived; the uses enjoyed of the Postal Communications by Departments that do not contribute to its income; and as to all expenses charged on the Post Office, and generally into the economy of Postage Communications within the Colony, as follows:—

Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Button,  
Capt. Langdon,  
Mr. Whyte,  
Mr. Walker, and  
The Mover. *Ordered.*

8. *Questions.*

(1.) *Convict Enquiry.*—Mr. Wedge asked Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, whether there will be any objection to produce the Despatches of the Governor to the Secretary of State upon the Convict Enquiry?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that it was necessary to communicate with the Governor on the subject; and that as soon as an answer had been obtained from His Excellency it should be conveyed to this Council.

(2.) *Order in Council.*—Mr. Knight asked Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice (as the only Member of the Executive Council holding a seat in this Council), whether there is any objection to his laying on the Table of this Council a copy of any Minute or Order made by His Excellency in Council (if any), defining the duties cast upon that Honourable Member touching the communications of this Council with His Excellency the Governor, or with the Government; and if no such Order or Minute exists, then whether the Honourable Member will explain the position in which it is intended by the Government that the Honourable Member should stand in relation to this Council in its communications with the Government.

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that there is no Minute of the Governor in Council defining the duties cast upon him touching the communications of this Council with His Excellency the Governor, or with the Government. That, with regard to the position in which it is intended by the Government that he should stand in relation to this Council in his communications with the Government, he received a communication from the Colonial Secretary shortly after the formation of the Ministry, requesting to know whether he would be willing to become the exponent of the views of the Ministry in this Council, with a Seat in the Executive Council: that to that request he acceded; and that the Government business will accordingly be conducted by him in the introduction and conduct of Bills, and the exposition of the several Government Measures.

9. *Huon Track.*

Mr. Knight asked Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, whether the track or road made by Messrs. Walton, Page, and Wilson between Hobart Town and the Huon, and the nature and quality of the adjacent land, have been surveyed and examined by order of the Government; and whether there is any objection to laying upon the Table of this Council copies of any reports or other communications that have been made to the Government upon the subject?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the track referred to had been surveyed by Mr. Calder; and that the Government had received a very satisfactory report from that gentleman, which should be laid before this Council as soon as it could be copied.

10. *Papers.*

Mr. Whyte laid on the Table, in accordance with the 50th section of the Road Act, 15 Victoria, No. 8, the accounts of the under-mentioned Road Trusts; viz.—Glamorgan and Cornwall; Broad Marsh; Horton.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 10th December.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Knight to move that copies of all Orders in Council made (in England) under the authority of the *Land Sales Act*, 10 Vict. c. 104, be laid upon the Table of this House; also copies of all Regulations respecting the sale or other disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown made under the authority of the Statutes 6 Vict. c. 36, and 10 Vict. c. 104, or either of them, which were legally in force in this Colony when the *Land Sales Acts Repeal Act* came into operation in Tasmania.

2. Mr. Knight to move—

(1.) For a Return of all Convictions by Justices in this Colony since 1st January last of Constables (if any) still employed in the Police of this Colony; specifying

their offences, and the punishment or penalty awarded, and stating whether the penalty or punishment in each case has been enforced or mitigated.

(2.) A Return of all Constables who have been removed from one Station in the Colony to another, specifying the causes respectively of their removal.

(3.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the *Licensing Act* in which (if any) there have been Acquittals, and in which the only Witnesses for the Prosecution were Constables; specifying in each case whether those Constables have been retained afterwards in the Police, and at what Stations.

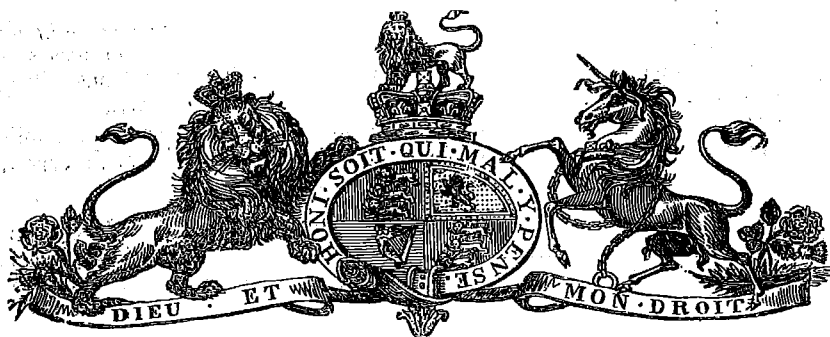
(4.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the same Act followed by Convictions; specifying the amount of the Fines imposed in each case which might have been awarded to the Prosecutor.

3. Mr. Knight to move that an humble Address be presented by this Council to His Excellency the Governor, informing His Excellency of the adoption of the Resolution passed in this Council in regard to the Order in Council dated 21st November, 1856.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

Mr. Nairn laid on the Table a copy of the Governor's Commission, with the Royal Instructions.

3. Mr. Button having obtained leave, without previous notice, to bring in a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend a Clerical Error in the Launceston Building Act," the Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be *printed*.

4. Mr. Nairn moved, that the Bill read the first time on the 3rd December, intituled "A Bill to give further Remedies to Creditors against Persons removing from one Australasian Colony to another," be *printed*. *Ordered*.

5. Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that copies of all Orders in Council made (in England) under the authority of the *Land Sales Act*, 10 Vict. c. 104, be laid on the Table of this Council ; also copies of all Regulations respecting the sale or other disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown made under the authority of the Statutes 6 Vict. c. 36, and 10 Vict. c. 104, or either of them, which were legally in force in this Colony when the *Land Sales Acts Repeal Act* came into operation in Tasmania. *Ordered*.

6. Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice—(1.) For a Return of all Convictions by Justices in this Colony since 1st January, 1856, of all Constables (if any) still employed in the Police of this Colony ; specifying their offences, and the punishment or penalty awarded, and stating whether the penalty or punishment in each case has been enforced or mitigated. *Ordered*.

(2.) A Return of all Constables who have been removed from one Station to another, specifying the causes respectively of their removal.

Upon which Mr. Nairn moved, as an amendment, that after the word "another" the remaining words be expunged, and the following inserted; viz., "in consequence of any complaint or misconduct, specifying in the case of complaint whether it proceeded from a Police Magistrate or from any private person."

Question put upon the amendment, and passed.

(3.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the *Licensing Act* in which (if any) there have been Acquittals, and in which the only Witnesses for the Prosecution were Constables; specifying in each case whether those Constables have been retained afterwards in the Police, and at what Stations. *Ordered.*

(4.) A Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the same Act followed by Convictions; specifying the amount of the Fines imposed in each case which might have been awarded to the Prosecutor. *Ordered.*

7. Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented by this Council to His Excellency the Governor, informing His Excellency of the adoption of the Resolution passed in this Council in regard to the Order in Council, dated 21st November, 1856. *Ordered.*

8. Mr. Knight moved, by leave, without previous notice—(1.) That a Committee be appointed to draw up and present such Address to His Excellency the Governor; and (2) That such Committee and Deputation consist of Mr. Wedge, Captain Langdon, Mr. Bedford, and the Mover (Mr. Knight). *Ordered.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at a quarter past five o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 11th December.

#### *Question.*

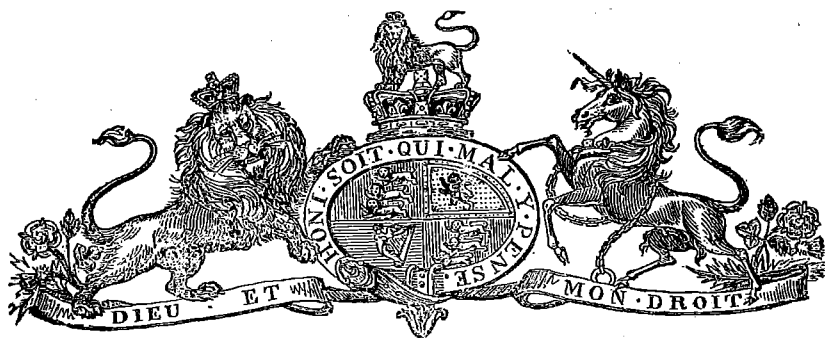
Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Nairn on what permanent basis the Constitution of the present or future Ministry is intended by the Government to be constituted?

Friday, 12th December.

1. Mr. Nairn to move for leave to bring in a Bill amending the Cross and Bye Roads Act.

2. Mr. Nairn to move the second reading of the Bill, intituled—"A Bill to give further Remedies to Creditors against Persons removing from one Australasian Colony to another."

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 6.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1856.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

Mr. Nairn laid on the Table, *by command*, the Report of Mr. Calder of the nature of the country on the line of road between Hobart Town and the Huon; also a Memorandum with reference to the direct line of road to the Huon. Ordered to be *printed*.

3. *Question.*

*Convict Lunatics.*—Mr. Wedge asked Mr. Nairn, without previous notice, whether any and what means have been adopted for the safe custody of dangerous Criminals of unsound mind; particularly in reference to the Convict Quigley?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that Quigley, the Convict referred to by Mr. Wedge, had been twice tried for a capital offence, and acquitted on the ground of insanity; and that in consequence he had been under the control of the Convict Department as a Convict Lunatic. That he had now been removed to Port Arthur and placed under Medical charge, and under such control as his case appeared to require; and that any other Convict under similar circumstances would be dealt with in a similar manner.

4. *Order in Council.*

*Address.*—Mr. Knight having brought up the Address to the Governor, informing His Excellency of the Resolution of this Council on the Order in Executive Council, as prepared by the Committee, the same was, by order of the President, read by the Clerk as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of  
Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency that this Council did, on the 9th day of December instant, resolve as follows:—

"That the Order of the Governor in Executive Council, dated 21st November, 1856, is not in accordance with the Constitutional Act. That whereas the Constitution of this Colony permits the election of Officers and Public Servants to either the Legislative Council or House of Assembly, and obliges them when elected to vote conscientiously on every question, the said Order in Council, during the tenure of office by the present Ministers, and still more after a change in the Administration, would offer a dangerous and perplexing temptation to such Officers and Public Servants either to vote contrary to their conscience from fear of losing office, or to sacrifice their office to the conscientious discharge of the duty cast upon them when elected; namely, to represent their Constituents to the best of their ability by voting on every question according to their conscience, or to resign their seats in Parliament,—and by doing so deprive their Constituents of the faithful services in Parliament of men whom the Constitution permitted them to elect, and in whom their Constituents confided as the representatives and defenders of their interests."

5. Mr. Knight then moved that the Address as read by the Clerk be adopted by the Council. *Ordered.*

6. Mr. Knight moved that so much of the Order of yesterday as relates to presenting the Address be expunged. *Ordered.*

7. Mr. Knight then moved that the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President. *Ordered.*

8. *Question.*

*Constitution of Ministry.*—Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Nairn on what permanent basis the Constitution of the present Ministry is intended by the Government to be constituted?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that no rule had been adopted limiting the number of Members composing the Ministry; or declaring whether they should all be Members of one House, or whether any one or more should be Members of the Legislative Council.

9. *Chairman of Committees.*

Mr. Nairn, having obtained leave, moved without previous notice that there be a Chairman of Committees of the whole Council appointed for this Session. *Ordered.*

10. Mr. Wedge then moved that Mr. Henty be such Chairman of Committees.

Question having been put, was passed; whereupon Mr. Henty made his acknowledgments to the Council.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to five o'clock until to-morrow at four.

### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

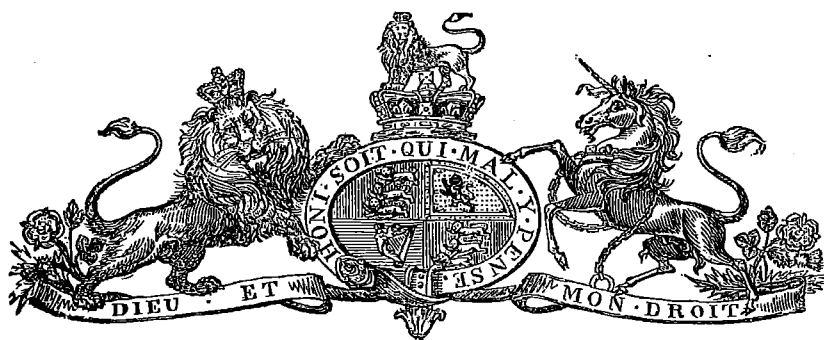
Friday, 12th December.

#### *Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Nairn to move for leave to bring in a Bill amending the Cross and Bye Roads Act.

2. Mr. Nairn to move the second reading of the Bill, intituled—"A Bill to give further Remedies to Creditors against Persons removing from one Australasian Colony to another."

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 7.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Cross and Bye Roads Amendment Act.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1853.

The Question having been put, was passed.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Bill be now read a first time; and the same having been ordered, the Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Bill be *printed*. *Ordered.*

3. *Bill to give further Remedies to Creditors against Persons removing from one Australasian Colony to another.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that this Bill be read a second time.

The Question having been put, was passed; and the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee was enlarged to Saturday, the 20th instant.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until Monday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Monday, 15th December.

*Question.*

Mr. Langdon to ask the Honourable Member for Meander on what day it is his intention to propose the adjournment of this House for the Christmas recess?

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Button to move the second reading of the Bill "to amend a Clerical Error in the Launceston Building Act."

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Tuesday, 16th December.

*Question.*

Mr. Whyte to ask the Honourable Member for Meander under what circumstances the names of the Electors of the District of Pembroke residing in the Electoral District of Glamorgan were not published in the Roll in accordance with the Electoral Act; and whether it arose from a mistake of the Returning Officer, or from instructions he had received from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Henty to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to procure from the most available sources a Vocabulary of the language of the Aborigines of Tasmania; also, to procure a Catalogue of the native names of all localities and natural objects that can now be recovered, and all such other names of places as cannot be identified with any particular localities.

2. Mr. Nairn to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Cross and Bye Roads Act.

*Order of the Day.*

Further Remedies to Creditors Bill—adoption of the Report.

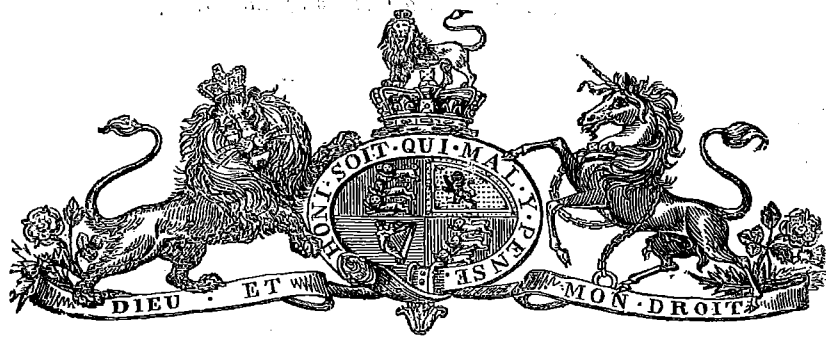
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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 1. Huon Road—Memorandum.

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 8.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President, having taken the Chair, informed the Council that he had this morning presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address agreed to by this Council on the 11th instant; and that His Excellency had replied, that he would take the subject of the Address into consideration, and return a written answer thereto.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

*A Bill to declare the Law in the case of a Judge of the Supreme Court becoming President of the Legislative Council*, passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, and is received by the President at the Bar of the Chamber.

3. *Question.*

Mr. Langdon asked the Honourable Member for Meander on what day it is his intention to propose the adjournment of this Council for the Christmas recess.

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that he was not prepared to give an answer at present, as the adjournment of the Council depended upon the progress of the business; but that he would endeavour to give early intimation of any such adjournment.

4. *Launceston Building Act.*

Mr. Button moved, pursuant to notice, the second reading of a Bill "to amend a Clerical Error in the Launceston Building Act;" and the same having been ordered, the Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Button the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Thursday.

5. *Bill to declare the Law in the case of a Judge of the Supreme Court becoming President of the Legislative Council.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time,—to be *printed*,—and the second reading to stand an Order of the Day for Thursday.

The Council adjourned at forty-five minutes past four until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, 16th December.

*Question.*

Mr. Whyte to ask the Honourable Member for Meander under what circumstances the names of the Electors of the District of Pembroke residing in the Electoral District of Glamorgan were not published in the Roll in accordance with the Electoral Act; and whether it arose from a mistake of the Returning Officer, or from instructions he had received from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Henty to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to procure from the most available sources a Vocabulary of the language of the Aborigines of Tasmania; also, to procure a Catalogue of the native names of all localities and natural objects that can now be recovered, and all such other names of places as cannot be identified with any particular localities.

2. Mr. Nairn to move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Cross and Bye Roads Act.

3. Mr. Bedford to move that a Return of the informations under the Vaccination Act of 1853 be laid on the Table of this Council.

*Order of the Day.*

Further Remedies to Creditors Bill—adoption of Report.

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Thursday, 18th December.

*Orders of the Day.*

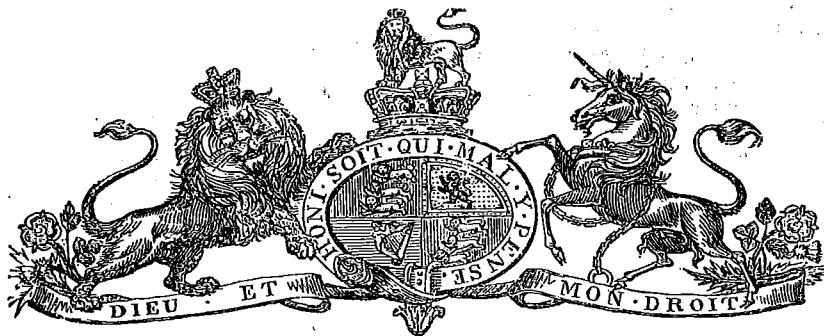
1. Bill to amend a Clerical Error in Launceston Building Act—adoption of Report.

2. Legislative Council President Bill—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Question.*

Mr. Whyte asked Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, under what circumstances the names of the Electors of the District of Pembroke residing in the Electoral District of Glamorgan were not published in the Roll in accordance with the Electoral Act; and whether it arose from a mistake of the Returning Officer, or from instructions he had received from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the Government is not in possession of any information respecting the Electoral Roll of Electors for the Legislative Council for the District of Glamorgan, and that no representation has been received by the Government from the Electors or Inhabitants of the District respecting it.

3. *Aborigines Language.*

Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to procure from the most available sources a Vocabulary of the language of the Aborigines of Tasmania; also, to procure a Catalogue of the native names of all localities and natural objects that can now be recovered, and all such other names of places as cannot be identified with any particular localities.

Question having been put, was passed.

Whereupon Mr. Henty moved that the following be such Address:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania  
and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, beg respectfully to represent,—

That the Aborigines of this Island, though under the protection and care of the State, are fast declining, and will in all probability soon become extinct.

That no vocabulary of their Language has yet been made.

That with about two exceptions (those of Ringarooma and Triabunna) no native names of localities have been preserved.

That it is very desirable every record should be procured of the original possessors of the soil, for the illustration of the science of Ethnology, and as materials for the future history of Tasmania.

That the application of native names for the geographical nomenclature of the Colony, as now much adopted in America and elsewhere, will be a great improvement over the system too much in use here of repeating, without any significance or beauty, the names of English counties and towns.

Wherefore we respectfully pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to procure from the most available sources a Vocabulary of the Language of the Aborigines of Tasmania.

Also to procure a Catalogue of the native names of all localities and natural objects that can now be recovered, and all such other names of places as cannot be identified with any particular localities.

The question having been put, was passed.

4. Mr. Bedford moved, pursuant to notice, that a Return of the informations under the Vaccination Act of 1853 be laid on the Table of this Council. *Ordered.*

5. *Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed; and the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

The question having been put, was passed.

6. *Further Remedies to Creditors Bill reported.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill as so reported ordered to be read a third time on Thursday next.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes to five until Thursday next at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 18th December.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Button to move for a Return showing the number of informations preferred under the Masters and Servants Act, and the number of cases in which warrants have been issued without previous summons, specifying the several Police Districts in which such informations were preferred; also for a Return of the number of convictions under the same Act, distinguishing the several Police Stations at which such convictions have been recorded, and setting forth the sentence under each conviction.

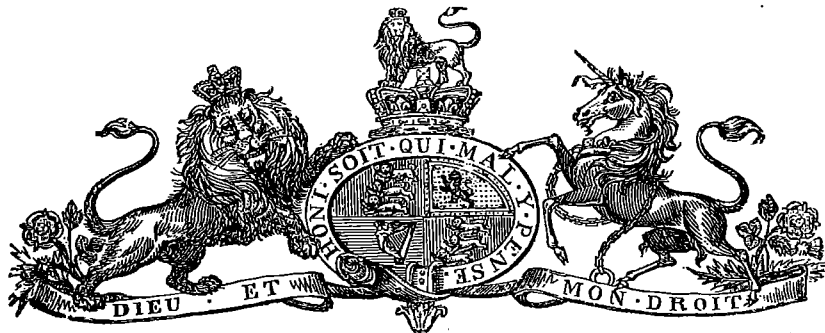
*Orders of the Day.*

1. Bill to amend a Clerical Error in Launceston Building Act—adoption of Report.
2. Legislative Council President Bill—second reading.
3. Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill—committal.
4. Further Remedies to Creditors Bill—third reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 1. Huon Road—Memorandum.



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 10.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

The Clerk of the Council laid on the Table "A Statement of Moneys received and paid by the Municipal Council of Launceston from 4th December, 1855, to 10th December, 1856."

3. *Masters and Servants Act.*

Mr. Button moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for a Return showing the number of informations preferred under the Masters and Servants Act, and the nature of the charges; the number of cases in which warrants have been issued without previous summons; the number of persons apprehended without warrant or summons: also a Return of the convictions under the same Act, distinguishing the several Police Stations at which such convictions have been recorded, and setting forth the sentence under each conviction.

Question put, and passed.

4. Bill to amend a Clerical Error in "The Launceston Building Act" reported.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed.

And on motion of Mr. Nairn the Bill is read a third time, and *passed*.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved, that the Title of this Bill be, *A Bill to amend a Clerical Error in the Launceston Building Act.*

The question having been put, was passed.

5. *Legislative Council President Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Wedge moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be read a second time *this day six months.*

Debate ensued.

Council divided upon the amendment :—

AYES 5.

Mr. Bedford.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller.*)

NOES 7.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

Whereupon the Bill is read the second time.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, on motion of Mr. Nairn, the Bill is read a third time and passed.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of this Bill be, *A Bill to declare the Law in the case of a Judge of the Supreme Court becoming President of the Legislative Council.*

The question having been put, was passed.

6. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The following Bills passed by the House of Assembly are borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President at the Bar of the Chamber ; viz.—

" *A Bill to provide that the Electoral Rolls for the year 1856 shall be the Electoral Rolls for 1857, and to amend certain provisions as to the appointment of Returning Officers and Election Auditors.*"

" *A Bill to restore the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests holden in and for the District of Hobart Town.*"

" *A Bill for Electric Telegraphs.*"

" *A Bill for better securing the Independence of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.*"

" *A Bill to appoint the Registrar of the Supreme Court to be Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Colony of Tasmania.*"

7. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

The President appointed Mr. Nairn and Mr. Lowes to carry to the House of Assembly *The Legislative Council Judges' President Bill*, assented to by this Council : also *The Launceston Building Act Clerical Error Amendment Bill*, passed by this Council, requesting the assent of that House thereto.

Mr. Nairn and Mr. Lowes having returned, reported that they had presented the Bills to the Assembly.

8. *Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with additions and amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. *Further Remedies to Creditors Bill,*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, is read a third time and passed.

10. *Judges' Independence Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time, and the second reading is ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. *Jurisdiction of Court of Requests Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time, and the second reading is ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. *Electoral Rolls Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time, and the second reading is ordered to stand an Order for to-morrow.

13. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time, and the second reading is ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. *Births, Deaths, and Marriages' Registration Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill is read a first time, and the second reading is ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the time for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee is extended to Tuesday next.

On the motion of Mr. Bedford, the Council adjourned at a quarter to nine o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, 19th December.

*Question.*

Mr. Wedge to ask that a Return of the Expenditure for the erection of Dunrobin Bridge; the period that it has been in hand; the number of Prisoners employed upon it; the cost of the maintenance of such Prisoners, and all others employed on the said Bridge: also the Expenditure in opening the line of road leading from the said Bridge to Port Davey; the length of road opened; the number of Prisoners employed upon it; the period that it has been in hand; and whether it is intended to continue the work, and if so, what is the estimated cost of completing it?

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Wedge to move that the plan, or copy of the plan, of the Trigonometrical Survey be laid on the Table of this Council, showing the triangulation, with the lengths of all the lines and the reduced angles thereon shown on the triangles themselves.

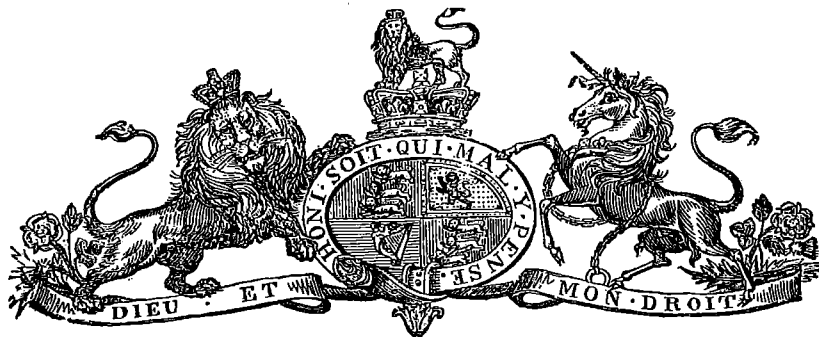
*Orders of the Day.*

1. Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill—adoption of Report.
2. Electric Telegraphs Bill—second reading.
3. Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Bill—second reading.
4. Electoral Rolls Bill—second reading.
5. Jurisdiction of Courts of Requests Bill—second reading.
6. Judges' Independence Bill—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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### No. 11.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Petition.*

Mr. Kermode presented a Petition from Dr. Hall, praying that the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill may not be passed into Law by this Council, and moved that the Petition be received.

Question put, and passed.

3. *Dunrobin Bridge.*

In answer to a question from Mr. Wedge, Mr. Nairn replied that there would be no objection to lay on the Table of this Council the following Papers :—A Return of the Expenditure for the erection of Dunrobin Bridge; the period that it was in hand; the number of Prisoners employed upon it; the cost of the maintenance of such Prisoners, and all others employed on the said Bridge: also the Expenditure in opening the line of road leading from the said Bridge to Port Davey; the length of road opened; the number of Prisoners employed upon it; the period that it has been in hand; and whether it is intended to continue the work, and if so, what is the estimated cost of completing it.

4. *Trigonometrical Survey.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that the plan, or copy of the plan, of the Trigonometrical Survey be laid on the Table of this Council, showing the triangulation, with the lengths of all the lines and the reduced angles thereon shown on the triangles themselves.

Question put, and passed.

5. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

"A Bill to abolish the Office of Surveyor-General, and to transfer the Duties of such Office to the Secretary of Lands and Works; to assign a permanent Salary to the said Secretary; and to secure a Pension to Robert Power, Esquire, Surveyor-General, upon his Retirement," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

6. Mr. Wedge, by leave without previous notice, moved that all Despatches connected with the Enquiry into the Convict Department, not yet in the possession of this Council, be laid upon the Table of this Council.

Whereupon debate ensued.

The Council divided.

NOES 7.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

AYES 4.

Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller.*)

7. *Bothwell Roads Trust.*

The Clerk of the Council laid on the Table a Statement of the Moneys received and paid by the Trustees of the Bothwell Roads from the 3rd November, 1855, to the 3rd November, 1856.

8. *Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill reported.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on the Bill is adopted.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill is read a third time and *passed.*

Mr. Nairn then moved, "That the Title of this Bill be, *A Bill to amend The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1853.*"

The question having been put, was passed.

9. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

The President appointed Mr. Nairn and Mr. Knight to carry to the House of Assembly *The Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill*, and *The further Remedies to Creditors Bill*, passed by this Council, and to request the concurrence of the House of Assembly therein.

Mr. Nairn and Mr. Knight having returned, reported that they had presented the Bills to the House of Assembly.

10. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the committal of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The question having been put, was passed.

11. *Births, Deaths, and Marriages' Registration Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question having been put, was passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a third time and *passed.*

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*A Bill to appoint the Registrar of the Supreme Court to be Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Colony of Tasmania.*"

The question having been put, was passed.

12. *Electoral Rolls Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a third time and *passed.*



Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*A Bill to provide that the Electoral Rolls for the year 1856 shall be the Electoral Rolls for the year 1857, and to amend certain Provisions as to the Appointment of Returning Officers and Election Auditors.*"

The question having been put, was passed.

13. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

The President appointed Mr. Nairn and Mr. Whyte to carry the under-mentioned Bills to the House of Assembly, with the assent of this Council thereto:—

"*A Bill to appoint the Registrar of the Supreme Court to be Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Colony of Tasmania.*"

"*A Bill to provide that the Electoral Rolls for the year 1856 shall be the Electoral Rolls for 1857, and to amend certain provisions as to the Appointment of Returning Officers and Election Auditors.*"

Mr. Nairn and Mr. Whyte having returned, reported that they had presented the Bills to the House of Assembly.

14. *Court of Requests Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed, and the Bill is read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The question is put and passed, and the Bill is read a third time and passed.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to restore the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests holden in and for the District of Hobart Town.*"

The question having been put, was passed.

15. *Judges' Independence Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The question having been put, was passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*A Bill for better securing the Independence of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.*"

The question having been put, was passed.

16. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

The President appointed Mr. Nairn and Mr. Button to carry to the House of Assembly the under-mentioned Bills, with the assent of this Council thereto:—

"*A Bill to restore the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests holden in and for the District of Hobart Town.*"

"*A Bill for better securing the Independence of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.*"

Mr. Nairn and Mr. Button having returned, reported that they had presented the Bills to the House of Assembly.

17. *Message from House of Assembly.*

"*A Bill to transfer to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates in this Colony vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance,*" passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, and is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

The Council adjourned at half-past seven o'clock until Monday, at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Monday, 22nd December.

*Questions.*

1. Mr. Whyte to ask the Hon. Member for Meander if a young man named Odell was lately dismissed from the Convict Department; and if so, what was the reason of such dismissal?

2. Mr. Bedford to ask the Hon. Member for Meander—1st. Whether it is the intention of the Government to adopt any measures with regard to intramural Burials? 2nd. Whether it is the intention of the Government to furnish this City with a constant instead of an intermittent supply of Water, and when they are likely to enter upon this work?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Whyte to move—

(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty, by which the transportation of British Criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought for by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of great and permanent satisfaction.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists in the settlement of a question so long agitated, while it has confirmed the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the mother country which happily exists in these communities, must inevitably lead to the most beneficial results in vastly improving their social condition, and in rapidly advancing their political character and commercial prosperity.

(3.) That it is the opinion of this House that any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of Convicts to the Northern portion of Australia, or the Islands adjacent, would be regarded as a breach of faith by the Australian Colonists, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

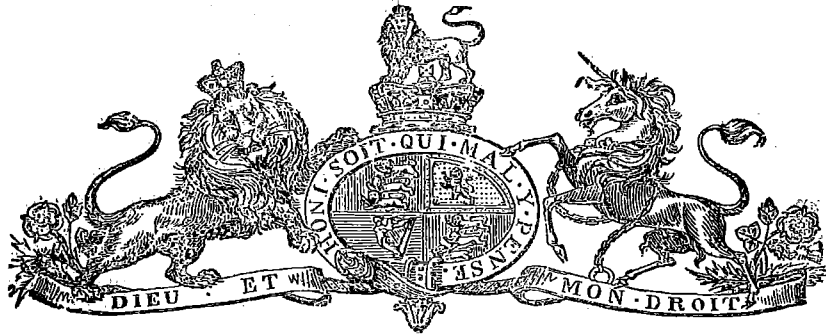
2. Mr. Kermode to move that the Petition presented by him on the 19th instant be printed.

*Order of the Day.*

Electric Telegraphs Bill—committal.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 12.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

"A Bill to amend a Clerical Error in the *Launceston Building Act*" is returned to this Council agreed to by the House of Assembly, borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

3. *Mr. Odell.*

Mr. Whyte, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Nairn if a young man named Odell was lately dismissed from the Convict Department; and if so, what was the reason of such dismissal?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that Mr. Odell was dismissed in July, being then employed as a temporary Clerk. That about six weeks before a statement was made to him (Mr. Nairn) that documents purporting to be Certificates of Freedom could be obtained improperly from his office; that the information given to him was of a very vague character; and that his (Mr. Nairn's) reply was that he had no reason to mistrust any of the persons employed in his office, but that could any proof be brought to him, he would be able to deal with the matter. That he heard no more on the subject until a document was placed in his hands to which Mr. Odell had improperly appended his (Mr. Nairn's) signature, and which had been procured from him (Odell) under an offer of money. The document was legally valueless, purporting to be a Certificate of Freedom in favour of a person who had no existence; and, under all the circumstances, Mr. Nairn was led to believe that Mr. Odell had incurred no legal liability, and that his conduct could only be met by dismissal from his employment.

4. *Intramural Burials.—Water.*

Mr. Bedford, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Nairn—1st. Whether it was the intention of the Government to adopt any measures with regard to Intramural Burials?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the Government had at present no intention of introducing such a measure.

2nd. Whether it is the intention of the Government to furnish this City with a constant instead of an intermittent supply of Water, and when they are likely to enter upon this work?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the supply of Water was the business of the Corporation, and that the Government did not intend to interfere in the matter.

5. Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to *amended* notice:—

(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty, by which the transportation of British Criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought for by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of great and permanent satisfaction.

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(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Question put, and passed.

6. *Petition.*

Mr. Kermode moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition presented by him on the 19th instant be *printed*.

Question put, and passed.

7. *Secretary of Lands Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be read a first time.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill was read a first time.

8. Mr. Nairn, by leave without previous notice, moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The question was put; and a division being demanded, it was found that there was only the Mover on the right of the chair. Whereupon the President declared the Question to be negatived.

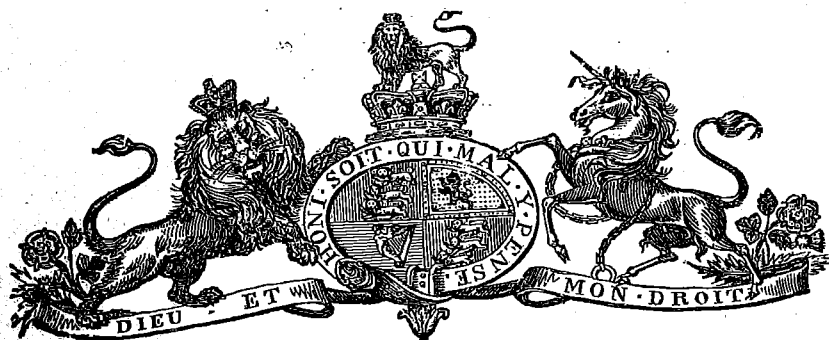
Mr. Nairn moved that the Council do now adjourn until to-morrow at four o'clock.

Mr. Kermode moved as an amendment, that *twelve o'clock to-morrow* be substituted for *four o'clock*.

Question put on the amendment, and passed.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at ten minutes to six until to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1856.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Office of Secretary of Public Lands and Works.*

Mr. Nairn, by leave without previous notice, moved—That this Council, considering the great importance of the Departments of Public Lands and Works, recognizes the expediency of placing them under the control of a Minister responsible to Parliament; and that this Council is therefore prepared to assent to the creation of the office of Secretary of Lands and Works, with such salary as Parliament may see fit to assign thereto.

Debate ensued.

Council divided.

AYES 6.

Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

NOES 5.

Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller.*)

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at a quarter to two o'clock until four o'clock.

3. The Council resumed pursuant to adjournment.

4. *Answer to Address on Order in Executive Council.*

The President read the following answer of His Excellency the Governor to the Address of this Council agreed to on the 11th instant :—

THE Governor in Council acknowledges the Address of the Legislative Council respecting the Order of the 21st November last; and, in reply, informs the Legislative Council that he has directed that those Officers who were returned to Parliament prior to the promulgation of that Order should be exempted from its operation.

H. E. F. YOUNG.

December 23, 1856.

5. *Electric Telegraph Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the President do now leave the chair, and that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The question was put, and passed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Whereupon the Council ordered that the further consideration of the Bill in Committee be an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 6th of January, 1857.

6. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

"A Bill to enable the Government to guarantee the Payment of Interest upon a further Sum of £10,000 to be borrowed by the Mayor and Aldermen of Launceston," sent from the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

7. "A Bill to amend a Clerical Error in the Launceston Building Act."

Ordered to be printed on vellum.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until Tuesday, the 6th January, 1857, at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, 6th January, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Knight to move that a Select Committee, consisting of the Honorable the President, Captain Langdon, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Nairn, and the Mover, be appointed to enquire into the Law of Masters and Servants.

*Order of the Day.*

*Electric Telegraph Bill*—further consideration in Committee.

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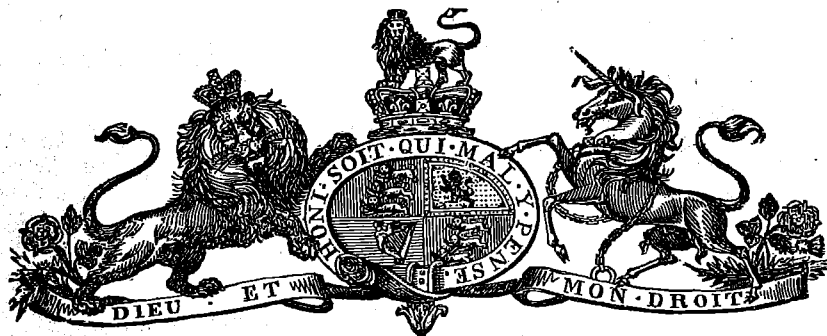
Wednesday, 7th January, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Wedge to move for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the present state of the Trigonometrical Survey, and the probable cost of its completion.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1857.

1. **THE** Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

The Clerk of the Council laid on the Table the under-mentioned Returns :—

(1.) Receipts and Expenditure of Glamorgan and Cornwall Road Trust for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

(2.) Receipts and Expenditure of Devon Road Trust for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

3. *Aborigines Language.*

Mr. Henty, by leave without previous notice, moved that the Address agreed to by this Council on the 16th December last be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Honourable the President.

Question put, and passed.

4. *Motion withdrawn.*

Mr. Knight, by leave, withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for this day.

5. *Messages from House of Assembly.*

"A Bill to amend 'The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1853,'"—"A Bill to repeal part of Section 5 of the Electoral Act,"—passed by the House of Assembly, are borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

6. *Electoral Act Bill.*

Mr. Nairn, by leave without notice, moved that this Bill be read a first time.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill was read a first time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put, was passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a second time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a third time, *passed*, and ordered to be printed on vellum.

7. *Electric Telegraph Bill.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

8. *Cross and Bye Roads Act Amendment Bill.*

Ordered to be printed on vellum.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at twenty minutes to six o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 7th January, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to move for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the present state of the Trigonometrical Survey, and the probable cost of its completion.

2. *Mr. Nairn* to move that the following Members be appointed a Select Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Council; such Committee to have power to confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly, and to report not later than the 14th instant; such Committee to consist of—

The President.

Mr. Nairn.

Mr. Henty.

Mr. Button.

Mr. Smith.

Mr. Bedford.

3. *Mr. Henty* to move that the Committee on the Post Office arrangements, appointed at the early part of this Session, be re-appointed.

4. *Mr. Whyte* to move that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying certain resolutions passed by this House on the 22nd December, 1856, condemnatory of the revival of Transportation to the Northern portion of Australia or the Islands adjacent, and that such Committee consist of Mr. Kermode, Mr. Knight, Mr. Wedge, Mr. Bedford, and the Mover.

5. *Mr. Knight* to move that there be laid upon the Table of this House copy of documents showing on what terms the Assistant Police Magistrate of Hobart Town accepted his office; also, the number of days that he has presided, and showing whether any other Magistrate has presided during other parts of the same day; also, copies of any documents showing on what recommendations the altered system for the management of the Police, now contemplated by the Government, has been approved and proposed by Ministers.

Thursday, 8th January.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Wedge* to move for the Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department referring to the general business of the Department during the last fifteen years, including the Reports on the Harbours of the Colony, Bass's Straits, and the Islands therein, embodying all the information of an useful nature in reference to the general features and resources of the Colony. And whether any Correspondence has taken place in reference to the Claims of the several Officers of the Survey Department; and if so, whether there will be any objection to laying the Correspondence on the Table.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1857.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *Trigonometrical Survey.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the Trigonometrical Survey, and the probable cost of its completion ; such Committee to consist of Captain Langdon, Mr. Smith, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Walker, and the Mover.

Question was put, and passed.

3. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that the following Members be appointed a Select Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Council ; such Committee to have power to confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly, and to report not later than the 14th instant ; such Committee to consist of—

The President.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Bedford.

The Question having been put, was passed.

4. *Post Office Committee.*

Mr. Henty, by leave, withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper of this day,—the recent adjournment of this Council not having interfered with the Committee referred to.

5. *Address to the Governor.*

Mr. Whyte, pursuant to notice, moved that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying certain Resolutions passed by this Council on the 22nd December, 1856, condemnatory of the revival of Transportation to the Northern portion of Australia or the Islands adjacent ; and that such Committee consist of Mr. Kermode, Mr. Knight, Mr. Wedge, Mr. Bedford, and the Mover.

The Question having been put, was passed.

6. *Royal Assent.*

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, was received at the door of the Chamber by the President accompanied by the Members, and, having taken his seat, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to desire the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly in this Chamber. The Speaker and Members of that House having thereupon attended below the Bar, His Excellency the Governor assented in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty to the under-mentioned Acts of the Parliament of Tasmania :—

"An Act to amend a Clerical Error in the 'The Launceston Building Act.'"

"An Act to amend 'The Cross and Bye Roads Act, 1853.'"

"An Act to repeal part of Section 5 of 'The Electoral Act.'"

"An Act to provide that the Electoral Rolls for the year 1856 shall be the Electoral Rolls for the year 1857, and to amend certain provisions as to the Appointment of Returning Officers and Election Auditors."

"An Act to restore the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests holden in and for the District of Hobart Town."

"An Act to declare the Law in the case of a Judge of the Supreme Court becoming President of the Legislative Council."

"An Act for better securing the Independence of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Tasmania."

"An Act to appoint the Registrar of the Supreme Court to be Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the Colony of Tasmania."

His Excellency the Governor having been conducted to the door of the Chamber by the President, accompanied by other Members as before, the Assembly withdrew.

7. *Assistant Police Magistrate of Hobart Town.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, moved that there be laid on the table of this Council copy of documents showing on what terms the Assistant Police Magistrate of Hobart Town accepted his office; also, the number of days he has presided, and showing whether any other Magistrate has presided during other parts of the same day; also, copies of any documents showing on what recommendations the altered system for the management of the Police, now contemplated by the Government, has been approved and proposed by Ministers.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past five o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 8th January, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Wedge to move for the Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department referring to the general business of the Department during the last fifteen years, including the Reports on the Harbours of the Colony, Bass's Straits, and the Islands therein, embodying all the information of an useful nature in reference to the general features and resources of the Colony. And whether any Correspondence has taken place in reference to the Claims of the several Officers of the Survey Department; and if so, whether there will be any objection to laying the Correspondence on the Table.

2. Mr. Bedford to move that on Tuesday, and Friday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

3. Mr. Kermode to move for a Numerical Return of Deaths registered in the Registration Districts of Tasmania for the years 1855 and 1856, not including those who have died without the limits of the Island. Each District's Returns to be kept distinct. The Ages of the deceased to be distinguished in annual periods up to 5 years of age; in quinquennial periods from 5 to 30 years of age; and in decennial periods for all subsequent ages. The Quarterly totals for each District also to be shown separately; both in the following manner :—

## No. 1.

*DEATHS registered in 1856, distributed according to Age.*

YEAR 1856.	Under 1.	Under 2.	Under 3.	Under 4.	Under 5.	Under 10.	Under 15.	Under 20.	Under 25.	Under 30.	Under 40.	Under 50.	Under 60.	Under 70.	Under 80.	Under 90.	Under 100.	Under 110.	TOTAL.
DISTRICTS.																			

## No. 2.

*DEATHS registered in 1856, distributed in Quarters.*

DISTRICTS.	1st Quarter, ending 31st March.	2nd Quarter, ending 30th June.	3rd Quarter, ending 30th September.	4th Quarter, ending 31st December.	TOTAL.

4. Mr. Wedge to move that certain correspondence between the Surveyor-General, Major Cotton, and Mr. Sprent, relating to the Trigonometrical Survey, be laid on the Table of this Council.

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Friday, 9th January.

*Question.*

Captain Langdon to ask the Hon. Member for Meander if the Government have received an application from certain Police Clerks of the interior to be placed on the 2nd Class; and whether there will be any objection to lay that document on the Table, with any reply that may have been given?

Mr. Knight to move for a copy of all reports made by Government to the Secretary of State as to the abolition of either of the offices of Solicitor-General or Crown Solicitor and Clerk of the Peace, or as to their being performed by the same person, and as to the salary; also copy of any representation (if any) made to the Government within the last two years touching the necessity or otherwise of having more than two Law Officers, or any increase of pay.

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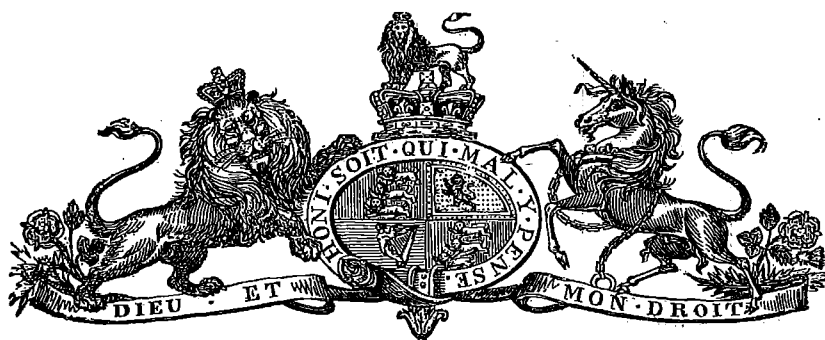
Tuesday, 13th January.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Whyte to move for a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed,—commencing from the 1st of January, 1857.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 16.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

### 2. *Survey Reports.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that there be laid upon the Table of this Council the Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department referring to the general business of the Department during the last fifteen years, including the Reports on the Harbours of the Colony, Bass's Straits, and the Islands therein, embodying all the information of an useful nature in reference to the general features and resources of the Colony.

The Question was put, and passed.

### 3. *Postponement.*

Mr. Bedford, by leave, *postponed* the Motion standing second in his name on the Notice Paper for this day until Wednesday next.

### 4. *Registration of Deaths.*

Mr. Kermode moved, pursuant to notice, that there be laid on the Table of this Council a Numerical Return of Deaths registered in the Registration Districts of Tasmania for the years 1855 and 1856, not including those who have died without the limits of the Island. Each District's Returns to be kept distinct. The Ages of the deceased to be distinguished in annual periods up to 5 years of age ; in quinquennial periods from 5 to 30 years of age ; and in decennial periods for all subsequent ages. The Quarterly totals for each District also to be shown separately ; both in the following manner :—

No. 1.

*DEATHS registered in 1856, distributed according to Age.*

YEAR 1856.	Under 1.	Under 2.	Under 3.	Under 4.	Under 5.	Under 10.	Under 15.	Under 20.	Under 25.	Under 30.	Under 40.	Under 50.	Under 60.	Under 70.	Under 80.	Under 90.	Under 100.	Under 110.	TOTAL.
DISTRICTS.																			

## No. 2.

*DEATHS registered in 1856, distributed in Quarters.*

DISTRICTS.	1st Quarter, ending 31st March.	2nd Quarter, ending 30th June.	3rd Quarter, ending 30th September.	4th Quarter, ending 31st December.	TOTAL.

The Question was put, and passed.

5. *Trigonometrical Survey.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that certain correspondence between the Surveyor-General, Major Cotton, and Mr. Sprent, relating to the Trigonometrical Survey, be laid on the Table of this Council.

The Question was put, and passed.

6. *Papers.*

Mr. Nairn laid on the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—

(1.) *Returns* in respect to Dunrobin Bridge and Gordon River Road.

(2.) *Correspondence* relating to Trigonometrical Survey—ordered by this Council to be laid on the Table.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, 9th January.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask the Hon. Member for Meander if the Government have received an application from certain Police Clerks of the interior to be placed on the 2nd Class; and whether there will be any objection to lay that document on the Table, with any reply that may have been given?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move for a copy of all reports made by Government to the Secretary of State as to the abolition of either of the offices of Solicitor-General or Crown Solicitor and Clerk of the Peace, or as to their being performed by the same person, and as to the salary; also copy of any representation (if any) made to the Government within the last two years touching the necessity or otherwise of having more than two Law Officers, or any increase of pay.

2. *Mr. Wedge* to move for any correspondence that may have taken place within the last two years between the several Officers of the Survey Department and the Government on their respective claims for increase of pay or advancement in the Department.

3. *Mr. Wedge* to move that the papers laid on the Table of this Council on the subject of Dunrobin Bridge be printed.

Tuesday, 13th January.

*Notice of Motion.*

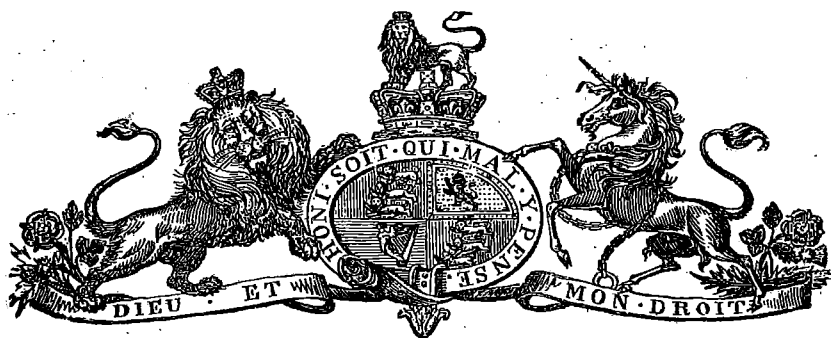
*Mr. Whyte* to move for a Return of the Names and Numbers of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed,—commencing from the 1st of January, 1857.

Wednesday, 14th January.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Bedford* to move that on Tuesday and Friday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 17.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Petition.*

Mr. Kermode presented a Petition from William and Mary Lamb, praying for reparation for the injuries they have sustained by having been taken out of the *City of Hobart Steamer* as runaways,—thus losing their passage to Melbourne, they being free people.

Petition read, and by leave withdrawn.

3. *Launceston Jailer.*

Mr. Wedge asked Mr. Nairn, without previous notice, whether an article in a newspaper published in Launceston, called the *People's Advocate*, preferring charges against Mr. Irvine, the Jailer at Launceston, has come under the notice of the Government; and whether any steps have been taken to investigate the truth or falsehood of the said charges?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that Mr. Irvine the Jailer had forwarded to him a copy of the paper in question, with the request that enquiry might be made into the charges by Visiting Justices; that he had also received a letter from the Proprietor of the Newspaper on the subject; and that, having referred the matter for the Governor's instructions, the Visiting Justices had now been requested to institute the necessary enquiry into the several matters referred to.

4. *Police Clerks.*

Captain Langdon, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Nairn if the Government have received an application from certain Police Clerks of the interior to be placed on the 2nd Class; and whether there will be any objection to lay that document on the Table, with any reply that may have been given?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that such an application had been received by the Government, and that an answer had been returned to the Police Clerks that the Government could not accede to their request; and that there would be no objection to lay the documents in question on the Table of this Council.

5. *Law Officers.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that there be laid on the Table of this Council a copy of all reports made by the Government to the Secretary of State as to the abolition of either of the offices of Solicitor-General or Crown Solicitor and

Clerk of the Peace, or as to their being performed by the same person, and as to the salary; also copy of any representation (if any) made to the Government within the last two years touching the necessity or otherwise of having more than two Law Officers, or any increase of pay.

The Question was put, and passed.

6. *Survey Department.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that there be laid on the Table of this Council any correspondence that may have taken place within the last two years between the several Officers of the Survey Department and the Government on their respective claims for increase of pay or advancement in the Department.

The Question was put, and passed.

7. *Dunrobin Bridge.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that the papers laid on the Table of this Council on the subject of Dunrobin Bridge be *printed*. *Ordered.*

8. *Hamilton Road Trusts.*

The Clerk of the Council laid on the Table a statement of the Monies received and expended by the Trustees of the Hamilton Roads from the 1st December, 1855, to the 1st December, 1856.

9. *Address to His Excellency the Governor.*

Mr. Whyte brought up the Address to His Excellency the Governor, as prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose on the 7th January instant; the same was, by order of the President, read by the Clerk, as follows:—

*To His Excellency* SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, *Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania  
and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyal attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to inform Your Excellency that, on the 22nd day of December, 1856, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Legislative Council:—

(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty, by which the transportation of British Criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought for by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of great and permanent satisfaction.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists in the settlement of a question so long agitated, while it has confirmed the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the mother country which happily exists in these communities, must inevitably lead to the most beneficial results in vastly improving their social condition, and in rapidly advancing their political character and commercial prosperity.

(3.) That it is the opinion of this House that any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of Convicts to the Northern portion of Australia, or the Islands adjacent, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

In accordance with the last of the foregoing Resolutions, we have now respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

Mr. Whyte moved that the Address as read be adopted.

The Question having been put, was passed.

Whereupon Mr. Whyte moved that the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Honourable the President.

This Question was put, and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter-past five o'clock until Tuesday next at four o'clock.



*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, 13th January.

*Question.*

*Mr. Knight* to ask *Mr. Nairn*, whether the Government are prepared to introduce any measures for the amendment of the Law, particularly whether they propose this Session any amendment of the Administration of the Law in Equity, or of the Criminal Law?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Whyte* to move for a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed,—commencing from the 1st of January, 1857.

2. *Mr. Nairn* to move that this Council do resume the consideration of the Electric Telegraphs Bill in Committee.

3. *Mr. Henty* to move that a Return of all the Pensions that have been granted within the last two years, specifying the dates of their commencement, be laid upon the Table of this Council.

4. *Mr. Knight* to move, that it is right, before this Council could properly sanction any Pension or Allowance to Officers by reason of the abolition of their offices, or upon their being removed from a more lucrative to a less lucrative office, or on their being removed from office (except in case of very long and remarkably efficient service), that this Council should be informed, in each case, whether (and, if so, in what manner) any mutual understanding or agreement was come to, when such Officer accepted his office, that his situation would be permanent.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

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*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Whyte* to move for a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed,—commencing from the 1st of January, 1857.

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CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *William Lambe.*

Mr. Kermode presented a Petition from William Lambe, praying for redress for the wrong and injury he has sustained by having been taken out of the *City of Hobart Steamer* as a runaway,—thus losing his passage to Melbourne, he being free.

Petition received, and read.

3. *Papers.*

Mr. Nairn laid on the Table the under-mentioned Papers :—

(1.) *By command, a Despatch* (No. 110) dated 5th October, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of Absolute Pardons.

(2.) The *Correspondence* between the Government and Police Clerks of the interior as to their being placed in the 2nd Class. This Correspondence read, on motion of Captain Langdon.

4. *Message from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council.*

"A Bill to transfer the Duties of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

5. *Law Amendment.*

Mr. Knight withdrew the question on this subject standing in his name on the Notice Paper for this day.

6. *Constabulary.*

Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to notice, that there be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of the names and number of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed,—commencing from the 1st January, 1857. *Ordered.*

7. *Trigonometrical Survey Committee.*

Mr. Wedge, by leave without previous motion, moved that Mr. Knight be appointed a Member of the Trigonometrical Survey Committee.

The Question having been put, was passed.

8. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

9. *Pension Returns.*

Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that there be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of all the Pensions that have been granted within the last two years, specifying the dates of their commencement. *Ordered.*

10. *Pensions.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice,—“That it is right; before this Council could properly sanction any Pension or Allowance to Officers by reason of the abolition of their offices, or upon their being removed from a more lucrative to a less lucrative office, or on their being removed from office (except in case of very long and remarkably efficient service), that this Council should be informed, in each case, whether (and, if so, in what manner) any mutual understanding or agreement was come to, when such Officer accepted his office, that his situation would be permanent.”

The Question was put, and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past nine o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 14th January.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Nairn* to move the first reading of the Ordnance Bill.
2. *Mr. Nairn* to move the second reading of the Launceston Loan Bill.

*Order of the Day.*

*Electric Telegraphs Bill*:—further consideration in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Bedford* to move that on Tuesday and Friday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

2. *Mr. Kermode* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 13th instant be printed.

3. *Mr. Henty* to move for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled “*Proposed Duties Bill.*”

4. *Mr. Knight* to move—“That this Council resolves that the Order of His Excellency in Council, dated 9th January, 1857, directing increased Duties of Customs to be levied forthwith, was issued without lawful authority; and that the said Order is an invasion of the rights of the people, and is derogatory to the rights and privileges of this Council,—inasmuch as the only warrant for the said Order is a Resolution of the House of Assembly to grant those Duties, and no opportunity has been afforded to this Council to deliberate upon or to concur in the said Resolution. That the said Order in Council derives no sufficient sanction from any supposed analogy to Orders issued by the Queen in Council in England for levying Duties of Customs upon the sole authority of a Resolution of the House of Commons,—inasmuch as, by the practice of Parliament in Great Britain, the House of Lords has abandoned the right to amend or alter Money Bills; whereas this Council, elected by the constituencies, has never declined to exercise the right and the duty vested in this Council by the Constitutional Act to amend and alter all Money Bills originating in the House of Assembly.”

Thursday, 15th January.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask what system (if any) has been adopted by the Government in classifying the Clerks of the Public Departments, whether it has been by qualification, length of service, or testimonials of character?

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Knight* to move for a Return of all Convicts in the Colony: of all Persons who have been tried in the Colony within the past twelve months who either were at the time of trial or previously had been Prisoners of the Crown: of all persons of the last two descriptions who were convicted, specifying the sentence of each: also the cost to the Colony in each case of the expenses preliminary to and incidental to their trial, especially the costs paid to Witnesses in each case.

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Friday, 16th January.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Knight* to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Provisions of the First Section of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders, 8 Vict. No. 14.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

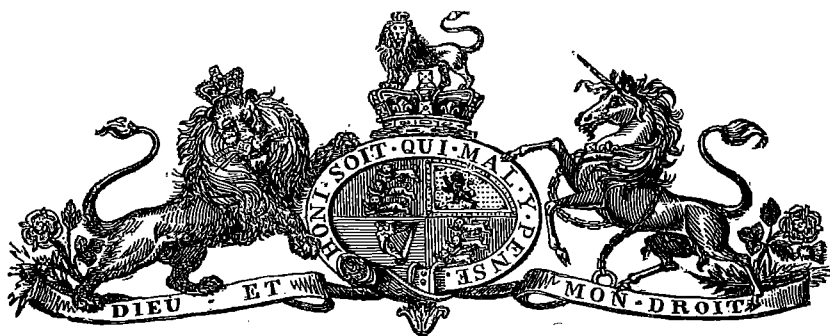
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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 3.—Returns—Dunrobin Bridge. Gordon River Road.

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the President took the Chair.

2. *State Aid.*

Mr. Button presented a *Petition* from the Ministers and Members of the Congregational Union of Tasmania, in yearly meeting assembled, praying this Council to relieve them from the grievance of being constrained by Law to further Creeds and Systems they disapprove of.

Petition received, and read.

3. *Ordinance Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that "A Bill to transfer to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates in this Colony vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance," be read a first time.

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *first* time—to be read a *second* time to-morrow.

4. *Launceston Loan Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that "A Bill to enable the Government to guarantee the Payment of Interest upon a further sum of £10,000 to be borrowed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Launceston," be read a second time.

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *second* time.

5. *Postponement.*

Mr. Nairn, by leave, postponed the further consideration in Committee of "*The Electric Telegraphs Bill*" until to-morrow.

6. *Postponement.*

On motion of Mr. Wedge, the motion standing in Mr. Bedford's name on the Notice Paper for this day was postponed until Friday next.

7. *Petition.*

Mr. Kermode, pursuant to notice, moved that the *Petition* presented by him on the 13th instant be *printed*. *Ordered.*

8. *Proposed Duties Bill.*

Mr. Henty, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill, intituled "*Proposed Duties Bill.*"

The Question was put, and passed.

9. *Order in Council.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice,—“That this Council resolves that the Order of His Excellency in Council, dated 9th January, 1857, directing increased Duties of Customs to be levied forthwith, was issued without lawful authority; and that the said Order is an invasion of the rights of the people, and is derogatory

to the rights and privileges of this Council,—inasmuch as the only warrant for the said Order is a Resolution of the House of Assembly to grant those Duties, and no opportunity has been afforded to this Council to deliberate upon or concur in the said Resolution. That the said Order in Council derives no sufficient sanction from any supposed analogy to Orders issued by the Queen in Council in England for levying Duties of Customs upon the sole authority of a Resolution of the House of Commons,—inasmuch as, by the practice of Parliament in Great Britain, the House of Lords has abandoned the right to amend or alter Money Bills; whereas this Council, elected by the constituencies, has never declined to exercise the right and the duty vested in this Council by the Constitutional Act to amend and alter all Money Bills originating in the House of Assembly.”

Debate ensued.

The Council divided.

AYES 6.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller.*)

NOES 5.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 15th January.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

##### *Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Nairn* to move the first reading of “*A Bill to transfer the Duties of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers.*”

##### *Orders of the Day.*

1. *Electric Telegraph Bill*:—further consideration in Committee.
2. *Ordnance Bill*:—second reading.
3. *Launceston Loan Bill*:—committal.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

##### *Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask what system (if any) has been adopted by the Government in classifying the Clerks of the Public Departments, whether it has been by qualification, length of service, or testimonials of character?

##### *Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move for a Return of all Convicts in the Colony: of all Persons who have been tried in the Colony within the past twelve months who either were at the time of trial or previously had been Prisoners of the Crown: of all persons of the last two descriptions who were convicted, specifying the sentence of each: also the cost to the Colony in each case of the expenses preliminary to and incidental to their trial, especially the costs paid to Witnesses in each case.

2. *Mr. Button* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant be printed.

3. *Mr. Henty* to introduce a Bill, intituled “*Proposed Duties Bill.*”

4. *Mr. Knight* to move that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the Resolution passed on the 14th January instant by this Council.

Friday, 16th January.

##### *Notices of Motion.*

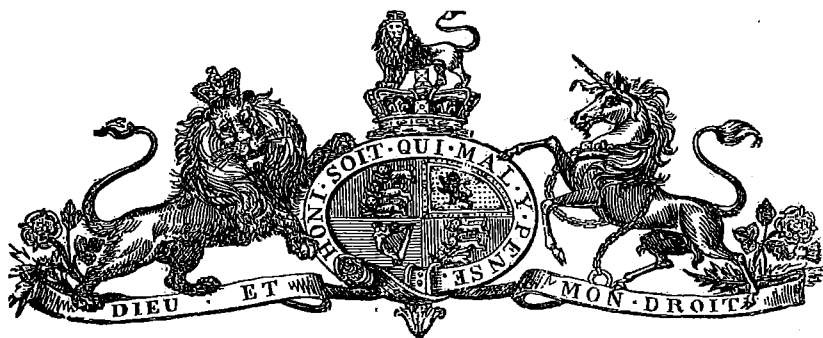
1. *Mr. Knight* to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Provisions of the First Section of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders, 8 Vict. No. 14.

2. *Mr. Bedford* to move that on Tuesday and Friday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

3. *Captain Langdon* to move for a Return showing the number of Constables who have been tried and convicted during twelve months ending the 1st January, 1857, specifying the nature of the offence.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 20.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Postage Communication.*

Mr. Henty, as Chairman, brought up the Report of the Select Committee appointed by this Council, on the 9th December, 1856, to enquire into the Revenue of the Post Office.

Report read, and ordered to be *printed*.

3. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, moved that "A Bill to transfer the Duties of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers" be read a *first* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *first* time.

4. *Electric Telegraph Bill.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. *Ordinance Bill.*

Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, moved the second reading of "A Bill to transfer to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates in this Colony vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordinance."

The Question was put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *second* time.

6. *Launceston Loan Bill.*

On the motion of Mr. Nairn the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of "A Bill to enable the Government to guarantee the Payment of Interest upon a further sum of £10,000 to be borrowed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Launceston."

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the *third* reading to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. *Classification of Clerks.*

Captain Langdon, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Nairn what system (if any) has been adopted by Government in classifying the Clerks of the Public Departments: whether it has been by qualification, length of service, or testimonials of character?

To which Mr. Nairn replied, that the Clerks employed in the different Departments were some time back arranged in three classes,—the third or lowest class being required to possess the necessary qualifications of an efficient copying clerk,—that the Clerks of the second class are expected to be able to write letters from verbal instructions, or otherwise to perform duties of a higher class than those of a third class,—while a first-class Clerk was required to be competent to conduct correspondence, and to take charge of the general business of a Department in absence of the Head of a Department. That with regard to the Police Clerks they had not been included in the general system of classification; but it has been held by the Government that no clerical assistance should be given to the Magistrates beyond that which a third class Clerk might be capable of affording.

8. *Convicts' Returns.*

Mr. Knight, by leave, withdrew the notice of motion standing first in his name on the Notice Paper for this day.

9. *Message from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council.*

"A Bill to amend the Act of this Island, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled An Act for taking an Annual Account of the Population of the Island of Van Diemen's Land, and to make provision for the taking an Account of the Population of the said Island triennially*," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

10. *State Aid Petition.*

Mr. Button, pursuant to notice, moved that the Petition presented by him on the 14th instant be *printed*.

Debate ensued.

The Council divided.

## AYES 7.

Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Button (*Teller*.)

## NOES 3.

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller*.)

11. *Proposed Duties Bill.*

Mr. Henty presented, pursuant to notice, a Bill, intituled "*Proposed Duties Bill*."

The Bill was read a *first* time. To be *printed*.

12. *Address to His Excellency.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, moved, that a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor embodying the Resolution passed on the 14th January instant by this Council.

Debate ensued.

The Council divided.

## AYES 6.

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller*.)

## NOES 6.

Mr. Button.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller*.)

And the numbers being equal, that is to say *six* and *six*, the President gave his casting vote with the Ayes; stating as his reason, that, this Council having affirmed the Resolution in question by its vote yesterday, His Honor felt bound by that decision.

On the motion of Mr. Knight, a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Lowes, Mr. Whyte, and the mover, was appointed to prepare an Address in accordance with the foregoing Resolution, to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by His Honor the President.

The Council adjourned at half-past seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, 16th January.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Provisions of the First Section of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders, 8 Vict. No. 14.

2. *Mr. Bedford* to move that on Tuesday and Friday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

3. *Captain Langdon* to move for a Return showing the number of Constables who have been tried and convicted during twelve months ending the 1st January, 1857, specifying the nature of the offence.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill* :—second reading.
2. *Launceston Loan Bill* :—third reading.
3. *Ordnance Bill* :—committal.
4. *Census Bill* :—first reading.

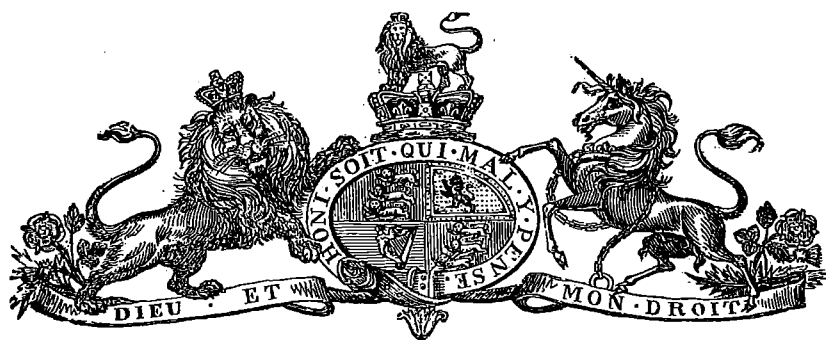
CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Sessional Paper issued.*No. 4.—Petition : William Lambe.  

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 21.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council.*

"A Bill to authorise the raising of the Sum of £80,000 by Debentures chargeable on the General Revenue of Tasmania for making good the Supplies for the Public Service in the year 1856," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

3. *Survey Department.*

Mr. Wedge presented a *Petition* from James Erskine Calder, praying this Council to take such steps as may seem best to them to prevent the injustice which he believes is intended to be done to him by the appointment of Mr. Sprent to the office of Chief Surveyor, thus placing Petitioner in a subordinate position to that gentleman of whom he is the senior.

Petition read, and received.

4. *Message from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council.*

The following Message from the House of Assembly, borne by two Members of that House, is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber, and by him read to the Council:—

"The House of Assembly requests that a free Conference be granted to it by the Legislative Council in reference to the powers of the two Houses in respect to Money Bills, with a view to arranging a mode of exercising these powers which shall conduce to the furtherance of public business without compromising the Constitutional right of either branch of the Legislature.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*"

5. *Free Conference with the House of Assembly.*

On the motion of Mr. Bedford the President left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the answer to be returned to the Message of the House of Assembly on this subject.

The Chairman having reported the following answer, the Council adopted it; and His Honor the President appointed Mr. Nairn and Mr. Lowes to carry the same to the House of Assembly:—

THE Legislative Council assents to the request of the House of Assembly for a free Conference to be granted to it by the Legislative Council in reference to the powers of the two Houses in respect to Money Bills, with a view to arranging a mode of exercising these powers which shall conduce to the furtherance of public business without compromising the Constitutional right of either branch of the Legislature. The Legislative Council has appointed Eleven Managers to conduct such Conference with the House of Assembly; and has further appointed eleven o'clock on Saturday, the 17th January instant, at the Parliamentary Library, to be the time and place for holding such Conference.

THOMAS HORNE, *President*.

*Legislative Council, 16th January, 1857.*

The Messengers having returned, reported to the President that they had delivered the Message as directed.

6. *Transported Offenders Bill.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked for leave to bring in a "*Bill to repeal certain provisions of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders.*"

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Knight presented the Bill, which was read a *first* time, and ordered to be *printed*.

7. *Select Committee.*

Mr. Bedford, pursuant to *amended* notice, moved that on Tuesday in each week, after receiving Petitions and Notices of Motion, the President do enquire whether there are any Select Committees prepared to sit; and if it shall appear that one or more Select Committees are then ready to conduct their enquiries, the Council shall forthwith adjourn until the usual hour of meeting on the next day.

Question put, and *negatived*.

8. *Convicted Constables Return.*

Captain Langdon, pursuant to notice, moved for a Return showing the number of Constables who have been tried and convicted during twelve months ending the 1st January, 1857, specifying the nature of the offence.

The Question was put, and passed.

9. *Order in Council—Address to His Excellency.*

Mr. Whyte brought up the Address prepared by the Committee appointed on the 15th instant to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the Resolution on the Order in Council, dated 9th January, 1857, passed by this Council on the 14th January instant, as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyal attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to inform Your Excellency that, on the 14th day of January, the following Resolution was adopted by the Legislative Council:—

"That this Council resolves that the Order of His Excellency in Council, dated the 9th January, 1857, directing increased Duties of Customs to be levied forthwith, was issued without lawful authority; and that the said Order is an invasion of the rights of the people, and is derogatory to the rights and privileges of this Council,—inasmuch as the only warrant for the said Order is a Resolution of the House of Assembly to grant those Duties, and no opportunity has been afforded to this Council to deliberate upon or concur in the said Resolution. That the said Order in Council derives no sufficient sanction from any supposed analogy to Orders issued by the Queen in Council in England for levying Duties of Customs upon the sole authority of a Resolution of the House of Commons,—inasmuch as, by the practice of Parliament in Great Britain, the House of Lords has abandoned the right to amend or alter Money Bills; whereas this Council, elected by the constituencies, has never declined to exercise the right and the duty vested in this Council by the Constitutional Act to amend and alter all Money Bills originating in the House of Assembly."

We have further respectfully to inform Your Excellency that, on the 15th instant, it was resolved,—

"That an Address, embodying the Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on the 14th instant, be prepared by a Committee, and be signed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President."

In accordance with the Resolution last referred to, we have now respectfully to transmit the Resolution adopted by this House on the 14th instant for Your Excellency's information, and such consideration as to Your Excellency may seem meet.

The same having been read by the Clerk,  
Mr. Knight moved that the Address as read be now adopted.  
The Question was put, and passed.

10. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved, that "A Bill to transfer the Duties of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers" be now read a *second* time.

Debate ensued.

Upon which Mr. Henty moved as an amendment, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Button, Mr. Smith, Mr. Walker, Mr. Bisdee, Mr. Henty, and Mr. Nairn, to report within ten days after the recess.

Question put upon the amendment, and passed.

11. *Launceston Loan Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that this Bill be now read a *third* time.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to enable the Government to guarantee the Payment of Interest upon a further sum of £10,000 to be borrowed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Launceston.*"

The Question was put, and passed.

Bill ordered to be printed on vellum.

12. *Ordinance Bill.*

Mr. Nairn obtained leave for the Order of the Day for the Committal of the Ordinance Bill being discharged.

13. *Census Bill.*

On motion of Mr. Nairn, this Bill was read a *first* and *second* time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,

The Council adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to amend the Act of this Island, intituled An Act for taking an Annual Account of the Population of the Island of Van Diemen's Land, and to make provision for the taking an Account of the Population of the said Island triennially.*"

Question put, and passed.

The Bill ordered to be printed on vellum.

14. *Loan Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved the first reading of this Bill.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be read a *second* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report.

And the Bill was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of the Sum of £80,000 by Debentures chargeable on the General Revenue of Tasmania for making good the Supplies for the Public Service for the year 1856.*"

Question put, and passed.

The Bill ordered to be printed on vellum.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past nine o'clock until to-morrow at a quarter to eleven o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Saturday, 17 January.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Wedge to move that the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant be printed.

Wednesday, 11 February.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Whyte* to move,—That on the 23rd of December last the following Resolution was moved by *Mr. Nairn* :—

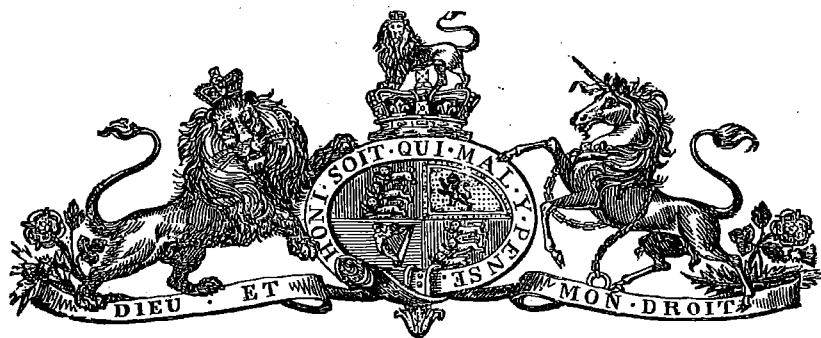
“That this Council, considering the great importance of the Departments of Public Lands and Works, recognizes the expediency of placing them under the control of a Minister responsible to Parliament; and that this Council is therefore prepared to assent to the creation of the Office of Secretary of Lands and Works, with such Salary as Parliament may see fit to assign thereto.”

That the above Resolution was carried by a majority of one,—a fifth of the Members being absent under the impression that the Council was to adjourn on the 22nd, and that no question of importance would be brought before it prior to such adjournment. That, under these circumstances, it is therefore resolved that the Resolution of the 23rd December above referred to be rescinded, and expunged from the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 22.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.
2. *Free Conference with the House of Assembly.*

The under-mentioned Members, appointed by this Council on the 16th instant to be Managers to conduct the free conference with the House of Assembly, in reference to the powers of the two Houses with respect to Money Bills, their names being called over by the President, repaired to the place of meeting at the appointed hour; the deliberations of the Council being suspended; viz.—

The President.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Henty.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Whyte.

The Managers having returned, His Honor the President reported that they had attended the conference; and that it was considered advisable to adjourn such conference until Friday, the 11th February next, at eleven o'clock. The Managers therefore requested the permission of this Council to attend such conference accordingly.

Question put, and passed.

3. *Addresses to His Excellency.*

The President reported that he had presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address on the subject of the Aborigines Language which had been adopted by this Council, on the 16th December, 1856; and that His Excellency had replied that the subject should have his earliest attention. Also, that His Honor had presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address on the subject of Transportation, adopted by this Council on the 9th January instant; and that His Excellency had replied, that the Resolutions embodied in such Address should be forwarded to the Secretary of State by the first opportunity.

4. *Mr. Calder's Petition.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant be *printed*.

Question put, and negatived.

5. *Message from the House of Assembly to the Legislative Council.*

"A Bill to amend an Act, intituled An Act to make provision for the more effectual Distribution of Insolvent Estates," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of the Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

6. *Call of the House.*

Mr. Whyte, by leave without notice, moved, that as the Notice of Motion for the 11th February, to take into consideration the propriety of rescinding a previous resolution passed by this House, is one of great importance, involving the question whether or not a new and expensive office shall be created in the present depressed state of the Finances of the Colony, a Call of the House be ordered for that day.

Upon which Mr. Button moved as an amendment, that the 13th of February be the day ordered for the Call of the House.

Question put upon the amendment, and *negatived*.

Whereupon the question was put upon the original motion, and passed.

7. *Insolvent Act Amendment Bill.*

Mr. Knight, by leave without previous notice, moved that this Bill be read a *first* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

Mr. Nairn moved, that the Bill be read a *second* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time.

Mr. Nairn moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,

Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be read a *third* time.

The Question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time, and *passed*.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Title of the Bill be, "A Bill to amend an Act, intituled An Act to make provision for the more effectual Distribution of Insolvent Estates."

The Question was put, and passed.

The Bill ordered to be *printed* on vellum.

The Council adjourned at forty minutes past one o'clock until five minutes to two o'clock.

## 8. Council resumed pursuant to adjournment: the President took the Chair.

9. *Royal Assent.*

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, was received at the door of the Chamber by the President, and, having taken his seat, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to desire the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly in this Chamber. The Speaker and Members of that House having thereupon attended below the Bar, His Excellency the Governor assented in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty to the under-mentioned Acts of the Parliament of Tasmania:—

"An Act to authorise the raising of the Sum of £80,000 by Debentures chargeable on the General Revenue of Tasmania for making good the Supplies for the Public Service in the year 1856."

"An Act to enable the Government to guarantee the Payment of Interest upon a further sum of £10,000 to be borrowed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Launceston."

"An Act to amend the Act of this Island, intituled An Act to repeal an Act, intituled An Act for taking an Annual Account of the Population of the Island of Van Diemen's Land, and to make provision for the taking an Account of the Population of the said Island triennially."

"An Act to amend an Act, intituled An Act to make provision for the more effectual Distribution of Insolvent Estates."

His Excellency the Governor having been conducted to the door of the Chamber by the President, the Assembly withdrew.

On the motion of Mr. Nairn, the Council adjourned at a quarter past two o'clock until Tuesday, the 10th of February next, at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, 10th February.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Ordinance Bill*—committal.
  2. *Electric Telegraphs Bill*—adoption of report.
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Wednesday, 11th February.

*Order of the Day.*

Call of the House.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Whyte* to move,—That on the 23rd of December last the following Resolution was moved by *Mr. Nairn* :—

“That this Council, considering the great importance of the Departments of Public Lands and Works, recognizes the expediency of placing them under the control of a Minister responsible to Parliament; and that this Council is therefore prepared to assent to the creation of the Office of Secretary of Lands and Works, with such Salary as Parliament may see fit to assign thereto.”

That the above Resolution was carried by a majority of one,—a fifth of the Members being absent under the impression that the Council was to adjourn on the 22nd, and that no question of importance would be brought before it prior to such adjournment. That, under these circumstances, it is therefore resolved that the Resolution of the 23rd December above referred to be rescinded, and expunged from the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

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Friday, 13th February.

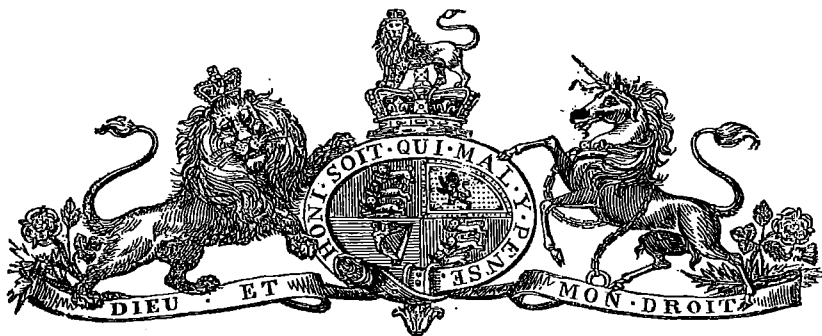
*Order of the Day.*

*Transported Offenders Bill*—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 23.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *New Taxes.*

The Honourable Mr. Walker presented a *Petition* from the Members of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Hobart Town, praying this Council not to approve of any Bill which will have the effect of imposing any new Taxes, either through the Tariff or otherwise.

*Petition received, and read.*

3. *Papers.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn laid on the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—

(1.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 10th December, 1856, on the motion of Mr. Knight, for a Return of Convictions by Justices in this Colony since 1st January, 1856, of all Constables still employed in the Police of this Colony; also, a Return of all Constables removed from one Station to another in consequence of any complaint or misconduct; also, a Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the *Licensing Act* when they have been acquitted; and a Return of all Prosecutions by Constables under the same Act followed by Convictions.

(2.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 16th December, 1856, on the motion of Mr. Bedford, for a Return of the Informations under the *Vaccination Act*, 1853.

(3.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 18th December, 1856, on the motion of Mr. Button, for a Return of the Number of the Informations, Convictions, Warrants issued without previous Summons, and the Number of Persons apprehended without Warrant or Summons, under the *Masters and Servants Act*.

(4.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 7th January, 1857, on the motion of Mr. Knight, for the documents connected with the appointment of an Assistant Police Magistrate for Hobart Town.

(5.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 8th January, 1857, on the motion of Mr. Kermode, for Returns of the Registration of Deaths in Tasmania in 1855 and 1856.

(6.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 9th January, 1857, on the motion of Mr. Wedge, for the correspondence between the several Officers of the Survey Department and the Government within the last two years, on their respective claims for increase of pay or advancement in the Department.

(7.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 13th January last, on the motion of Mr. Whyte, for a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in the Territory, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.

(8.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 13th January last, on the motion of Mr. Henty, for a Return of all Pensions granted within the last two years.

(9.) The Return to the Order made by this Council on the 16th January last, on the motion of Mr. Langdon, for a Return showing the number of Constables who have been tried and convicted during twelve months ending 1st January, 1857.

#### 4. *New Tariff.*

The Honourable the President reported that he had been to Government House, and had there presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address on the Order in Executive Council directing increased Duties of Customs to be levied forthwith, which was adopted by this Council on the 16th ultimo; and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

I beg to acknowledge the expression of loyal and dutiful attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty which this Address contains.

I assure you that the Resolution of the Legislative Council to which you have drawn my attention shall receive every consideration; and, at the same time, I desire to express my satisfaction at the existence of a Conference between the two Houses of the Parliament upon the important question of the relative powers and duties of the Houses in reference to measures of Finance.

I trust that the result of that Conference will conduce to the advantageous discharge of the public business.

H. E. F. YOUNG.

*Government House, Hobart Town,  
10th February, 1857.*

#### 5. *Ordnance Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved that the Honourable the President do now leave the Chair, and that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Question was put, and passed.

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

Whereupon the Council ordered that the further consideration of this Bill in Committee be an Order of the Day for to-morrow, the 11th instant.

#### 6. *Electric Telegraphs Bill—Recommittal.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved that the Honourable the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

Question put, and passed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow the 11th instant.

The Council adjourned at five o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 11th February.

#### *Order of the Day.*

Call of the House.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

1. *Ordnance Bill*—further consideration in Committee.
2. *Electric Telegraphs Bill*—adoption of Report.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Whyte* to move,—That on the 23rd of December last the following Resolution was moved by *Mr. Nairn* :—

“That this Council, considering the great importance of the Departments of Public Lands and Works, recognizes the expediency of placing them under the control of a Minister responsible to Parliament; and that this Council is therefore prepared to assent to the creation of the Office of Secretary of Lands and Works, with such Salary as Parliament may see fit to assign thereto.”

That the above Resolution was carried by a majority of one,—a fifth of the Members being absent under the impression that the Council was to adjourn on the 22nd, and that no question of importance would be brought before it prior to such adjournment. That, under these circumstances, it is therefore resolved that the Resolution of the 23rd December above referred to be rescinded, and expunged from the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

2. *Mr. Whyte* to move for a Return of the amount of Money that has been expended on the New Government House, and what is the estimated amount that will be required to finish it.

3. *Mr. Walker* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant be *printed*.

*Order of the Day.*

*Proposed Duties Bill*—second reading.

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Thursday, 12th February.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask the Honourable *Mr. Nairn* whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Licensed Victuallers Act?

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Friday, 13th February.

*Order of the Day.*

*Transported Offenders Bill*—second reading.

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Tuesday, 17th February.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Henty* to move that the lengthened continuance of Transportation of Imperial Convicts to this Colony has entailed upon the Colonists heavy burdens in providing for Police, Gaols, and Pauperism, which should be borne by the Imperial Government, but which at present press with most unjust and inequitable weight upon the Colony; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for the reconsideration of the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the withdrawal of the contributions in aid from the British Treasury as conveyed to Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Denison in the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th February, 1854, No. 23.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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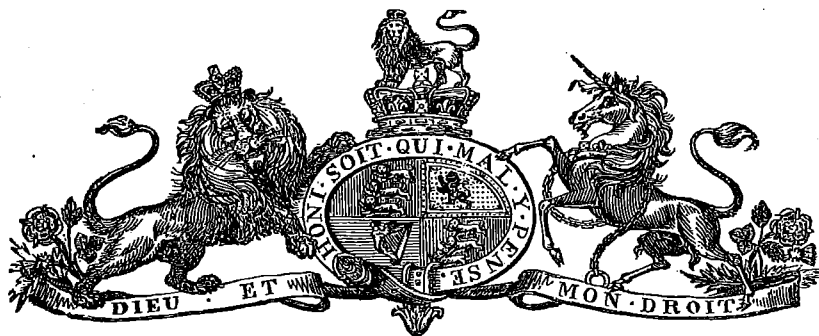
*Sessional Papers issued.*

No. 5. State Aid Petition.

No. 6. Report of Select Committee on Postage.







# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment : the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Petitions—Increased Taxation and Public Expenditure.*

(1.) The Honourable Mr. Wedge presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of the District of Morven, praying the House of Assembly not to sanction any measure having for its object increased Taxation.

*Petition received*, and ordered to be *read*, but by leave withdrawn, on its being found to be addressed to the House of Assembly.

(2.) The Honourable Mr. Whyte presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of Glamorgan, praying that this House will so arrange the Expenditure of Government, by judicious retrenchments, as to meet the annual expenses and to leave a considerable surplus.

*Petition received*, and *read*.

(3.) The Honourable Mr. Whyte presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of the District of Sorell, praying this Council not to pass into law any scheme of additional Taxation until a complete revision and retrenchment of the present Public Expenditure shall have been effected.

*Petition received*, and *read*.

3. *Call of the House.*

The Clerk, by direction of the President, and pursuant to the Order in that behalf made on the 17th January last, called over the names of the Members, and all the Members answered in their places.

4. *Ordinance Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill so reported to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. *Motion withdrawn.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte by leave withdrew the motion standing No. 1 in his name on the Notice Paper of this day.

7. *New Government House.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for a Return of the amount of Money that has been expended on the New Government House, what is the estimated amount that will be required to finish it, and the time that will be required to finish it.

Question put, and passed.

8. *Petition from Chamber of Commerce.*

The Honourable Mr. Walker moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant be *printed*. *Ordered.*

9. *Proposed Duties Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that "*The Proposed Duties Bill*" be now read a *second* time.

The Question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time.

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Henty moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 13th instant.

10. *Postponement.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty obtained leave to postpone the motion standing in his name for Tuesday, the 17th instant, until Wednesday, the 18th instant.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 12th February.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Ordnance Bill*—third reading.
2. *Electric Telegraphs Bill*—adoption of Report.

OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Whyte* to move that the Petition from Inhabitants of Glamorgan, presented by him on the 11th instant, be *printed*.

2. *Mr. Whyte* to move that the Petition from Inhabitants of Sorell, presented by him on the 11th instant, be *printed*.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask Mr. Nairn whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Licensed Victuallers Act?

Friday, 13th February.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Whyte* to move for a Return of all monies taken from Prisoners of the Crown during the last five years, stating the amount taken from each prisoner, his name, and when and how the same has been disposed of; and what monies (if any,) now remain, and where the same are deposited?

*Questions.*I. *Mr. Wedge* to ask *Mr. Nairn*,—

1st. Under what authority the Contract for the erection of the line of Telegraph from Hobart Town to Launceston has been entered into?

2nd. Whether the Public Accounts of this Island of the Treasury or Audit are now, or have been since the date of the Constitution Act taking effect, forwarded to the Treasury of England, or other Department of the Empire of Great Britain; and if so, whether at the cost of the Imperial Government or of this Colony?

3rd. The cause why an absolute pardon, similar to those granted recently to *all* other political offenders (excepting those who absconded from this Island), has not been issued to "*W. Cuffey*," who was transported to the Colony as a Chartist some years ago, and whose conduct here is understood to have been such as to deserve consideration?

2. *Mr. Whyte* to ask *Mr. Nairn* if the Twin Ferry Boat is to be sold by Tender on the 19th instant; and if so, what is the reason that the usual mode of disposing of Government property has been departed from?

*Orders of the Day.*

*Proposed Duties Bill*—adoption of Report.

*Mem.*—Free Conference at eleven o'clock.

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Wednesday, 18th February.

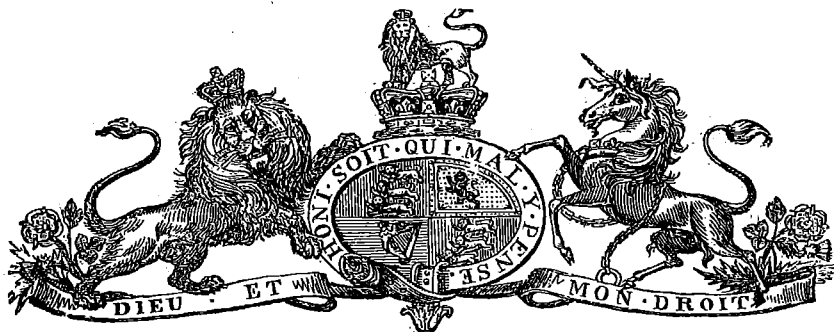
*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Henty* to move that the lengthened continuance of Transportation of Imperial Convicts to this Colony has entailed upon the Colonists heavy burdens in providing for Police, Gaols, and Pauperism, which should be borne by the Imperial Government, but which at present press with most unjust and inequitable weight upon the Colony; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for the reconsideration of the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the withdrawal of the contributions in aid from the British Treasury, as conveyed to Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Denison in the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th February, 1854, No. 23.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Increased Taxation.*

The Honourable Mr. Wedge presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of Morven, praying this Council not to sanction any measure having for its object increased Taxation.

*Petition received, and read.*

3. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn, as Chairman, brought up the Report of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred on the 16th ultimo, together with a new Draft Bill.

Report received, read, and, on motion of Mr. Nairn, ordered to be remitted to the Select Committee.

4. *Ordnance Bill*, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Nairn, read a *third* time.

The Honourable Mr. Nairn then moved that the Title of this Bill be, "*A Bill to transfer to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates in this Colony vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.*"

The Question having been put, was passed.

On motion being made that this Bill do now pass,

The Honourable Mr. Kermode moved, as an amendment, that the passing of this Bill be postponed until Tuesday next, in order that certain Returns promised by the Honourable Mr. Nairn may be laid on the Table.

Question put upon the amendment, and negatived.

Whereupon the main Question was put, and carried.

And the Bill was passed. Ordered to be printed on *vellum*.

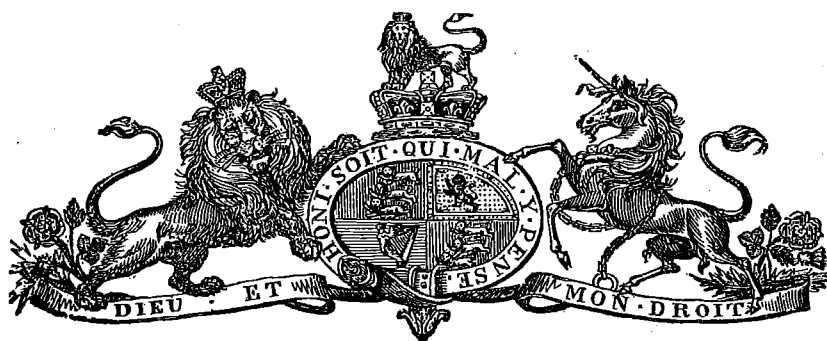
5. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed.

And the Council ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 26.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.
2. The Council adjourned during pleasure.
3. The Council resumed.
4. *Free Conference.*

The names of the Managers appointed to meet the House of Assembly at a Free Conference were called over, when all the Managers appeared in their places, as follows:—

The Honourable The President,  
The Honourable Mr. Knight,  
The Honourable Mr. Kermode,  
The Honourable Mr. Wedge,  
The Honourable Mr. Smith,  
The Honourable Mr. Henty,  
The Honourable Captain Langdon,  
The Honourable Mr. Bedford,  
The Honourable Mr. Button,  
The Honourable Mr. Nairn,  
The Honourable Mr. Whyte.

The Managers repaired to the Conference at the appointed hour; and being returned,

The Honourable the President reported that the Conference had broken up without any definite result having been arrived at.

The Council adjourned until four o'clock.

5. The Council resumed.
6. *Additional Taxation.*

The Honourable Mr. Bisdee presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of Brighton and its Vicinity against additional Taxation.

*Petition received, and read.*

7. *Prisoners' Monies.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return of all monies taken from Prisoners of the Crown during the last five years, stating the amount taken from each prisoner, his name, and when and how the same has been

disposed of; and what monies (if any) now remain, and where the same are deposited. *Ordered.*

8. *Petition to be printed.*

The Honourable Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition presented by him yesterday be *printed.* *Ordered.*

9. *Returns to be printed.*

The Honourable Mr. Kermode moved, pursuant to notice, that the Returns of the Registration of Deaths, laid on the Table of this Council on the 10th instant, be *printed.* *Ordered.*

10. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

A Bill to amend the *Hobart Town Gas Company's Act*, and to extend the Powers of the said Company, passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the Honourable the President within the Bar of the Chamber.

11. *Questions.*

The Honourable Mr. Wedge asked the Honourable Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice,—

(1st.) Under what authority the Contract for the erection of the line of Telegraph from Hobart Town to Launceston has been entered into?

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied—"Upon the Governor's authority."

(2nd.) Whether the Public Accounts of this Island of the Treasury or Audit are now, or have been since the date of the Constitution Act taking effect, forwarded to the Treasury of England, or other Department of the Empire of Great Britain; and if so, whether at the cost of the Imperial Government or of this Colony?

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied—"That the transmission to the Commissioners of Audit in England of the Original Warrants, Accounts, and Vouchers of the *General Revenue and Expenditure* of this Colony has been discontinued since the year 1852 (for 1851), in consequence of the Colony obtaining control over the same by the Constitution 13 & 14 Vict., cap. 59.

But all the original Warrants, detailed Accounts, and Vouchers of the *Land Fund Revenue and Expenditure*, as well as of the several parts of Schedule C. to the above quoted Act, have been regularly forwarded to the Commissioners of Audit up to 1856 (for 1855), when the operation of the New Constitution Act, giving control to the Parliament over the *consolidated Revenues* of the Colony, was considered to render the continuance of this practice unnecessary.

All that is now done, therefore, is to furnish Quarterly Accounts of the Expenditure under the present Reserved Schedules, and certain Abstract statements of the Revenues and Expenditure of the Colony, which are transmitted by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State."

(3rd.) The cause why an absolute pardon, similar to those granted recently to *all* other political offenders (excepting those who absconded from this Island), has not been issued to "W. Cuffey," who was transported to the Colony as a Chartist some years ago, and whose conduct here is understood to be such as to deserve consideration?

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied, that he was not aware of the cause of a Free Pardon not having been issued to "W. Cuffey." That his application for a Conditional Pardon was submitted to the favourable consideration of the Secretary of State in August, 1855, but that no reply has been received.

12. *Twin Ferry Boat.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte asked the Honourable Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, if the Twin Ferry Boat is to be sold by Tender on the 19th instant; and if so, what is the reason that the usual mode of disposing of Government property has been departed from?

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied, that the House of Assembly, when refusing to vote the necessary supplies for the maintenance of the Twin Ferry Boat, left it to the Executive to dispose of the Boat in such manner as might appear to be best for the interests of the public. That the Government do not deem it expedient, pending the result of their Tender, to state the grounds upon which that course was taken.

13. *Transported Offenders Bill.*

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knight, "*A Bill to repeal certain Provisions of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders*" was read a *second* time, and the Council was put into Committee thereon.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday.



14. *Proposed Duties Bill reported.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved that the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill be now adopted.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was ordered to be *printed*, and the *third* reading to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

15. *Gas Company Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Bedford moved that "*A Bill to amend The Hobart Town Gas Company's Act, and to extend the Powers of the said Company,*" be now read a *first* time.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

To be read a *second* time on Wednesday.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to six o'clock until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, 17th February.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move that this Council resolves that it is right that all Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes (excepting what may be necessary to meet claims of the Clergy who may be entitled to compensation) should be brought to an end.

2. *Mr. Bisdée* to move that the Petition from Brighton presented by him on the 13th instant be *printed*.

3. *Mr. Whyte* to move that a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in this Territory, distinguishing their rank, their pay, how employed, and where they are employed, commencing from the 1st of January, 1857, now on the Table of this House, be *printed*.

4. *Mr. Bedford* to move for a Numerical Return of the Invalids at Impression Bay, specifying how many are or have been Convicts.

*Questions.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to ask Mr. Nairn to lay on the Table Financial Statements for the year 1856, similar to those for 1855, contained in the Parliamentary Paper, No. 18, which has been presented to this House.

2. *Mr. Bedford* to ask Mr. Nairn whether there is not a Board in this Colony to regulate the Expenditure connected with the Convict Department, what Officers form that Board, and if it is the duty of the Board to determine when Prisoners who have been Convicts are to be supported as Paupers by the Colony.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Electric Telegraphs Bill*—*third* reading.

2. *Transported Offenders Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.

3. *Proposed Duties Bill*—*third* reading.

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Wednesday, 18th February.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Henty* to move that the lengthened continuance of Transportation of Imperial Convicts to this Colony has entailed upon the Colonists heavy burdens in providing for Police, Gaols, and Pauperism, which should be borne by the Imperial Government, but which at present press with most unjust and inequitable weight upon the Colony; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for the reconsideration of the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the withdrawal of the contributions in aid from the British Treasury, as conveyed to Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Denison in the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th February, 1854, No. 23.

*Order of the Day.*

*Gas Company Bill*—*second* reading.

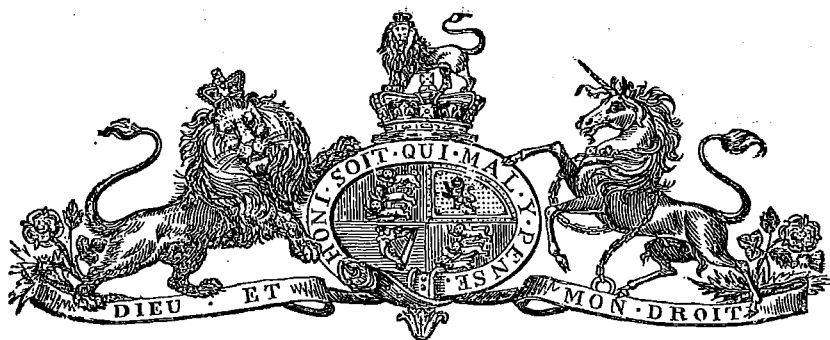
CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 9. Petition from Glamorgan against additional Taxation.





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The under-mentioned Bills passed by the House of Assembly are borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and are received by the Honourable the President:—

“A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue.”

“A Bill to alter the Duties of Customs.”

“A Bill to amend the Act of Council of this Island, intituled An Act to repeal the Act of Council of this Island, intituled An Act to restrain the Increase of Dogs, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.”

Ordered—That “A Bill to alter the Duties of Customs” do take precedence in the Orders of the Day for to-morrow of the other Bills received to-day from the House of Assembly.

3. *Papers.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn laid on the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) The Return to the Order of this Council made on the 8th ultimo, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. Wedge, for Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department during the last fifteen years, including the Reports on the Harbours of the Colony, Bass's Straits, and the Islands therein.

(2.) The Return to the Order of this Council made on the 13th instant, on the motion of the Honourable Mr. Whyte, for a Return of all Monies taken from Prisoners of the Crown during the last five years.

(3.) A Return of Convicts in the Island of Tasmania on the 31st December, 1856.

4. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn, as Chairman, brought up the amended Report of the Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on the 16th January last.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report, and the second reading of the Bill, be an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

5. *Grants for Ecclesiastical Purposes.*

The Honourable Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that this Council resolves that all Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes (excepting what may be necessary to meet claims of the Clergy who may be entitled to compensation) should be brought to an end.

Debate ensued.

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved the previous Resolution.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put—Shall this Question be now put?

The Council divided.

## AYES 5.

Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller.*)

## NOES 9.

Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

6. *Petition to be printed.*

The Honourable Mr. Bisdee moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition from Brighton, presented by him on the 13th instant, be *printed.* *Ordered.*

7. *Returns to be printed.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to notice, that a Return of the Names and Number of all Constables employed in this Territory, from 1st January, 1857, now on the Table of this House, be *printed.* *Ordered.*

8. *Invalids at Impression Bay.*

The Honourable Mr. Bedford moved, pursuant to amended notice, for a Numerical Return of the Invalids at Impression Bay, specifying how many of them have been Convicts, and how many are paid from Colonial Funds. *Ordered.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn laid upon the Table the Return just called for, which the Council ordered to be *printed.*

9. *Financial Statements.*

The Honourable Mr. Knight asked the Honourable Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, to lay on the Table Financial Statements for the year 1856, similar to those for 1855, contained in the Parliamentary Paper, No. 18, which has been presented to this House.

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied, that there was no objection, and that the Papers should be laid upon the Table as soon as prepared.

10. *Convict Expenditure Board.*

The Honourable Mr. Bedford asked the Honourable Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, whether there is not a Board in this Colony to regulate the Expenditure connected with the Convict Department, what Officers form that Board, and if it is the duty of the Board to determine when Prisoners who have been Convicts are to be supported by the Colony?

To which the Honourable Mr. Nairn replied, that there is a Board for the purpose named, consisting of the Colonial Secretary, the Acting Comptroller-General, and the Commissariat Officer in charge,—that it forms no part of their duty to determine when Prisoners who have been Convicts are to be supported as Paupers by the Colony.

11. *Electric Telegraphs Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved that the Bill be now read a *third* time.

Upon which the Honourable Mr. Lowes moved as an amendment, that the Bill be read a third time *this day six months.*

Debate ensued.

Question put upon the amendment.

The Council divided.

## AYES 3.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Lowes. (*Teller.*)

## NOES 11.

Mr. Button.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Smith.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

The main question was then put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time, and *passed*.

The Honourable Mr. Nairn then moved that the title of the Bill be, "*A Bill for Electric Telegraphs.*"

Question put, and passed.

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved that the Bill with amendments be returned to the House of Assembly, requesting its concurrence therein.

Question put, and passed.

The Honourable the President then appointed the Honourable Mr. Nairn and the Honourable Mr. Bedford to return the Bill to the House of Assembly.

The Messengers appointed proceeded to the Assembly Chamber, and on their return reported that they had presented the Bill to the Assembly.

#### 12. *Transported Offenders Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment,

The Council adopted the Report, and ordered the third reading to be an Order of the Day for Friday next.

#### 13. *Proposed Duties Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved that this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time, and *passed*.

The Honourable Mr. Henty then moved that the title of the Bill be, "*Proposed Duties Bill.*"

Question put, and passed.

The Honourable Mr. Henty next moved that the Bill be carried to the House of Assembly, and that its concurrence be requested therein.

This Question was put, and passed.

The Honourable the President appointed the Honourable Mr. Henty and the Honourable Mr. Bedford to carry the Bill to the House of Assembly.

#### 14. *Postponement.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty obtained leave to postpone the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow until Friday next.

The Council adjourned at half-past nine o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 18th February.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

##### *Orders of the Day.*

1. *Customs Bill*—first reading.
2. *Appropriation Bill*—first reading.
3. *Dog Bill*—first reading.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

##### *Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Whyte* to move—"That the usual mode of disposing of Government property has hitherto been by Public Auction; that it has been officially announced in the newspapers that the Twin Ferry-boat is to be sold on the 19th instant by tender; that this House condemns the course adopted by the Executive with reference to the sale of the Twin Ferry-boat by tender; and now resolves, that if the said Twin Ferry-boat is to be sold, that the sale should be by auction, in accordance with the practice that has hitherto obtained in this Colony, unless a sufficient reason can be assigned to the contrary."

##### *Order of the Day.*

*Gas Company Bill*—second reading.

Thursday, 19th February.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

##### *Order of the Day.*

*Chief Police Magistrate Bill*—Consideration of Report of Select Committee and second reading of the Bill.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Wedge* to move that the Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department, laid on the Table of the Council on the 17th instant, be *printed*.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask *Mr. Nairn* whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Works at Dunrobin Bridge by the means now employed, or by contract?

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Friday, 20th February.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move that a Committee be appointed to consider and report the best mode of regulating the sale and other disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown, and for disposing of the proceeds arising therefrom for the Public Service of the Colony, such Committee to consist of—

The President,  
Captain Langdon,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Lowes,  
Mr. Walker,

and to report on or before Friday, the 6th of March next.

2. *Mr. Wedge* to move for a Nominal Return of all the Imperial Officers who have received Colonial appointments within the last three years, with the date of the same, and how many Colonial Officers have been displaced by such appointments.

3. *Mr. Henty* to move that the lengthened continuance of Transportation of Imperial Convicts to this Colony has entailed upon the Colonists heavy burdens in providing for Police, Gaols, and Pauperism, which should be borne by the Imperial Government, but which at present press with most unjust and inequitable weight upon the Colony; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for the reconsideration of the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the withdrawal of the contributions in aid from the British Treasury, as conveyed to Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Denison in the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th February, 1854, No. 23.

*Order of the Day.*

*Transported Offenders Bill*—third reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

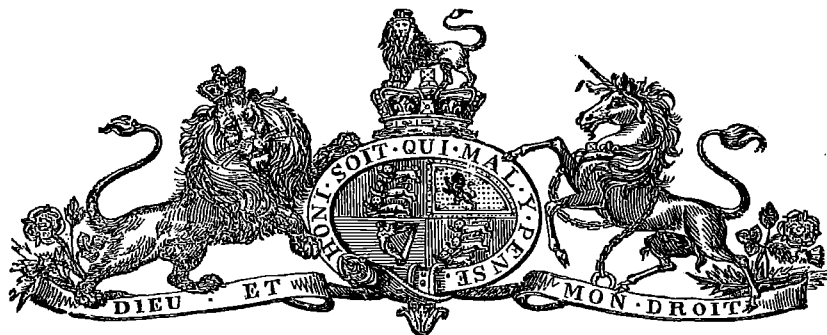
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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 11. Petition from Morven.

*Select Committee.*

Thursday, at ten—Trigonometrical Survey.



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Additional Taxation.*

The Honourable Mr. Bisdee presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of Oatlands against additional Taxation.

*Petition received, and read.*

3. *Customs Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that "*A Bill to alter the Duties of Customs*" be now read a *first* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

4. *Papers.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn laid on the Table "The Estimates of the Ways and Means, and of the Probable Expenditure, of the Government of Tasmania for the Year 1857."

5. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania for the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" be now read a *first* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

6. *Dog Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved, pursuant to notice, that "*A Bill to amend the Act of Council of this Island, intituled An Act to repeal the Act of Council of this Island, intituled An Act to restrain the Increase of Dogs, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof,*" be now read a *first* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

7. *Twin Ferry Boat.*

The Honourable Mr. Whyte moved, pursuant to notice—"That the usual

mode of disposing of Government property has hitherto been by Public Auction; that it has been officially announced in the newspapers that the Twin Ferry-boat is to be sold on the 19th instant by tender; and now resolves, that if the said Twin Ferry-boat is to be sold, that the sale should be by auction, in accordance with the practice that has hitherto obtained in this Colony, unless a sufficient reason can be assigned to the contrary."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Council divided.

AYES 4.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Knight  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Whyte (*Teller.*)

NOES 11.

Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

8. *Gas Company Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Bedford moved that this Bill be read a *second* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time.

The Honourable Mr. Bedford next moved that the Honourable the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bedford, the Standing Rules were suspended, and the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

The Honourable Mr. Bedford moved that the title of the Bill be, "A Bill to amend the Hobart Town Gas Company's Act, and to extend the Powers of the said Company."

The Question was put, and passed.

Bill ordered to be printed on *vellum*.

The Messengers appointed yesterday to carry the proposed Duties Bill to the House of Assembly reported that they had presented the Bill to the Assembly.

8. *Customs Bill.*

The Honourable Mr. Knight moved, without previous notice, that the second reading of the Bill to alter the Duties of Customs do take precedence of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Council divided.

AYES 5.

Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Kermode (*Teller.*)

NOES 9.

Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller.*)

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, 19th February.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Order of the Day.*

*Chief Police Magistrate Bill*—Consideration of Report of Select Committee and *second* reading of the Bill.



## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

*Mr. Wedge* to move that the Reports of the Officers of the Survey Department, laid on the Table of the Council on the 17th instant, be *printed*.

2. *Mr. Bisdee* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 18th instant be *printed*.

*Question.*

*Captain Langdon* to ask *Mr. Nairn* whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Works at Dunrobin Bridge by the means now employed, or by contract ?

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Friday, 20th February.

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1. *Mr. Knight* to move that a Committee be appointed to consider and report the best mode of regulating the sale and other disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown, and for disposing of the proceeds arising therefrom for the Public Service of the Colony, such Committee to consist of—

The President,  
Captain Langdon,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Lowes,  
Mr. Walker,

and to report on or before Friday, the 6th of March next.

2. *Mr. Wedge* to move for a Nominal Return of all the Imperial Officers who have received Colonial appointments within the last three years, with the date of the same, and how many Colonial Officers have been displaced by such appointments.

3. *Mr. Henty* to move that the lengthened continuance of Transportation of Imperial Convicts to this Colony has entailed upon the Colonists heavy burdens in providing for Police, Gaols, and Pauperism, which should be borne by the Imperial Government, but which at present press with most unjust and inequitable weight upon the Colony ; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for the reconsideration of the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the withdrawal of the contributions in aid from the British Treasury, as conveyed to Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Denison in the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 14th February, 1854, No. 23.

*Order of the Day.*

*Transported Offenders Bill*—third reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

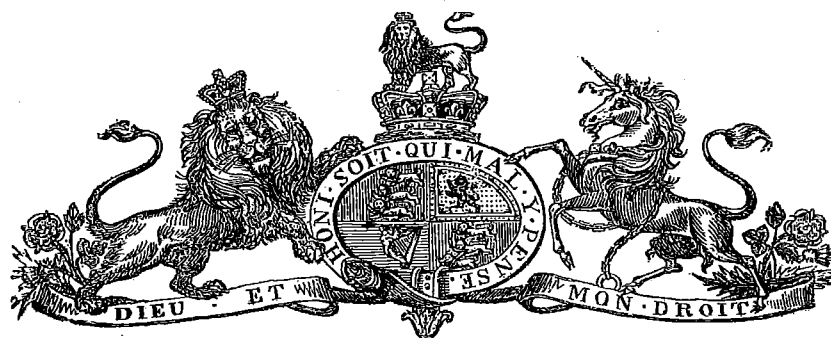
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ERRATUM.

In yesterday's Minutes, page 86, line 7, for "the previous Resolution" read "the previous Question."

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No. 29.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Adjournment.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved, "That this Council do now adjourn until Monday next, at four o'clock."

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Council adjourned accordingly at five minutes past five o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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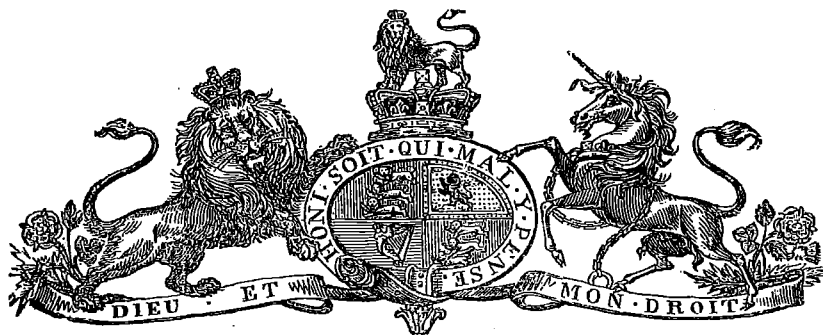
*Sessional Papers issued.*

No. 12. Invalids at Impression Bay.

No. 13. Petition from Brighton.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
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No. 30.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Aboriginal Vocabulary.*

The Honourable Mr. Henty moved, the Standing Orders being suspended, that the Vocabulary of the language of the Aborigines of Tasmania, which His Excellency the Governor was requested by Address of this Council, dated the 16th December, 1856, to procure, be *printed*. *Ordered.*

3. *Adjournment.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn moved, "That this Council do now adjourn until Thursday next at four o'clock."

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Council adjourned accordingly at five minutes past four o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 10. Petition from Sorell.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 31.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

The Honourable Mr. Nairn brought up the Report of the Select Committee appointed, on the 5th December, 1856, to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted to the orderly conduct of the Council.

3. *Adjournment.*

The Honourable Mr. Wedge moved that the Council do now adjourn until to-morrow at four o'clock.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Council adjourned accordingly at ten minutes past four o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

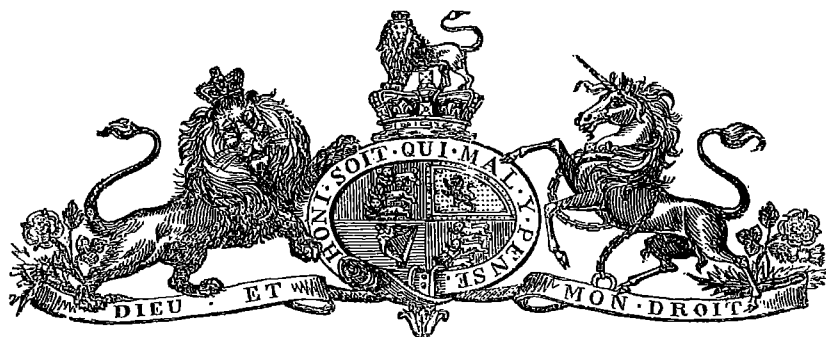
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*Sessional Paper issued.*  
No. 15. Police Returns.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 32.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Adjournment.*

The Honourable Mr. Wedge moved that this Council do now adjourn until Wednesday, the 25th of March next.

The question was put, and passed; and the Council adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes past four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, 25th March.

*Question.*

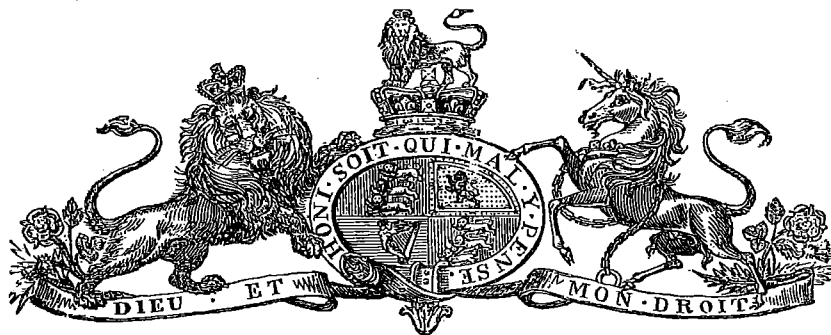
Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Wedge, Whether the sum of £80,000 authorised to be raised on Debentures was not required to meet the charges created by a Supplemental Estimate for 1856,—whether any such Estimate has been laid upon the Table of the House of Assembly; further to ask that it be laid upon this Table; and further to ask whether any and what part of that amount has been raised; and whether so much as has been raised has been applied exclusively to liquidate the charges created by that Supplemental Estimate; or, if not, whether so much as has been raised has been exclusively applied to the debt or other purpose for which it was asked?

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Knight to move that the reasons given by the Honourable Mr. Nairn for the resignation of the late Ministry are not satisfactory to this Council.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Bathurst-street, Launceston.*

Mr. Button presented a *Petition* from certain landowners, shopkeepers, and householders of Launceston, praying that Bathurst-street, a part of which has been portioned off and converted into a Prison-yard, may be restored to its original condition.

*Petition received.*

3. *Savings' Bank.*

Mr. Bedford presented a *Petition* from the Managers of the Hobart Town Savings' Bank, praying that this Council will recommend that an adequate portion of the ground in Murray-street, now occupied by the Gaol, be appropriated as the site of a Savings' Bank.

Question put, that this *Petition* be received; and being objected to, Council divided.

AYES 8.

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Captain Langdon.  
Mr. Bedford. (*Teller.*)

NOES 4.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty. (*Teller.*)

4. £80,000.

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge—Whether the sum of £80,000 authorised to be raised on Debentures was not required to meet the charges created by a Supplemental Estimate for 1856,—whether any such Estimate has been laid upon the Table of the House of Assembly; further to ask that it be laid upon this Table; and further to ask whether any and what part of that amount has been raised; and whether so much as has been raised has been applied exclusively to liquidate the charges created by that Supplemental Estimate; or, if not, whether so much as has been raised has been exclusively applied to the debt or other purpose for which it was asked?

To which Mr. Wedge replied, that the questions apply to a period prior to the present Ministers taking office, but that he had ascertained that the £80,000 alluded to was to meet the charges created by a Supplemental Estimate for 1856. No such Estimate, however, was laid on the Table of the House of Assembly, although it is believed that a document of the kind was there exhibited; but it has not been found in the Treasurer's Office.

The sum of £5400 has been raised by the sale of Debentures; and such sum has been appropriated to the purpose for which it was raised, and has gone exclusively to meet the expenditure of 1856.

#### 5. *Resignation of late Ministry.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that the reasons given by Mr. Nairn for the resignation of the late Ministry are not satisfactory to this Council.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Nairn moved the previous question.

Debate continued.

Previous question put—Shall this question be now put?

The Council divided.

#### AYES 7.

Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Knight (*Teller*).

#### NOES 6.

Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Nairn (*Teller*).

The original Question was then put, and passed.

#### *Policy of Ministers.*

Mr. Wedge laid upon the Table a Memorandum containing the views and policy of the present Ministers.

Ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until Friday next at four o'clock.

#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, March 27, 1857.

#### *Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Bedford to move that the Petition presented by him on the 25th instant be printed.

2. Mr. Wedge to move the second reading of the *Appropriation Bill*.

3. Mr. Henty to move that the Report of the Committee on the Standing Orders be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

#### *Question.*

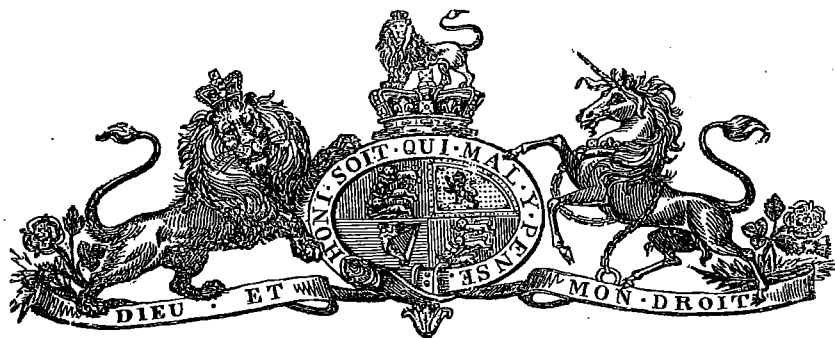
Captain Langdon to ask Mr. Wedge whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Works at Dunrobin Bridge by the means now employed or by contract?

Tuesday, March 31, 1857.

#### *Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Knight to move the third reading of *Transported Offenders Act Amendment Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, Clerk of the Council.



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 34.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *North West Bay Road Trust.*

The Clerk of the Council laid on the Table "An Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Road Trust of North West Bay from the 14th March, 1856, to the 14th March, 1857."

3. *Bye-law, Municipal Council, Launceston.*

Mr. Button laid on the Table, in accordance with Act of Council, Bye-law No. 36, passed by the Municipal Council of Launceston on the 9th March, 1857.

4. *Mr. Gregson's Administration.*

Mr. Wedge laid on the Table the copy of a Letter addressed by Mr. Gregson to His Excellency the Governor, which was read, and ordered to be *printed*.

5. *Appropriation Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, that the Appropriation Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Kermod moved, as an amendment, that the second reading of the said Bill be postponed until Tuesday next.

Question put upon the amendment, and passed.

6. *Standing Orders.*

Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that the Report of the Committee on the Standing Orders be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Question put, and passed.

7. *Dunrobin Bridge.*

Captain Langdon asked Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the works at Dunrobin Bridge by the means now employed, or by contract?

To which Mr. Wedge replied, "By contract, tenders having been already invited for the completion of the Bridge."

The Council adjourned at 30 minutes past 5 o'clock until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, March 31, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Knight* to move the *third* reading of *The Transported Offenders Act Amendment Bill*.

2. *Captain Langdon* to move for leave to bring in a Bill for protecting the Sources of the River Clyde, and securing a Supply of Water to the Inhabitants of the Township of Bothwell and Hamilton.

*Question.*

*Mr. Henty* to ask *Mr. Wedge* if the 160,000 acres of land mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Ministerial Minute comprises all the lands that will have fallen in; or whether it means that that quantity of cultivated land can be selected out of the leased lands then run out?

*Order of the Day.*

*Appropriation Bill*—second reading.

Wednesday, April 1, 1857.

*Questions.*

*Mr. Knight* to ask *Mr. Wedge*—(1.) Whether it is his intention to lay on the Table a Memorandum specifying in what way a deficiency of £80,000 was occasioned?

(2.) Whether some alteration in the Law will not be requisite to authorise the issue of further Debentures that may be paid off by sale of land at earlier dates than are specified in the Bill for raising £80,000?

(3.) Whether Government will proceed with the Bill (indicated in His Excellency's Speech) to enable persons to sue the Government?

(4.) Whether it is intended to proceed with the Bill for amending the Law relating to the Ports of this Colony?

(5.) Whether "the purposes already enumerated," spoken of in Section 27 of *Mr. Gregson's* Memorandum, include the sum of £32,000 spoken of in Section 3; and whether it is intended to incur a permanent debt by Debentures to that amount for this year's expenditure and to press forward the Debentures Bill; and whether that £32,000 is, or is not, included in the "Vote in aid of £50,000" mentioned in Section 27, or whether it is intended to pay that £50,000 out of the Ordinary Revenue of the year 1857?

(6.) Whether any reductions of any *specific amounts* have been decided upon; and whether it is the intention of Government to announce all that shall have been decided upon, and to pledge the Government not to pay those specific amounts after some stated period, even although the Appropriation Bill for 1857 may (upon the promise that those reductions will be made) be passed into a Law; or whether it is in the power of the Executive substantially to vary any payments that are sanctioned by any Appropriation Act?

*Order of the Day.*

*Standing Orders*—Consideration of Report of Select Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 16. Memorandum. *Mr. Gregson's* Administration.



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The following Message from the House of Assembly, borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar, is read :—

“The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution :— ‘That this House is of opinion that, in the present depressed state of the Colony, reductions should take place in the Salaries of His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Attorney-General,’ begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

*House of Assembly, Hobart Town,  
13th February, 1857.”*

3. *Transported Offenders’ Bill.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice, that “A Bill to repeal certain Provisions of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders” be now read a *third* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

Whereupon the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

4. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The following Message from the House of Assembly, borne by two Members of that House, and received by the President within the Bar, is read :—

“The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution,—‘That the claim of Mr. E. Abbott to compensation for deprivation of 210 Acres of Land be referred to a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature, to inquire into and report upon Mr. Abbott’s claim, with power to send for persons and papers; that the Committee on the part of the House of Assembly consist of

Mr. Chapman,  
Mr. Anstey,  
Mr. Henty,  
Mr. Meredith,—

now presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

*March 30, 1857,”*

5. *Transported Offenders Bill*—continued.

Mr. Knight then moved, that the title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to repeal certain Provisions of the Act for the Control of Transported Offenders.*"

This Question having been put, was passed.

The Honorable the President appointed Mr. Knight and Mr. Henty to carry the Bill to the House of Assembly, and to request its concurrence therein.

6. *Supply of Water to Townships of Bothwell and Hamilton.*

Captain Langdon moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for protecting the sources of the River Clyde, and securing a supply of Water to the Inhabitants of Bothwell and Hamilton.

The Question was put, and passed.

Captain Langdon having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill for protecting the Sources of the River Clyde, and securing a Supply of Water to the Inhabitants of the Townships of Bothwell and Hamilton;*"

Bill read a *first* time, and ordered to be *printed*.

7. *Leased Lands.*

Mr. Henty, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge if the 160,000 acres of Land mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Ministerial Minute comprises all the Lands that will have fallen in; or whether it means that that quantity of cultivated land can be selected out of the Leased Lands then run out?

To which Mr. Wedge replied, "It appears there will be 180,000 acres now under rental that will be available for resumption in August next. The statement in paragraph 4, that 160,000 acres of land adapted for agricultural purposes will be available in August next, is founded on information obtained from the Surveyor-General—although fit for agricultural purposes, it is not meant to say that it is available for tillage; but Ministers are given to understand that a fair proportion of it is so."

8. *Appropriation Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved, pursuant to notice, the *second* reading of "*The Appropriation Bill.*"

Debate ensued.

The Question having been put, was passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

9. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

"A Bill for raising the sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the Service of the year 1857," passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar.

10. *Appropriation Bill*—continued.

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

The Council adjourned at thirty-five minutes past seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, April 1, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Wedge to move the *first* reading of the £32,000 Debenture Bill.

*Order of the Day.*

*Appropriation Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notice of Motion.*

Mr. Knight to move—That this Council concurs in the Resolution of the House of Assembly, received by Message on the 31st ultimo, as to referring Mr.



Abbott's claim to a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature; and that the Committee on the part of the Legislative Council consist of—

Mr. Wedge,  
Mr. Nairn,  
Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Henty.

*Questions.*

Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Wedge—(1.) Whether it is his intention to lay on the Table a Memorandum specifying in what way a deficiency of £80,000 was occasioned?

(2.) Whether some alteration in the Law will not be requisite to authorise the issue of further Debentures that may be paid off by sale of land at earlier dates than are specified in the Bill for raising £80,000?

(3.) Whether Government will proceed with the Bill (indicated in His Excellency's Speech) to enable persons to sue the Government?

(4.) Whether it is intended to proceed with the Bill for amending the Law relating to the Ports of this Colony?

(5.) Whether "the purposes already enumerated," spoken of in Section 27 of Mr. Gregson's Memorandum, include the sum of £32,000 spoken of in Section 3; and whether it is intended to incur a permanent debt by Debentures to that amount for this year's expenditure and to press forward the Debentures Bill; and whether that £32,000 is, or is not, included in the "Vote in aid of £50,000" mentioned in Section 27, or whether it is intended to pay that £50,000 out of the Ordinary Revenue of the year 1857?

(6.) Whether any reductions of any *specific amounts* have been decided upon; and whether it is the intention of Government to announce all that shall have been decided upon, and to pledge the Government not to pay those specific amounts after some stated period, even although the Appropriation Bill for 1857 may (upon the promise that those reductions will be made) be passed into a Law; or whether it is in the power of the Executive substantially to vary any payments that are sanctioned by any Appropriation Act?

*Order of the Day.*

*Standing Orders*—Consideration of Report of Select Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

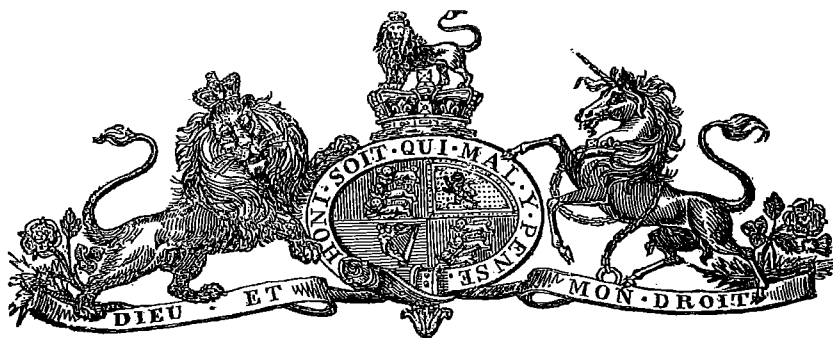
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*Sessional Paper issued.*

No. 17. Letter from Mr. Gregson to His Excellency the Governor.

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.
2. *£32,000 Debentures Bill.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that this Bill be now read a *first* time.  
The Question was put, and passed.  
And the Bill was read a first time.
3. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.
4. A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the President resumed the Chair.
5. *Friendly Societies Bill.*

"A Bill to make permanent the Act of this Island, intituled *An Act to regulate Friendly Societies*, passed by the House of Assembly, is borne by two Members of that House, requesting the concurrence of this Council therein, and is received by the President within the Bar.
6. *Appropriation Bill*—continued.

The President left the Chair, and the Council again went into Committee.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. *Mr. Abbott's Claim.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to notice—That this Council concurs in the Resolution of the House of Assembly, received by Message on the 31st ultimo, as to referring Mr. Abbott's claim to a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature; and that the Committee on the part of the Legislative Council consist of—  
Mr. Wedge,  
Mr. Nairn,  
Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Henty.

The Question was put, and passed.
8. *Questions.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge—  
(1.) Whether it is his intention to lay on the Table a Memorandum specifying in what way the deficiency of £80,000 was occasioned?  
To which Mr Wedge replied—"That he was quite willing to do so."

(2.) Whether some alteration in the Law will not be requisite to authorise the issue of further Debentures that may be paid off by sale of land at earlier dates than are specified in the Bill for raising £80,000?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"The Government are of opinion that some alteration will be necessary."

(3.) Whether Government will proceed with the Bill (indicated in His Excellency's Speech) to enable persons to sue the Government?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"The Bill alluded to is at present referred to a Select Committee in the House of Assembly. The Government approve of the object sought to be obtained."

(4.) Whether it is intended to proceed with the Bill for amending the Law relating to the Ports of the Colony?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"The Ports' Act Amendment Bill has been read a third time in the House of Assembly."

Mr. Knight by leave withdrew question 5.

(6.) Whether any reductions of any *specific amounts* have been decided upon; and whether it is the intention to announce all that shall have been decided upon, and to pledge the Government not to pay those specific amounts after some stated period, even although the Appropriation Bill for 1857 may (upon the promise that those reductions will be made) be passed into Law; or whether it is in the power of the Executive substantially to vary any payments that are sanctioned by any Appropriation Act?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"The Executive Council were only enabled to meet a few days before the assembling of Parliament. The Government, while they are prepared to effect extensive reductions, will not do so recklessly. They consequently have decided upon no specific reductions at present. The Executive conceive that they have not only the power, but that it is their duty, to diminish any expenditure of the public money which they may deem extravagant and unnecessary."

#### *Standing Orders.*

Ordered that the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders be expunged from the Notice Paper of this day, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The Council adjourned at five minutes to ten o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, April 2, 1857.

#### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

##### *Order of the Day.*

*Appropriation Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

##### *Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Henty to move the *first* reading of the Friendly Societies Bill.

2. Mr. Knight to move that the concurrence of this Council in the appointment of a joint Committee on the subject of Mr. Abbott's claim be communicated to the House of Assembly.

##### *Questions.*

1. Mr. Kermode to ask Mr. Wedge the amount of money given by the Government in aid of Road Assessments during the year 1856?

2. Mr. Knight to ask Mr. Wedge, whether the Government intend to enforce the Order in Council of 21st November, 1856, against the "paid Servants of the Public" and against the "Officers of the Government" therein referred to; and if so, to ask what persons are included in the description "paid Servants of the Public?"

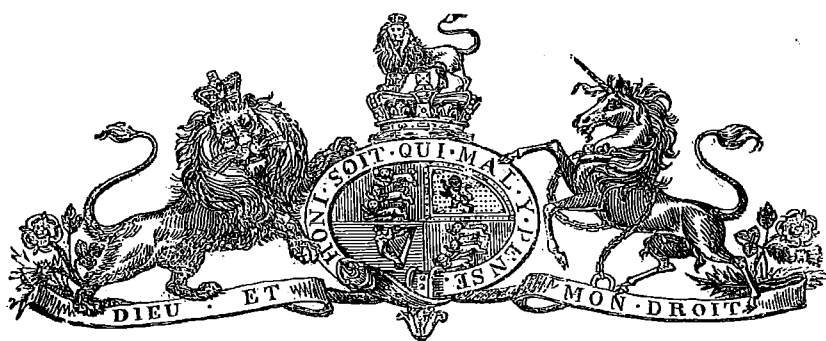
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Friday, April 3, 1857.

##### *Order of the Day.*

*Standing Orders*—Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



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OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 37.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

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

3. *Friendly Societies Bill.*

Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, that the Friendly Societies Bill be now read a *first* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

4. *Joint Committee.*

Mr. Knight moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that the concurrence of this Council in the appointment of a joint Committee on the subject of Mr. Abbott's claim, with the names of the Committee, and the time appointed for the first meeting of the said Committee, be communicated to the House of Assembly.

The Question was put, and passed.

The President appointed Mr. Wedge and Mr. Henty a Deputation to convey this Resolution to the House of Assembly.

5. *Postponement.*

The Question standing in Mr. Kermode's name on the Notice Paper of this Day was postponed until to-morrow.

6. Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge, whether the Government intend to enforce the Order in Council of 21st November, 1856, against the "paid Servants of the Public" and against the "Officers of the Government" therein referred to; and if so, to ask what persons are included in the description "paid Servants of the Public?"

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"The Government did not intend to do so."

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to nine o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, April 3, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Henty* to move the *second* reading of the *Friendly Societies Bill*.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Appropriation Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.
2. *Standing Orders*—Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee.

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Tuesday, April 7, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Captain Langdon* to move the *second* reading of the *River Clyde Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council*.

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OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 38.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Friendly Societies Bill.*

Mr. Henty, pursuant to notice, moved that the Friendly Societies Bill be now read a *second* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time.

Mr. Henty moved that the President do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Question was put, and passed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment—

Motion made by Mr. Henty, and Question put—That the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

The Question having been put, was passed.

Mr. Henty then moved,—That this Bill be now read a *third* time.

The Question was put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time.

Mr. Henty moved that this Bill do now *pass*.

The Question having been put, was passed.

Mr. Henty then moved, That the title of this Bill be, "*An Act to make permanent the Act of this Island, intituled An Act to regulate Friendly Societies.*"

The Question having been put, was passed.

*Ordered*—That the Bill be *printed on vellum*.

Mr. Henty then moved that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly, to be presented by two Members of the Council:—

*Message from the Legislative Council to the House of Assembly.*

"The Legislative Council have this day concurred in and assented to a Bill, intituled 'A Bill to make permanent the Act of this Island, intituled *An Act to regulate Friendly Societies.*'"

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
3rd April, 1857."*

3. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon the Appropriation Bill.

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

4. *Adjournment.*

Mr. Knight moved, that this Council at its rising do adjourn until *Monday next, at four o'clock.*

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wedge moved as an amendment, that this Council at its rising do adjourn until *to-morrow, at two o'clock.*

Question put upon the amendment, and passed.

5. *Postponement.*

*Ordered*—That the consideration of the Report from Select Committee on Standing Rules and Orders do stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

*Ordered*—That the further consideration in Committee of the Appropriation Bill do stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The Council adjourned at half-past nine o'clock until to-morrow at two o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Saturday, April 4, 1857.

*Order of the Day.*

*Appropriation Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.

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Monday, April 6, 1857.

*Order of the Day.*

*Standing Orders*—Consideration of Report of Select Committee.

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Tuesday, April 7, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

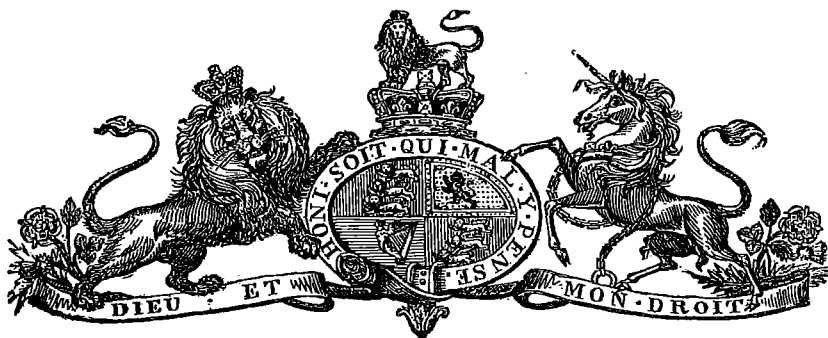
*Captain Langdon* to move the *second* reading of the *River Clyde Bill.*

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 39.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon the Appropriation Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

The Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until Monday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Monday, April 6, 1857.

*Question.*

*Mr. Knight* to ask *Mr. Wedge*—Under what law or authority any Lands have been alienated by the Crown since the Australian Land Sales Repeal Act came into operation in this Colony; also, under what regulations, or under what orders from the Secretary of State?

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Standing Orders*—Consideration of Report from the Select Committee.
  2. *Appropriation Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.
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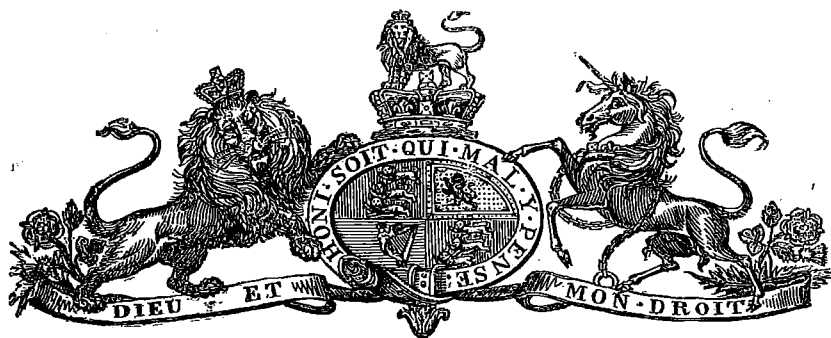
Tuesday, April 7, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Captain Langdon* to move the second reading of the *River Clyde Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 40.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony,*" to which, having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of the Legislative Council is requested.

3. *Crown Lands.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge—Under what law or authority Lands have been alienated by the Crown since the Australian Land Sales Repeal Act came into operation in this Colony; also, under what regulations, or under what orders from the Secretary of State?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"Subject to the various regulations of 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 36."

4. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented a Bill, intituled—"A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Ports of this Colony," to which, having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of the Legislative Council is requested.

5. *Standing Orders.*

*Ordered*—That the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Rules and Orders be expunged from the Orders for this day, and ordered to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. *Appropriation Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon the Appropriation Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the consideration of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past eight o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, April 7, 1857.

*Questions.*

1. *Mr. Henty* to ask *Mr. Wedge* if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the *Electric Telegraphs Bill* in the present Session?

2. *Mr. Knight* to ask *Mr. Wedge*, whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the *Waste Lands Bill* in the present Session.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Captain Langdon* to move the *second* reading of the *River Clyde Bill*.

2. *Mr. Kermode* to move the *first* reading of the *Ports Bill*.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Appropriation Bill*—consideration of the Report of the Committee.

2. *Standing Orders*—consideration of Report of Select Committee.

*Contingent Notice of Motion.*

*Mr. Henty*, when the Report of the Committee on "*The Appropriation Bill*" shall be under consideration, to move that the Bill be re-committed for the re-consideration of Clauses 12 and 13.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Papers.*

Mr. Wedge laid on the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement of the Means available for the New Government House,  
Ordered to be *printed*.

(2.) Return of Crown Lands sold from the year 1846 to the year 1856, both inclusive.

3. *Electric Telegraph Bill.*

Mr. Henty, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge, if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the *Electric Telegraph Bill* in the present Session?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"Yes, it is."

4. *Waste Lands Bill.*

Mr. Knight, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge, if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the *Waste Lands Bill* in the present Session?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"That a Select Committee was appointed by the other branch of the Legislature to take into consideration the subject of the disposal of the Waste Lands of the Colony. The Report of the Select Committee has not yet been brought up: the Government, therefore, are not in a position to say whether they will adopt and act upon the Report."

5. *River Clyde Bill.*

Ordered, that the *second* reading of the *River Clyde Bill* stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. *Ports Bill.*

Mr. Kermode, pursuant to notice, moved the *first* reading of the *Ports Bill*.  
Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time, and ordered to be *printed*.

7. *Appropriation Bill—Report.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that the Report of the *Appropriation Bill* from the Committee of the whole Council be now considered.

Debate ensued.

8. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented the following Message:—

"The House of Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolution—  
'That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to direct that the Salaries of the Public Servants for the months of January, February, and March last be immediately paid, in accordance with the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857 as voted by this House,' now presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

*House of Assembly, Tuesday, April 7, 1857."*

Mr. Kermode moved that the Message be immediately taken into consideration.

Question put, and passed.

9. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented a Bill, intituled—"A Bill to indemnify certain Officers of Customs and other Persons for Acts already done," to which, having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of the Legislative Council is requested.

10. *Message from the House of Assembly—Payment of Salaries—continued.*

Mr. Knight moved that the following Message be adopted, and sent to the House of Assembly:—

"This Council assents to the Resolution of the House of Assembly presented this day to this Council for its concurrence; viz.—

'That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to direct that the Salaries of the Public Servants for the months of January, February, and March last be immediately paid, in accordance with the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857 as voted by this House.'

And this Council would suggest that such Address proceed from this Council and from the House of Assembly jointly."

Question put, and passed.

The President appointed Mr. Kermode and Mr. Walker to present the Message.

11. *Appropriation Bill—Report—continued.*

Mr. Henty moved, as an amendment, that the Appropriation Bill be re-committed for the re-consideration of Clauses 12 and 13.

Debate ensued.

Question put upon the amendment.

Council divided.

AYES 8.

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Henty (*Teller.*)

NOES 6.

Mr. Button.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Smith (*Teller.*)

The President having left the Chair, the Council went into Committee on the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the consideration of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. *Standing Orders.*

*Ordered*—That the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Standing Rules and Orders be postponed until to-morrow.

13. *Public Works Loan Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved, without previous notice, that the Public Works Loan Bill be now read a *first* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first* time.

*Ordered*—That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for Thursday.

The Council adjourned at thirty-five minutes past nine o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, April 8, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to move the *second* reading of the £32,000 *Debentures Bill*.
2. *Mr. Wedge* to move the *first* reading of the *Customs' Officers Bill*.

*Order of the Day.*

1. *Appropriation Bill*—consideration of the Report.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

3. *Mr. Walker* to move that the *Appropriation Bill* be re-committed to consider Clause 1.
4. *Mr. Kermode* to move the *second* reading of the *Ports Bill*.

*Orders of the Day.*

2. *River Clyde Bill*—*second* reading.
3. *Standing Orders*—consideration from Report of Select Committee.

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Thursday, April 9, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Order of the Day.*

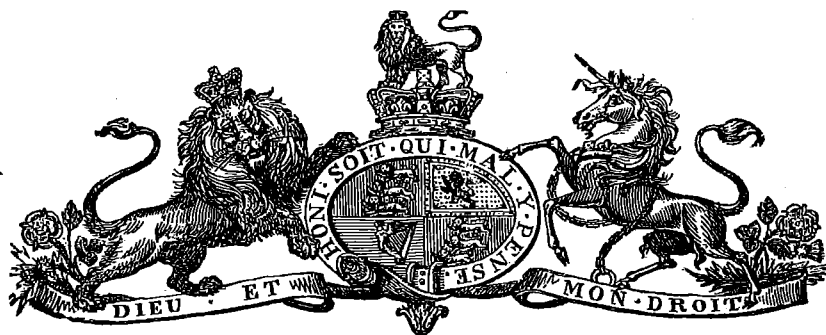
- Public Works Loan Bill*—*second* reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council*.

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*.

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that a Bill for raising the sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the service of the year 1857 be now read a *second* time.

Debate ensued.

3. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

*Ordered*—that the following *amended* Message be sent to the House of Assembly:—

*Message from the Legislative Council to the House of Assembly.*

“This Council assents to the Resolution of the House of Assembly presented this day to this Council for its concurrence; viz.—

‘That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to direct that the Salaries of the Public Servants for the months of January, February, and March last be immediately paid, in accordance with the Estimates of the Expenditure for the year 1857 as voted by this House.’

And this Council would suggest that such Address proceed from this Council and from the House of Assembly jointly; and names the Honourable Mr. Knight, the Honourable Mr. Kermode, and the Honourable Mr. Walker to meet such Members of the House of Assembly as it may appoint to draw up the Address.

THOMAS HORNE, *President*.

*Legislative Council Chamber, 7 April, 1857.”*

4. £32,000 *Debenture Bill*—continued.

Mr. Walker moved, as an amendment—That the *second* reading of the Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Debate continued.

5. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who informed the Council that the House of Assembly concurred in the suggestion of this Council as to a joint Address to His Excellency the Governor; and had appointed Mr. Miller, Mr. Champ, and Mr. Smith to meet the Members appointed by this Council for the purpose of drawing up the Address.

6. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—continued.

Debate continued.

Question put upon the amendment.

Council divided.

## AYES 7.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Henty.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Walker (*Teller.*)

## NOES 7.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller.*)

And the numbers being equal, the President gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*.

7. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented a Bill, intituled—"A Bill to simplify Civil Proceedings by and against, and to regulate Criminal Proceedings by, 'The Ilfracombe Saw Mills and Railway Company,' and to enable the said Company to construct Railways or Tramroads, Wharves, Piers and Jetties," to which, having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of the Legislative Council is requested.

Bill read a *first time*, and ordered to be *printed*.

8. *Customs Officers Indemnity Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved, "That a Bill to indemnify certain Officers of Customs and other persons for Acts already done" be now read a *first time*.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *first time*.

9. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers from the House of Assembly were introduced, who presented a Bill, intituled—"A Bill to amend the Law relating to Drafts on Bankers," to which, having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of the Legislative Council is requested.

Bill read a *first time*, and ordered to be *printed*.

10. *Appropriation Bill—Report.*

Mr. Wedge moved, that the Report of the Appropriation Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill as so reported ordered to be read a *third time* to-morrow.

11. *Ports Bill.*

Mr. Kermode, pursuant to notice, moved—"That a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Ports of this Colony" be now read a *second time*.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second time*.

The President having left the Chair, the Council went into Committee upon the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. *River Clyde Bill.*

Captain Langdon, pursuant to notice, moved—"That a Bill to protect the Sources of the River Clyde, and to secure a Supply of Water to the Inhabitants of the Township of Bothwell and Hamilton," be now read a *second time*.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Smith moved as an amendment that the *second* reading of the Bill be postponed until Thursday.

Questioned put, and negatived.

Mr. Smith then moved that the *second* reading of the Bill be postponed until Thursday, the 16th instant.

Questioned put.

Council divided.

## AYES 8.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Smith (*Teller.*)

## NOES 5.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Henty.  
Captain Langdon (*Teller.*)

13. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

Mr. Wedge moved that the President do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Standing Rules and Orders.

Question put, and passed.

And the President left the Chair.

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

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, April 9, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Wedge to move the *second* reading of the £32,000 *Debentures Bill*.
2. Mr. Wedge to move the *second* reading of the *Customs' Officers Indemnity Bill*.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Appropriation Bill*—*third* reading.
2. *Public Works Loan Bill*—*second* reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Question.*

Mr. Smith to ask Mr. Wedge,—Whether any regulations exist for the landing of Cattle in the Domain, and what? And whether means are being taken for their safe landing and keeping?

*Notices of Motion.*

3. Mr. Henty to move the *second* reading of the *Bankers' Drafts Bill*.
4. Mr. Henty to move the *second* reading of the *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*.

*Orders of the Day.*

3. *Ports Bill*—*third* reading.
4. *Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

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Thursday, April 16, 1857.

*Notice of Motion.*

Captain Langdon to move the *second* reading of the *River Clyde Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council*.

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*Papers issued.*

No. 17. New Government House.  
River Clyde Bill [No. 39.]  
Ports Bill [No. 26.]





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Reply to Joint Address.*

The Honourable the President reported that, accompanied by the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly, he had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the joint Address agreed to by both Houses of Legislature; and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MR. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ALTHOUGH I fully appreciate the public inconvenience of being at this date without an Act of Appropriation of the Supplies for 1857, and am most willing to do instantly whatever may be lawfully done to end this inconvenience, I regret that there is no legal authority to me to place my sign manual and warrant to a direction and authority to the Colonial Treasurer to issue the Salaries of the Public Servants for January, February, and March, 1857.

I beg therefore to be excused in this most important matter from performing an act not warranted by law, and of establishing thereby, at the commencement of Parliamentary Government, a precedent of appropriating and issuing Supplies under Resolutions of the two Houses of Parliament, instead of the Constitutional and customary legal mode of an annual Appropriation Act, enacted by the Governor of Tasmania by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.

This reply is given under the advice of my Executive Council.

H. E. F. YOUNG.

*Government House, 9 April, 1857.*

3. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

Mr. Henty, without previous notice, asked Mr. Wedge—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Chief Police Magistrate Bill during the present Session?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—"It is."

4. *£32,000 Debentures Bill.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that this Bill be now read a second time. Upon which Mr. Kermode moved as an amendment—That the second reading of the Bill be postponed until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Council divided.

## AYES 7.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Kermode (*Teller.*)

## NOES 7.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Wedge.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Whyte (*Teller.*)

And the numbers being equal, the President gave his casting vote with the *Noes*.

Main question put—That the Bill be *now* read a *second* time.

Council divided.

## AYES 8.

Mr. Wedge.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Lowes (*Teller.*)

## NOES 5.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Walker (*Teller.*)

And the Bill was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and the Council ordered the consideration of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. *Customs Officers' Indemnity Bill.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, moved that this Bill be *now* read a *second* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

Mr. Wedge moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to indemnify certain Officers of Customs and other Persons for Acts already done.*"

Question put, and passed.

Bill ordered to be *printed on vellum*.

6. *Appropriation Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved—That this Bill be *now* read a *third* time.

Upon which Mr. Kermode moved as an Amendment—That, before the Bill is read a third time, the Reply of His Excellency the Governor to the joint Address of both Houses of Legislature, communicated this day to the Council, be read.

Question put upon the Amendment.

Council divided—

## AYES 10.

Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Smith.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Kermode (*Teller.*)

## NOES.

Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller.*)

The Governor's Reply was then read.

Mr. Kermode moved—That the *third* reading of the Appropriation Bill be postponed until Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put upon the Amendment.

Council divided.

## AYES 6.

Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Kermode (*Teller.*)

## NOES 8.

Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Knight.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller.*)

Main question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Title of the Bill be, "A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for Nine Months of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven ending 30th September, and for further appropriating the said Revenue."

Question put, and passed.

7. *Postponement.*

The remainder of the business was deferred until Tuesday next.

The Council adjourned at half-past nine o'clock until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, April 14, 1857.

*Question.*

Mr. Smith to ask Mr. Wedge,—Whether any regulations exist for the landing of Cattle in the Domain, and what? And whether means are being taken for their safe landing and keeping?

*Orders of the Day.*

1. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—consideration of Report.
2. *Public Works Loan Bill*—second reading.
3. *Bankers' Drafts Bill*—second reading.
4. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*—second reading.
5. *Ports Bill*—third reading.
6. *Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

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Thursday, April 16, 1857.

*Order of the Day.*

*River Clyde Bill*—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Papers issued.*

Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.  
Customs Officers Indemnity Bill [No. 36.]  
Bankers Drafts Bill [No. 38.]







# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 44.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Appropriation Bill.*

*Ordered.* That the Appropriation Bill be returned to the House of Assembly, with a Message to acquaint the House that this Council has agreed to the said Bill with some Amendments, to which the concurrence of the House of Assembly is requested.

3. *Landing Cattle.*

Mr. Smith, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Wedge—Whether any Regulations exist for the landing of Cattle in the Domain, and what? And whether means are being taken for their safe landing and keeping?

To which Mr. Wedge replied—That 7 Victoria, No. 15, enacts that, before any Sheep or Cattle which have been imported into this Island shall be landed, he shall give notice in writing to some Justice of the Peace residing at or nearest to the place where he may be desirous of landing the same of such his intention, and other particulars.

4. *£32,000 Debentures Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved that the Report of the £32,000 Debentures Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill as so reported ordered to be read a *third* time to-morrow.

5. *Public Works Loan Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved that this Bill be now read a *second* time.

The Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the consideration of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. *Bankers' Drafts Bill.*

Mr. Henty moved that this Bill be now read a *second* time.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill was read a *second* time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council to-morrow.

7. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

Mr. Henty moved that this Bill be now read a *second* time.

Question put, and passed; and the Bill was read a *second* time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council to-morrow.

8. *Ports Bill.*

Mr. Wedge moved that this Bill be now read a *third* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Ports of the Colony.*"

Question put, and passed.

Bill ordered to be *printed on vellum*.

9. *Postponement.*

The consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Rules and Orders was postponed until Thursday next.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to eight o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, April 15, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Notice of Motion.*

*Captain Langdon* to move for a return of all correspondence and other documents relating to a supply of water from Lake Crescent now in the possession of the Government.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—*third* reading.
2. *Public Works Loan Bill*—consideration of Report.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

3. *Bankers' Drafts Bill*—Committal.
4. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*—Committal.

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Thursday, April 16, 1857.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *River Clyde Bill*—*second* reading.
2. *Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Lake Crescent.*

Mr. Wedge laid on the Table the correspondence and other documents relating to a supply of Water from Lake Crescent now in possession of the Government.

3. *Postponement.*

The *third* reading of the £32,000 *Debentures Bill*, and the committal of the *Public Works Loan Bill*, were postponed until to-morrow.

4. *Bankers' Drafts Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

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

6. *Upper Meander Road Trust.*

The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table an Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Upper Meander Road District for the year 1856.

Mr. Wedge moved, that this Council do now adjourn until to-morrow at five o'clock.

Upon which Mr. Henty moved as an Amendment—That the word "five" be omitted, and the word "three" be substituted.

Question put upon the amendment.

Council divided.

AYES 5.

Capt. Langdon.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Walker.  
Mr. Henty (*Teller*.)

NOES 4.

Mr. Bisdee.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Kermode.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller*.)

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past seven o'clock until to-morrow at three o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, April 16, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—third reading.
2. *Public Works' Loan Bill*—consideration of Report.

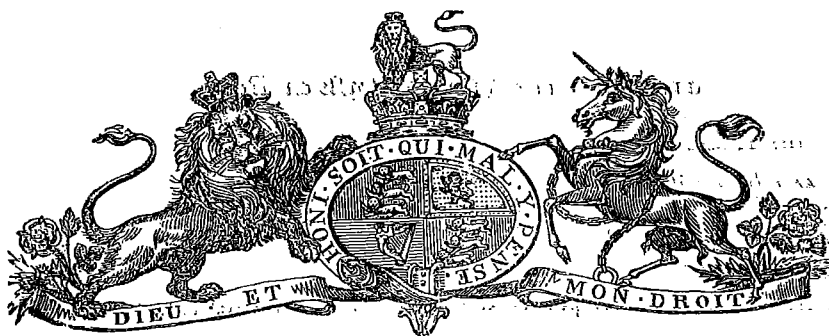
## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

3. *Bankers' Drafts Bill*—third reading.
4. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.
5. *River Clyde Bill*—second reading.
6. *Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. A *Petition*—from George Whitcomb, praying that the passing of the *River Clyde Bill* may be postponed, was read and *received*.

3. *Postponement*.

The *third* reading of the £32,000 *Debentures Bill*, and the consideration of the Report of the *Public Works Loan Bill*, were postponed until to-morrow.

4. *Bankers' Drafts Bill* was read a *third* time and *passed*.

Mr. Henty moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Drafts on Bankers*."

Question put, and passed.

The Bill was ordered to be *printed on vellum*.

5. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*.

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

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

6. *Message from the Legislative Council to the House of Assembly*.

Mr. Henty moved that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly:—

The Legislative Council requests the House of Assembly will explain the terms of their Resolution as to the appointment of the Committee upon Mr. Abbott's claim—Whether it is intended that the Committee should enquire into the claim of Mr. Abbott to 210 acres of land; or, whether it is intended that the Committee should limit their enquiry to the amount of compensation to which Mr. Abbott is entitled for land of which he has been deprived by the Government?

THOMAS HORNE, *President*.

*Legislative Council Chamber, 16 April, 1857.*

The Question was put, and passed.

The President appointed Mr. Henty and Mr. Kermode to carry the said Message to the House of Assembly.

7. A Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly, to acquaint them that this Council has concurred in and assented to the following Bills:—

"A Bill to indemnify certain Officers of Customs and other Persons for Acts already done."

"A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Ports of the Colony."

"A Bill to amend the Law relating to Drafts on Bankers."

The President appointed Mr. Henty and Mr. Kermode to carry the said Message to the House of Assembly.

8. *River Clyde Bill.*

Captain Langdon, pursuant to notice, moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed—That the Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Further Amendment proposed—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Question put, "That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee," and passed.

Captain Langdon then moved that the Select Committee on the *River Clyde Bill* consist of—

Mr. Henty,  
Mr. Kermode,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Whyte,  
Captain Langdon.

Question put, and passed.

9. *Postponement.*

Mr. Whyte moved that the further consideration of the Report of the Select Committee upon the Standing Rules and Orders be postponed until Monday next.

Amendment proposed, "That the further consideration of the said Report be postponed until Saturday next, and that the Council meet at three o'clock on that day."

Question put upon the amendment, and passed.

*Ordered*—That, contingent upon the Council adjourning at its rising over to-morrow, the *third* reading of the £32,000 *Debentures Bill*, and the consideration of the Report of the *Public Works Loan Bill*, stand Orders of the Day for Saturday.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until Saturday next at three o'clock.

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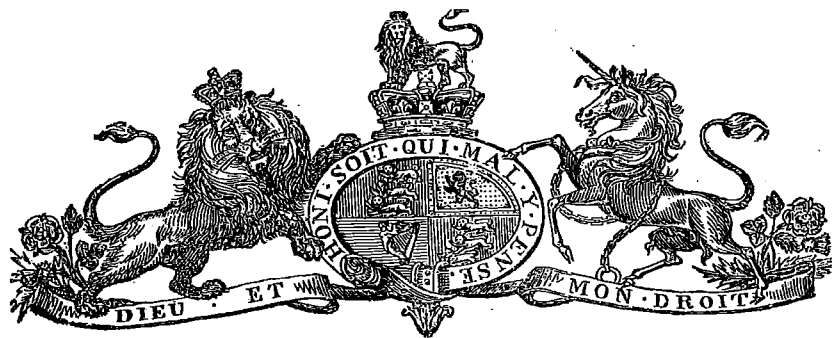
*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Saturday, April 18, 1857.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—*third* reading.
2. *Public Works' Loan Bill*—consideration of Report.
3. *Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 47.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1857.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honorable the President took the Chair.

2. £32,000 *Debentures Bill*—was read a *third* time and *passed*.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill for raising the Sum of £24,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857.*"

Question put, and passed.

A Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly to return the said Bill, and to acquaint them that this Council has agreed to the same with some Amendments, to which this Council desires their concurrence.

3. *Public Works Loan Bill*.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Bill to be read a *third* time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Council divided.

AYES 7.

Mr. Smith.  
Mr. Bedford.  
Mr. Lowes.  
Mr. Nairn.  
Mr. Burgess.  
Mr. Whyte.  
Mr. Wedge (*Teller*).

NOES 3.

Mr. Henty.  
Mr. Button.  
Mr. Walker (*Teller*).

And the Bill was read a *third* time.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Bill do *now pass*.

Mr. Walker moved, as an Amendment, that the further proceedings thereon be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put upon the Amendment, and negatived.

Main Question was then put, and passed.

And the Bill was passed.

Mr. Wedge moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.*"

The Question was put, and passed.

A Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly to return the said Bill, and to acquaint them that this Council has agreed to the same with some Amendments, to which this Council desires their concurrence.

4. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

The Council, according to order, was again put into Committee upon the Report from the Select Committee upon the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Council adjourned at fifty-five minutes past five o'clock until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, April 21, 1857.

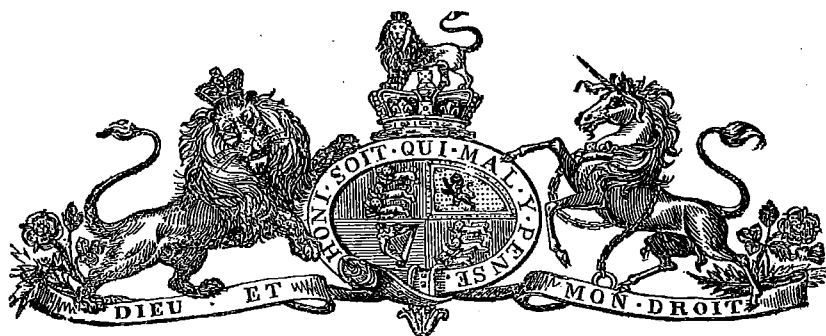
*Order of the Day.*

*Standing Rules and Orders*—Report of Select Committee to be further considered in Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 48.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

The Council, according to order, was put into Committee upon the Report of the Select Committee upon the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Chairman having reported the Rules with amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

3. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

*Ordered*—That the further consideration in Committee of this Bill be an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The Council adjourned at seven o'clock until Friday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, April 24, 1857.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Standing Rules and Orders*—adoption of the Report from Committee of the whole Council.

2. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*—to be further considered in Committee.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 49.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of the Standing Rules and Orders from the Committee of the whole Council be now adopted.

Question put, and passed.

*Ordered*—That the Standing Rules and Orders as passed by this Council be printed, and submitted to His Excellency the Governor for approval.

3. *Ifracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

The Council, according to Order, was put into Committee upon this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

4. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

*Ordered*—That the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on the 16th of January last, and the second reading of the Bill, be an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past seven o'clock until Monday next at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

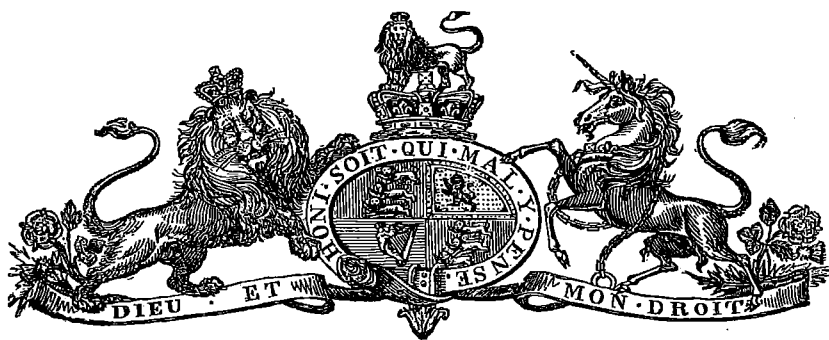
Monday, April 27, 1857.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Ifracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*—adoption of the Report from Committee of the whole Council.
2. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill*—consideration of Report from Select Committee and second reading of the Bill.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 50.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Chairman of Committees.*

Mr. Kermode moved, without previous notice, that Mr. Nairn be Chairman of Committees in room of Mr. Henty, who has vacated that appointment by acceptance of office under the Crown.

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Nairn made his acknowledgments to the Council.

3. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole Council be adopted.

Question put, and passed.

4. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

The Report of the Select Committee upon this Bill having been read;

Mr. Kermode moved that the Bill be now read a *second* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the adoption of the Report to be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

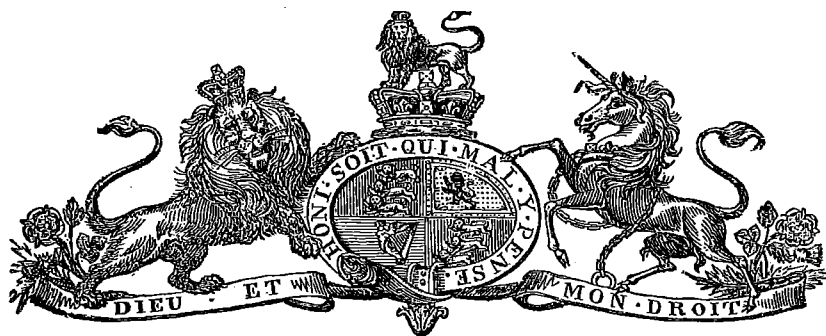
Tuesday, April 28, 1857.

*Order of the Day.*

*Chief Police Magistrate Bill*—adoption of Report.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 51.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that the Report of the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill be now adopted.

3. *Royal Assent.*

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, was received at the door of the Chamber by the President and Members; and having taken his seat, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to desire the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly in this Chamber.

The Speaker and Members of that House having thereupon attended below the Bar, His Excellency the Governor assented in the name and behalf of Her Majesty to the under-mentioned Acts of the Parliament of Tasmania:—

“An Act to transfer to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates in this Colony vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.”

“An Act to amend the ‘Hobart Town Gas Company’s Act,’ and to extend the Powers of the said Company.”

“An Act to make permanent the Act of this Island, intituled ‘An Act to regulate Friendly Societies.’”

“An Act to indemnify certain Officers of Customs and other Persons for Acts already done.”

“An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Ports of this Colony.”

“An Act to amend the Law relating to Drafts on Bankers.”

His Excellency the Governor having been conducted to the door of the Chamber by the President, the Assembly withdrew.

4. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill—Adoption of Report—continued.*

After short Debate,  
The same was agreed to.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past four o’clock until to-morrow at four o’clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, April 29, 1857.

*Question.*

*Mr. Bedford* to ask *Mr. Kermode*, whether it is the intention of the Government to act upon the Order in Council of the 21st November last ?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Nairn* to move the *third* reading of the *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*.
2. *Mr. Nairn* to move the *third* reading of the *Chief Police Magistrate Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 52.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1857.

THERE being only Five Members present exclusive of the Honourable the President,—namely, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Walker, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Bedford,—and this number not being sufficient to form a Quorum for the despatch of business, the President took the Chair at half-past four o'clock, and adjourned the Council until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, April 30, 1857.

*Question.*

*Mr. Bedford* to ask *Mr. Kermode*, whether it is the intention of the Government to act upon the Order in Council of the 21st November last?

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Nairn* to move the *third* reading of the *Ifracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*.
2. *Mr. Nairn* to move the *third* reading of the *Chief Police Magistrate Bill*.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 53.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Standing Rules and Orders.*

The President reported that he had this day presented to the Governor the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by this Council, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the same.

3. *Order in Council.*

Mr. Bedford, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Kermode, whether it is the intention of the Government to act upon the Order in Council of the 21st November last?

To which Mr. Kermode replied, "It is not the intention of the Government to act upon that Order."

4. *Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a *third* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

Mr. Kermode moved that the title of the Bill be, "A Bill to simplify Civil Proceedings by and against, and to regulate Criminal Proceedings by, 'The Ilfracombe Saw Mills and Railway Company,' and to enable the said Company to construct Railways or Tramroads, Wharves, Piers, and Jetties."

Question put, and passed.

5. *Chief Police Magistrate Bill.*

Mr. Nairn moved that this Bill be now read a *third* time.

Question put, and passed.

And the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.

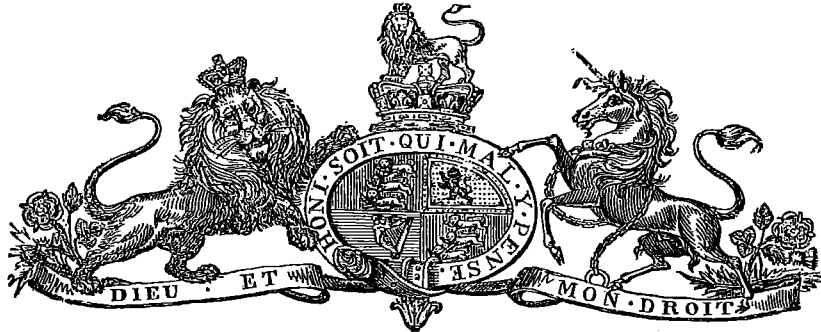
Mr. Kermode moved that the Title of the Bill be, "A Bill to transfer certain Duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers."

Question put, and passed.

The Council adjourned at forty-five minutes past four o'clock until Tuesday, the 26th May, at four o'clock.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*





# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Members sworn.*

William Pritchard Weston, Esquire, *for* Longford.  
William Henty, Esquire, *for* Tamar.

3. *A Message to the House of Assembly* was ordered to be sent with *The Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*, and *The Chief Police Magistrate Bill*, as follows:—

THE Legislative Council having agreed to, with amendments, the under-mentioned Bills,—

“*A Bill to simplify Civil Proceedings by and against ‘The Ilfracombe Saw Mills and Railway Company,’ and to enable the said Company to construct Railways, Wharves, Piers, and Jetties.*”

“*A Bill to transfer certain Duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers,*”—

begs now to return the same to the House of Assembly for its concurrence therein.

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council Chamber, 26 May, 1857.*

The President appointed Mr. Weston and Mr. Henty to carry the said Bills and Message.

4. *Road Trust Accounts.*

The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table—

(1.) An Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Deloraine Road Trust for the year ending 31 May, 1857.

(2.) An Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Broadmarsh Road Trust for the year ending 12 April, 1857.

(3.) An Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Port Cygnet Road Trust for the year ending 31 December, 1856.

5. *River Clyde Bill.*

Captain Langdon moved, that Mr. Wedge be appointed a Member of the Select Committee upon the River Clyde Bill; and that Mr. Henty be re-appointed a Member of the said Select Committee.

Question put, and passed.

6. *Trigonometrical Survey.*

Mr. Wedge moved, that Mr. Lowes and Mr. Bedford be appointed Members of the Select Committee upon the Trigonometrical Survey.

Question put, and passed.

7. *Elections and Qualifications.*

Mr. Bedford moved, that Mr. Henty be re-appointed a Member of the Select Committee upon Elections and Qualifications.

Question put, and passed.

8. *A Memorandum of the General Principles and Views of the Ministry* was laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and having been read, was ordered to be *printed*.

The Council adjourned at fifty minutes past four o'clock until Thursday next, at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, May 28, 1857.

*Questions.*

Mr. Wedge to ask Mr. Weston—(1.) When he formed his Administration with Mr. Knight as Solicitor-General, did that gentleman stipulate, in the event of his being unsuccessful in his attempt to get re-elected, that he should retain the office of Solicitor-General without having a seat in the House?

(2.) If Mr. Knight is still a Member of the Executive Council and Solicitor-General?

(3.) What course does the Executive intend to pursue with regard to Mr. Knight and the office of Solicitor-General?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government that the Colonial Secretary shall continue to be a Member of this House?

(5.) If such is not the intention of the Government, when and how does the Honourable the Colonial Secretary propose to change his seat in this House and obtain one in the House of Assembly?

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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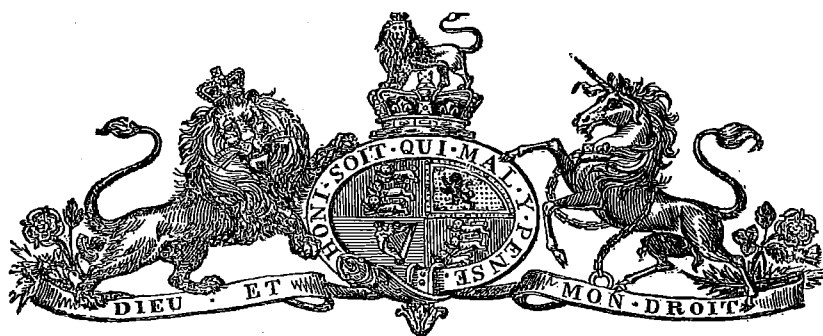
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*Paper issued.*

No. 19. Standing Rules and Orders.

*Select Committee.*

Thursday at 10—River Clyde Bill.



# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 55.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Government Domain.*

Mr. Bedford presented a *Petition* from Inhabitants of Hobart Town, praying that this Council will recommend that the Government Domain be vested in the City Corporation for the use and recreation of the Inhabitants of Hobart Town.

*Petition received and read.*

3. *Grand Jury.*

Mr. Whyte presented a *Petition* from John Morgan against the Attorney-General being the Grand Jury of the Colony.

*Petition received and read.*

4. *Member sworn.*

Richard Cleburne, Esquire, for Huon.

5. *Solicitor-General.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, asked Mr. Weston—(1.) When he formed his Administration with Mr. Knight as Solicitor-General, did that gentleman stipulate, in the event of his being unsuccessful in his attempt to get re-elected, that he should retain the office of Solicitor-General without having a seat in the House?

(2.) If Mr. Knight is still a Member of the Executive Council and Solicitor-General?

(3.) What course does the Executive intend to pursue with regard to Mr. Knight and the office of Solicitor-General?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government that the Colonial Secretary shall continue to be a Member of this House?

(5.) If such is not the intention of the Government, when and how does the Honourable the Colonial Secretary propose to change his seat in this House and obtain one in the House of Assembly?

To which Mr. Weston replied—

1st. The Ministry does not recognize the right of Parliament to interrogate it respecting negotiations which preceded its formation; but it has no hesitation in stating the tenure on which Mr. Knight holds the Solicitor-Generalship, which is a *political* one.

2nd. Mr. Knight is at present Solicitor-General and a Member of the Executive Council.

3rd. It is contemplated that Mr. Knight should retain his present office on the tenure on which he now holds it.

4th. The discretion of the Ministry is not fettered, by the letter or the spirit of the Constitution, in respect to the Colonial Secretary sitting in either branch of the Legislature; and the exercise of that discretion will be governed by considerations of public convenience.

5th. Should it be found more convenient that the Colonial Secretary should sit in the Assembly than in the Council, that Officer can propose to himself to obtain a seat in the former only by the means which the Constitution has left open to him.

6. *Messages from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who delivered the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" without prejudice to the rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

28 May, 1857.

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MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for raising the Sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

28 May, 1857.

The Council adjourned at forty-five minutes past four until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Friday, May 29, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Bedford* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant be printed.

2. *Mr. Whyte* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant be printed.

*Questions.*

*Mr. Wedge* to ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary—1st. Whether Mr. Champ has vacated his seat for Launceston by the acceptance of an official appointment in Victoria; and, in that case, whether a writ has been issued for the election of a Member to fill up the vacancy; and, if such has not been done, when is it the intention of the Ministers to do so?

2nd. Whether any other vacancies in the representations of Constituencies have occurred by resignations or otherwise?

3rd. Whether it is the intention of the present Ministry to address Her Majesty, through the Secretary of State, "praying the British Government to renew for such a period as shall be deemed equitable the original grant of £25,000 made some years ago in aid of Police and Gaols, on the ground that the presence of Convicts in Tasmania entitles this Colony to a contribution of at least that sum?"

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Papers issued.*

No. 20.—Memorandum.

Waste Lands Bill [No. 5] as amended in Select Committee of House of Assembly.

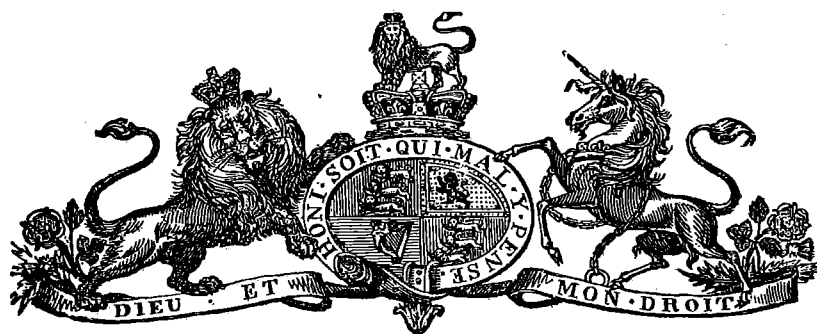
Waste Lands Sale Bill [No. 41].

*Select Committees.*

Friday at 10.—Trigonometrical Survey.

Monday at 10.—River Clyde Bill.





# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 56.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *River Clyde Bill.*

Captain Langdon presented a *Petition* from certain Inhabitants of the District of Bothwell, praying that this Council will pass into Law the River Clyde Bill.

*Received.*

3. *Ordered*—That the *Petition* presented yesterday by Mr. Bedford be *printed*.

4. *Ordered*—That the *Petition* presented yesterday by Mr. Whyte be *printed*.

5. *Vacancy for Launceston.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, asked the Honourable the Colonial Secretary—

(1). Whether Mr. Champ has vacated his seat for Launceston by the acceptance of an official appointment in Victoria; and, in that case, whether a writ has been issued for the election of a Member to fill up the vacancy; and, if such has not been done, when is it the intention of the Ministers to do so?

(2). Whether any other vacancies in the representations of Constituencies have occurred by resignations or otherwise?

To which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary replied—(1). "The Ministry had no official knowledge till this morning that Mr. Champ had accepted an office under any Government, or had resigned his seat. A new writ is now being prepared."

(2). "None."

6. *Police and Gaols.*

Mr. Wedge, pursuant to notice, asked the Honourable the Colonial Secretary—

Whether it is the intention of the present Ministry to address Her Majesty, through the Secretary of State, "praying the British Government to renew for such a period as shall be deemed equitable the original grant of £25,000 made some years ago in aid of Police and Gaols, on the ground that the presence of Convicts in Tasmania entitles this Colony to a contribution of at least that sum?"

To which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary replied—

"The Ministry intend to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject for the approval of Parliament."

The Council adjourned at forty minutes past four until five o'clock.

7. The Council resumed.

8. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced from the House of Assembly, who presented the following Message:—

The House of Assembly, in reply to the Message of the Legislative Council requesting an explanation of the terms of the Resolution of the House of Assembly, appointing a Committee to enquire into and report upon Mr. Abbott's claim to compensation for the deprivation of 210 acres of land, desires it to be understood that the House intended to submit to the Committee only the question as to the amount of compensation.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

28 May, 1857.

*Ordered,* That the said Message be referred to the Select Committee of this Council upon Mr. Abbott's claim.

9. *Messages from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced from the House of Assembly, who returned *The Chief Police Magistrate Bill*, and *The Ilfracombe Saw Mills Company Bill*, with the Amendments of this Council agreed to by the House of Assembly.

10. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented the following Message from the House of Assembly, with Amendments of that House to the Amendments of this Council to *The Electric Telegraph Bill*:—

In discharge of the high trust committed to them by the Constitution of this Colony, the House of Assembly have found it to be their duty, whilst assenting to some of the Amendments introduced by the Legislative Council into the Bill for Electric Telegraphs, to dissent from one of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, and to introduce Amendments upon others of such Amendments. In adopting this course, the House of Assembly has been deeply sensible of the necessity of maintaining a perfectly good correspondence and understanding between the two Houses of Parliament; and, in this spirit, the House of Assembly offers to the Legislative Council the following reasons for the course thus taken:—

1st. The Amendment upon the Amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 3 will secure to individuals the freedom from disturbance in the garden, orchard, yard, or lawn attached to their houses, whilst it will prevent the heavy expenses which would be thrown upon the Colony in the establishment of Telegraphic Communication were the words which the House of Assembly have proposed to strike out from the Amendment of the Legislative Council retained.

2nd. In the 4th clause the House of Assembly propose to strike out the words "Proprietor or his Agent and," thus amending the Amendment of the Legislative Council by requiring notice to be given to the occupier only. This the House of Assembly deem will be sufficient, as they have introduced the further Amendment of a Clause requiring the occupier to give notice to his landlord, and will prevent the difficulty and expense which would otherwise frequently occur in the case of absentee proprietors, and where the proprietor or his agent lived at a distance or may not be known.

3rd. The House of Assembly propose to strike out the word "indigenous" for reasons similar to those stated in reason No. 1; and propose to strike out the words "Proprietor and" for reasons similar to those stated in No. 2.

4th. The Amendments in clause 6 are made to render that clause in conformity with the Amendments of the House of Assembly upon those of the Legislative Council in clause 3.

5th. The words struck out by the House of Assembly in clause 7 are deemed useless, inasmuch as the publicity of the *Gazette*, a copy of which is provided to every Member of the Parliament, would be equal and more speedy than that proposed by the words struck out.

6th. The words "placard or deface" in clause 10 seem, to the House of Assembly, to be capable of application only to the piers and abutments which may be erected, and for which the punishment provided in the clause would be far too severe, as the mischief mainly provided for in the clause is of infinitely greater extent than that of the merely posting of hand-bills upon the piers and abutments of the works.

7th. The Amendment proposed to the new clause No. 13, introduced by the Legislative Council, is necessary on account of the Amendment proposed upon the Amendment of the Legislative Council in clauses 4 and 5.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

*Ordered,* That the said Amendments of the House of Assembly to the Amendments of this Council to the *Electric Telegraph Bill* be printed, and be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Council adjourned at thirty-five minutes past five o'clock until Monday next at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Monday, June 1, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Captain Langdon* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 29th May be printed.

2. *Mr. Nairn* to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, when it is probable that the result of the recently taken Census will be published for general information?

*Order of the Day.*

Consideration of the Amendments of the House of Assembly to the Amendments of the Legislative Council to the *Electric Telegraph Bill*.

Tuesday, June 2, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to bring under the consideration of this Council the Ministerial Memorandum setting forth the policy of the present Government, with the view of bringing forward a Resolution in reference thereto.

2. *Mr. Whyte* to move that the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly signifying its assent to Amendments made by this House in the Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and the £32,000 Debenture Bill, brought up yesterday, be taken into consideration.

3. *Mr. Whyte* to move—That on the 28th May a Message was brought up from the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to certain Amendments made by this House in three different Bills in the following terms; viz.—

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" without prejudice to the rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for raising the Sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

That the phrase "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House" has not hitherto been used by the Honourable the House of Assembly in signifying its acquiescence in Amendments made by this House in any Bills that have been brought up from the Assembly for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

That, in the opinion of this House, such assent is a *qualified assent*, implying that a doubt exists as to the Legislative Council having the power to alter and amend such Bills as those referred to, and that the Amendments to which the Honourable the House of Assembly has given a qualified assent may have trenchanted upon the rights and privileges of that Honourable House.

That it is not consistent with the dignity of this House that any doubt should be allowed to rest upon its Constitutional right to alter or amend, if it thinks fit, every Bill which comes before it from the House of Assembly, whether it be a Money Bill or not.

That, in order to do away with all doubts on the subject, so far as this House's interpretation of the Constitutional Act can remove such doubts, it is hereby resolved that the Legislative Council under the "Constitutional Act" possesses the right to alter and amend *all Bills*—including Money Bills—sent up to it by the Honourable the House of Assembly; and that it is the determination of this House to maintain its rights and privileges intact, believing that to do so is an imperative duty, and will best protect the interests and promote the welfare of the people it represents.

That the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to Amendments in the "Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and £32,000 Debentures Bill," be returned to the Honourable the House of Assembly, with the respectful request that it will be pleased to withdraw the qualification accompanying its assent to Amendments made by this House; viz.—that part of the Message couched in the following terms, "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House."

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

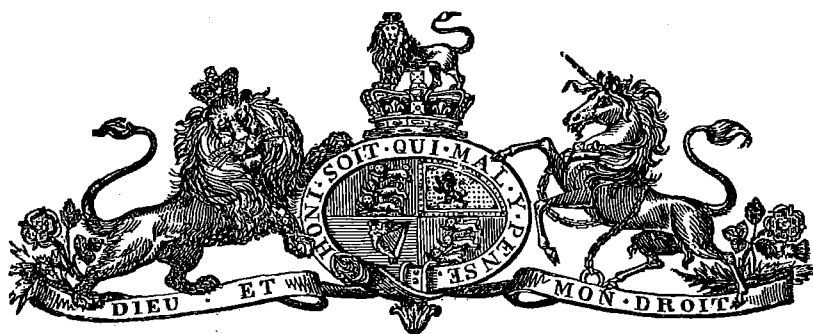
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*Papers issued.*

No. 7. Aborigines' Vocabulary.  
Stipendiary Magistrates Jurisdiction Bill [No. 42].  
Jury Act Amendment Bill [No. 43].  
Bills of Lading Bill [No. 44].

*Select Committees.*

Monday at 10—River Clyde Bill.  
Tuesday at 10—Trigonometrical Survey.



# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 57.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Ordered*—That the *Petition* presented by Captain Langdon on Friday last be printed.

3. *Census.*

Mr. Nairn, pursuant to notice, asked the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, when it is probable that the result of the recently taken Census will be published for general information?

To which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary replied—"These Returns are not all in, and in several instances those which have arrived have been obliged to be sent back for correction."

4. *Library Committee.*

Mr. Nairn moved, that Captain Langdon's name be substituted for that of Mr. Knight upon the Library Committee of this Council.

5. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented *A Bill for perpetuating Testimony in certain Cases*, which having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of this Council is requested therein.

6. *Electric Telegraphs Bill Amendments.*

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Amendments of the House of Assembly to the Amendments of the Legislative Council in the *Electric Telegraphs Bill*—

Captain Langdon moved, that the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the said Amendments.

Question put, and passed.

Whereupon the President left the Chair.

7. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The President having resumed the Chair;

Messengers were introduced, who presented the following Address from the House of Assembly to His Excellency the Governor, in which this Council is invited to join :—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knt.,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of  
Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to give effect to the following Resolution to which we have this day agreed:—

*Resolved*—That this House will be prepared to grant to those Public Servants who have efficiently and satisfactorily discharged their duties, and whose services may be dispensed with during the present year in consequence of the reduction of their Offices, compensation in accordance with the following scale:—

To all Officers whose period of service may be under 10 years, one month's pay for each year's service; and to those whose period of service may exceed 10 years, a Retiring Allowance in accordance with the following provisions of the Imperial Act of 4 & 5 Wm. 4, c. 24; viz.—

To any Clerk or Officer who shall have served 10 years and under 17, an allowance not exceeding three-twelfths of the average of the fixed Annual Salary which he may have received for the last 3 years prior to his reduction.

Above 17 and under 24, four-twelfths.

Above 24 and under 31, five-twelfths.

Above 31 and under 38, six-twelfths.

Above 38 and under 45, seven-twelfths.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

*Passed the House of Assembly this 29th day of May, 1857.*

FR. HARTWELL HENSLowe.

8. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented "*A Bill to amend the Jury Act,*" and "*A Bill to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of Stipendiary Magistrates, and to extend the Power of taking Bail in certain Cases of Petty Misdemeanors,*" which having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of this Council is requested therein.

9. *Electric Telegraphs Bill Amendments*—continued.

The President left the Chair, and the Council again went into Committee.

10. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The President having resumed the Chair, Messengers were introduced, who presented "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading,*" and "*A Bill to provide for the Distribution of Penalties awarded by Magistrates upon Summary Convictions until 1st August, 1858,*" which having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of this Council is requested therein.

11. *Electric Telegraphs Bill Amendments*—continued.

The President left the Chair, and the Council again went into Committee.

The Chairman reported to the Council that the Committee had considered the Amendments, and had adopted them with certain Amendments.

*Resolved*, That this Council doth agree to the said Amendments as amended by this Committee.

Mr. Nairn moved, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of—

Mr. Wedge,

Mr. Lowes,

Captain Langdon,

Mr. Bedford, and

Mr. Nairn,

to draw up a Message to the House of Assembly reporting the Amendments to "*The Electric Telegraphs Bill*" made by the House of Assembly, to which this Council has not assented, and the reasons for such dissent.

12. *Ordered*—That the consideration of the Message of the House of Assembly, inviting this Council to join that House in an Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying a certain Resolution of the House of Assembly, be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading,*"

"*A Bill for perpetuating Testimony in certain Cases,*"

"*A Bill to provide for the Distribution of Penalties awarded by Magistrates upon Summary Convictions until 1st August, 1858,*"

"*A Bill to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of Stipendiary Magistrates, and to extend the Power of taking Bail in certain cases of Petty Misdemeanors,*"

"*A Bill to amend the Jury Act,*" were severally read a *first time*, and ordered to be printed.

14. *Ordered*—That the *second* reading of *The Bills of Lading Bill, The Testimony perpetuating Bill, and The Stipendiary Magistrates Bill* stand Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

15. *Ordered*—That the *second* reading of *The Penalties' Distribution Bill, and The Jury Act Amendment Bill*, stand Orders of the Day for Wednesday next.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past seven o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Tuesday, June 2, 1857.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to bring under the consideration of this Council the Ministerial Memorandum setting forth the policy of the present Government, with the view of bringing forward a Resolution in reference thereto.

2. *Mr. Whyte* to move that the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly signifying its assent to Amendments made by this House in the Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and the £32,000 Debenture Bill, brought up yesterday, be taken into consideration.

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28 May, 1857.

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That the phrase "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House" has not hitherto been used by the Honourable the House of Assembly in signifying its acquiescence in Amendments made by this House in any Bills that have been brought up from the Assembly for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

That, in the opinion of this House, such assent is a *qualified assent*, implying that a doubt exists as to the Legislative Council having the power to alter and amend such Bills as those referred to, and that the Amendments to which the Honourable the House of Assembly has given a qualified assent may have trenchanted upon the rights and privileges of that Honourable House.

That it is not consistent with the dignity of this House that any doubt should be allowed to rest upon its Constitutional right to alter or amend, if it thinks fit, every Bill which comes before it from the House of Assembly, whether it be a Money Bill or not.

That, in order to do away with all doubts on the subject, so far as this House's interpretation of the Constitutional Act can remove such doubts, it is hereby resolved that the Legislative Council under the "Constitutional Act" possesses the right to alter and amend *all Bills*—including Money Bills—sent up to it by the Honourable the House of Assembly; and that it is the determination of this House to maintain its rights and privileges intact, believing that to do so is an imperative duty, and will best protect the interests and promote the welfare of the people it represents.

That the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to Amendments in the "Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and £32,000 Debentures Bill," be returned to the Honourable the House of Assembly

with the respectful request that it will be pleased to withdraw the qualification accompanying its assent to Amendments made by this House; viz.—that part of the Message couched in the following terms, “without prejudice to the relative rights of either House.”

4. *Mr. Cleburne* to ask the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, whether it is the intention of the Colonial Treasurer to place on the Votes of the House of Assembly a Supplementary Grant of £5000 in aid of the Huon Road?

*Orders of the Day.*

1. The consideration of the Message of the House of Assembly, inviting this Council to join that House in an Address to His Excellency the Governor embodying a certain Resolution of the House of Assembly.

2. *Bills of Lading Bill*—second reading.

3. *Testimony Perpetuating Bill*—second reading.

4. *Stipendiary Magistrates Bill*—second reading.

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Wednesday, June 3, 1857.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Penalties' Distribution Bill*—second reading.

2. *Jury Act Amendment Bill*—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*Papers issued.*

No. 21. Petition—Government Domain.]

No. 22. Petition—Grand Jury.

Amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to the Amendments of the Legislative Council in the *Electric Telegraphs Bill* [No. 4].

*Select Committees.*

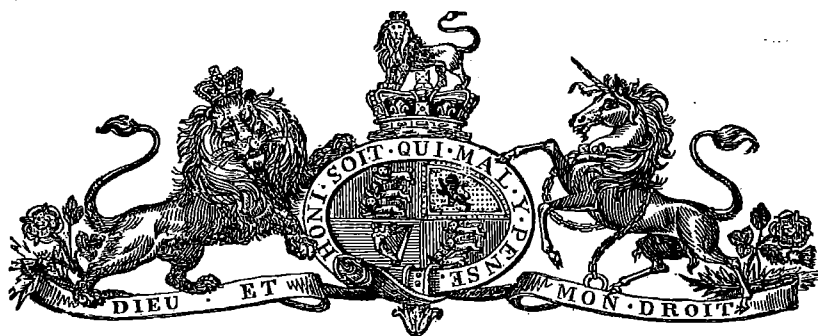
Tuesday at 10—Trigonometrical Survey.

Tuesday at eleven—Library.

Wednesday at ten—River Clyde Bill.

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. A *Petition* was presented by Mr. Smith from George Carr Clark, praying that the *River Clyde Bill* be no further proceeded with.

*Received*, and ordered to be referred to the Select Committee appointed to report upon the said Bill.

3. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented "*An Act Supplementary to the Act for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six*," and "*A Bill to amend the Jury Act*," which having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of this Council is requested therein.

Notice having been taken that "*The Bill to amend the Jury Act*" had been already received from the House of Assembly, and had been read a first time in this Council;

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be returned to the House of Assembly with the following Message:—

"The Legislative Council returns to the House of Assembly the Bill now brought up, intituled *A Bill to amend the Jury Act*; the same Bill having been brought up to the Legislative Council the first day of June instant, and read a first time in the Legislative Council.

THOMAS HORNE, *President*.

2nd June, 1857."

The President appointed Mr. Walker and Mr. Cleburne to carry the said Bill and Message to the House of Assembly.

4. *Ordered*—That the Notice of Motion standing No. 1 on the Notice Paper of this day, in Mr. Wedge's name, be *expunged*.

5. *Postponement.*

*Ordered*—That the Notices of Motion standing Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper of this day, in the name of Mr. Whyte, be *postponed* until to-morrow.

6. *Electric Telegraphs Bill Amendments.*

Mr. Nairn brought up the Report of the Select Committee appointed to draw up a Message to the House of Assembly reporting the Amendments to "*The Electric Telegraphs Bill*" made by the House of Assembly to which this Council has not assented, and the reasons for such dissent; which Report having been read, was agreed to by the Council.

*Ordered*—That the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly together with the Amendments made by this Council:—

The Legislative Council, having considered the Amendments of the House of Assembly to the "*Electric Telegraph Bill*," regret that they have been unable to assent to two of these Amendments.

1st. That expunging the word "*Proprietor or Agent*," and leaving it to the Occupier of the Land to give notice to the Proprietor of any entrance upon his Land by the Inspector of Telegraphs, or Officers acting under him. It appears to this Council that very serious detriment might be sustained by the Proprietor of Land if his receiving such Notice were to be dependent solely on his Tenant. Either from forgetfulness, or possibly even with intention, on account of some ill-feeling which might exist between the Tenant and his Landlord, the Tenant might fail to give the Notice: the Land might be entered upon, and damage inflicted, without its coming to the knowledge of the Proprietor for months after it had occurred; while the Act, as it now stands, would in such cases leave the Proprietor no means of redress, the prescribed period within which compensation could be obtained having expired.

The Council would further observe, that the 13th Section of the Act only requires that the Notice should be served on the Proprietor or his Agent at their last known residence in Tasmania, thus obviating the difficulty which would arise from the absence from the Colony of the Agent or Proprietor.

The removal of the word "*indigenous*" in the 5th Section appears to this Council unadvisable, as it allows the removal of trees not only of value, and thus causing expense to the Public in the shape of compensation, but as other trees are not numerous, the destruction of such trees will rarely be found necessary. This Act having prospective operation, the retention of the word "*indigenous*" will further protect the interests of Proprietors when property of the description referred to will be of greater value than at present.

In thus dissenting from two of the Amendments of the House of Assembly, the Legislative Council desires most cordially to reciprocate the expression of the House of Assembly as to the necessity of maintaining a perfectly good correspondence and understanding between the two Houses of Parliament.

The Amendments herein *dissented from* will be—

Sec. 4, line 5, to expunge "*to the Proprietor or his Agent and.*"

Sec. 5, line 1, to expunge "*indigenous.*"

Sec. 5, line 8, to expunge "*Proprietor and.*"

Sec. 13, line 1, to expunge "*Owner, Agent, or.*"

Sec. 13, line 2, to expunge "*Owner, Agent, or their*" and insert "*his.*"

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

2nd June, 1857.

7. *Huon Road.*

Mr. Cleburne, pursuant to notice, asked the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, whether it is the intention of the Colonial Treasurer to place on the Votes of the House of Assembly a Supplementary Grant of £5000 in aid of the Huon Road?

To which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary replied—That the sum named would be placed on the Estimates for 1858.

8. *Retiring Allowances.*

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Message of the House of Assembly inviting this Council to join that House in an Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying a certain Resolution of the House of Assembly, —*Resolved*, That this Council accedes to the request of the House of Assembly to join that House in an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of Retiring Allowances, which request and Address were conveyed to this Council on the 2nd instant; and that Mr. Henty, Mr. Nairn, and Mr. Bedford be appointed a Committee to prepare an Address to the Governor in accordance with the above Resolution.

9. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

"The House of Assembly does not insist upon its Amendments to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill for Electric Telegraphs, in the cases specified in the Message of the Legislative Council of the 2nd June instant.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

House of Assembly, 2nd June, 1857."

10. *The Bills of Lading Bill* was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

11. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

The President having resumed the Chair, Messengers were introduced, who presented "*A Bill to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates*," which having passed the House of Assembly, the concurrence of this Council is requested therein.

12. *Bills of Lading Bill*—continued.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

13. *Retiring Allowances.*

Mr. Bedford brought up the Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of Retiring Allowances, which was agreed to by the Council, and is as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of  
Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, concurring in the Resolutions with reference to Retiring Allowances which were agreed to by the Honourable the House of Assembly on the 29th May last, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to give effect to the same.

*Legislative Council, 2nd June, 1857.*

14. *Testimony Perpetuating Bill* was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

15. *Stipendiary Magistrates Bill* was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

16. *Settled Estates' Leases Bill* was read a *first* time, and the *second* reading was ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Friday.17. *Message to the House of Assembly.*

The following Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly:—

The Legislative Council concurs in the Resolutions of the House of Assembly with reference to Retiring Allowances, passed by the House of Assembly on the 29th day of May last, and has adopted an Address to the Governor praying that His Excellency will pleased to give effect to such Resolutions.

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council, 2nd June, 1857.*

The Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

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*Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Wednesday, June 3, 1857.

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

*Orders of the Day.*

1. *Penalties' Distribution Bill*—second reading.
2. *Jury Act Amendment Bill*—second reading.
3. *Bills of Lading Bill*—third reading.
4. *Testimony Perpetuating Bill*—third reading.
5. *Stipendiary Magistrates Bill*—third reading.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

*Notices of Motion.*

1. Mr. Button to move for a Return of the Number of Pounds and the declared Value of Wool shipped from the Colony in each year from the 1st June, 1854, to the 31st May, 1857.

2. Mr. Whyte to move that the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly signifying its assent to Amendments made by this House in the Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and the £32,000 Debenture Bill, brought up yesterday, be taken into consideration.

3. *Mr. Whyte* to move—That on the 28th May a Message was brought up from the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to certain Amendments made by this House in three different Bills in the following terms; viz.—

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" without prejudice to the rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for raising the Sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

That the phrase "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House" has not hitherto been used by the Honourable the House of Assembly in signifying its acquiescence in Amendments made by this House in any Bills that have been brought up from the Assembly for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

That, in the opinion of this House, such assent is a *qualified assent*, implying that a doubt exists as to the Legislative Council having the power to alter and amend such Bills as those referred to, and that the Amendments to which the Honourable the House of Assembly has given a qualified assent may have trenched upon the rights and privileges of that Honourable House.

That it is not consistent with the dignity of this House that any doubt should be allowed to rest upon its Constitutional right to alter or amend, if it thinks fit, every Bill which comes before it from the House of Assembly, whether it be a Money Bill or not.

That, in order to do away with all doubts on the subject, so far as this House's interpretation of the Constitutional Act can remove such doubts, it is hereby resolved that the Legislative Council under the "Constitutional Act" possesses the right to alter and amend *all Bills*—including Money Bills—sent up to it by the Honourable the House of Assembly; and that it is the determination of this House to maintain its rights and privileges intact, believing that to do so is an imperative duty, and will best protect the interests and promote the welfare of the people it represents.

That the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to Amendments in the "Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and £32,000 Debentures Bill," be returned to the Honourable the House of Assembly with the respectful request that it will be pleased to withdraw the qualification accompanying its assent to Amendments made by this House; viz.—that part of the Message couched in the following terms, "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House."

Friday, June 5, 1857.

*Order of the Day.*

*Settled Estates' Leases Bill*—second reading.

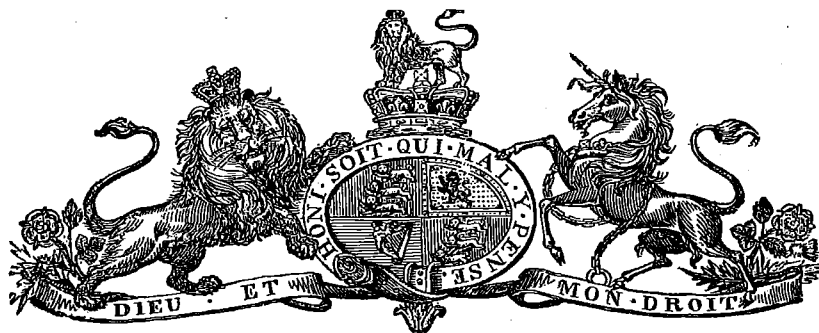
CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council*.

*Papers issued.*

No. 23. Petition—Water, Bothwell.  
Penalties' Distribution Bill [No. 30.]  
Testimony Perpetuating Bill [No. 40.]  
Stipendiary Magistrates Bill [No. 42.]  
Jury Act Amendment Bill [No. 43.]  
Bills of Lading Bill [No. 44.]  
Supplementary Appropriation Act [No. 45.]

*Select Committees.*

Wednesday at ten—River Clyde Bill.  
Wednesday at eleven—Trigonometrical Survey.  
Wednesday at twelve—Library.



# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 59.

WENESDAY, JUNE 3, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.
2. A *Petition* was presented by Mr. Wedge from certain Licensed Victuallers, Tradesmen, and others of the City of Hobart Town, praying that "The Penalties' Distribution Bill" may not be passed into Law in its present form.  
*Petition received and read.*
3. *River Clyde Bill.*  
Captain Langdon, as Chairman of the Select Committee upon the "River Clyde Bill," brought up the Report of that Committee, together with the evidence taken before the said Committee, which Report was read.
4. *Ordered*—That the Order for the *second* reading of *The Settled Estates' Leases Bill* be *expunged* from the Notice Paper of *Friday* next, and be an Order of the Day for *to-morrow*.
5. *Penalties' Distribution Bill* was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the *third* reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for *to-morrow*.
6. *Jury Act Amendment Bill* was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments;  
The Standing Orders being suspended, the Council adopted the Report.  
And the Bill was read a *third* time and *passed*.  
Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "A Bill to amend the *Jury Act*."  
Question put, and *passed*.  
The following Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly with the said Bill :—

*The Legislative Council having this day agreed to, with Amendments, "A Bill to amend the Jury Act," begs now to return the same to the House of Assembly, and to request its concurrence therein.*

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council, 3 June, 1857.*

7. *Perpetuating Testimony Bill* was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill for perpetuating Testimony in certain Cases.*"

Question put, and passed.

8. *Bills of Lading Bill* was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"

Question put, and passed.

9. *Stipendiary Magistrates Bill* was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of Stipendiary Magistrates, and to extend the Power of taking Bail in certain Cases of Petty Misdemeanors.*"

Question put, and passed.

10. *Mr. Button*, by leave, withdrew the Notice standing in his name on the Notice Paper of this Day.

11. *Postponement.*

*Ordered*, that the Notices of Motion standing in Mr. Whyte's name for this day be postponed until *to-morrow*.

12. *Supplementary Appropriation Act, 1856*, the Standing Orders being suspended, was read a *first* and *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act Supplementary to the Act for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.*"

Question put, and passed.

13. *Penalties' Distribution Bill*, the Standing Orders being suspended, was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Henty moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to provide for the Distribution of Penalties awarded by Magistrates upon Summary Convictions, until 1st August, 1858.*"

Question put, and passed.

14. *Ordered*, that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly:—

*The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the under-mentioned Bills without Amendment:—*

"*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"

"*A Bill for perpetuating Testimony in certain Cases.*"

"*A Bill to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of Stipendiary Magistrates, and to extend the Power of taking Bail in certain Cases of Petty Misdemeanors.*"

"*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"

"*A Bill to provide for the Distribution of Penalties awarded by Magistrates upon Summary Convictions until 1st August, 1858.*"

"*An Act Supplementary to the Act for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.*"

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council, 3 June, 1857.*

The Council adjourned at half-past eight o'clock until to-morrow at four o'clock.

### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

Thursday, June 4, 1857.

#### *Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to move that the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant be printed.

2. *Mr. Bedford* to move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the Domain may be retained for the use of the Citizens.

That it may be vested in Trustees; and that early in the next Session of the Parliament an Act may be submitted to accomplish this object.

3. And, contingent upon such Motion being agreed to, that a Committee, consisting of—

Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Nairn, and  
The Mover,

be appointed to prepare such Address.

4. *Mr. Whyte* to move—That on the 28th May a Message was brought up from the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to certain Amendments made by this House in three different Bills in the following terms; viz.—

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" without prejudice to the rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to "*A Bill for raising the Sum of £32,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857,*" without prejudice to the relative rights of the two Houses, it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker*.

28 May, 1857.

That the phrase "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House" has not hitherto been used by the Honourable the House of Assembly in signifying its acquiescence in Amendments made by this House in any Bills that have been brought up from the Assembly for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

That, in the opinion of this House, such assent is a *qualified assent*, implying that a doubt exists as to the Legislative Council having the power to alter and amend such Bills as those referred to, and that the Amendments to which the Honourable the House of Assembly has given a qualified assent may have trenched upon the rights and privileges of that Honourable House.

That it is not consistent with the dignity of this House that any doubt should be allowed to rest upon its Constitutional right to alter or amend, if it thinks fit, every Bill which comes before it from the House of Assembly, whether it be a Money Bill or not.

That, in order to do away with all doubts on the subject, so far as this House's interpretation of the Constitutional Act can remove such doubts, it is hereby resolved that the Legislative Council under the "Constitutional Act" possesses the right to alter and amend *all Bills*—including Money Bills—sent up to it by the Honourable the House of Assembly; and that it is the determination of this House to maintain its rights and privileges intact, believing that to do so is an imperative duty, and will best protect the interests and promote the welfare of the people it represents.

That the Message of the Honourable the House of Assembly, conveying its assent to Amendments in the "Appropriation Act, the Public Works Loan Bill, and £32,000 Debentures Bill," be returned to the Honourable the House of Assembly with the respectful request that it will be pleased to withdraw the qualification accompanying its assent to Amendments made by this House; viz.—that part of the Message couched in the following terms, "without prejudice to the relative rights of either House."

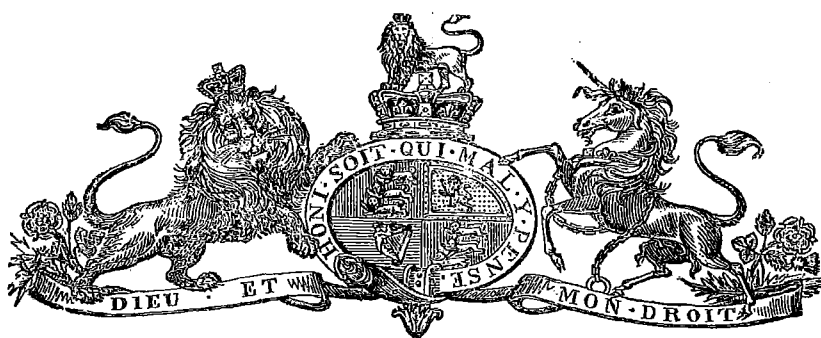
*Order of the Day.*

*Settled Estates' Leases Bill*—second reading.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council*.







# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Trigonometrical Survey.*

Mr. Wedge, as Chairman of the Select Committee upon the Trigonometrical Survey, brought up a Progress Report of that Committee, together with the Evidence taken before the said Committee, which Report was received and read.

3. *Message from the House of Assembly.*

Messengers were introduced, who presented the following Message:—

The House of Assembly begs to inform the Legislative Council that, having considered the Amendments made by it to a "Bill to amend the Jury Act," it has agreed to the same.

MICHAEL FENTON, *Speaker.*

4 June, 1857.

4. *Library.*

Mr. Nairn, as Chairman of the Library Committee appointed by this Council on the 9th December last, brought up the Report of that Committee, which was read.

5. *Ordered*—That the Petition presented by Mr. Wedge on the 3rd instant be *printed*.

6. *Domain.*

Mr. Bedford moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that adequate portions of the Domain may be retained for the use of the Citizens: that it may be vested in Trustees; and that early in the next Session of the Parliament an Act may be submitted to accomplish this object.

Question put, and passed.

Mr. Bedford then moved, that a Committee, consisting of—

Mr. Walker,  
Mr. Nairn, and  
The Mover,

be appointed to prepare such Address.

Question put, and passed.

7. *Settled Estates' Leases Bill* was read a *second* time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the Council adopted the Report.

The Standing Orders being suspended, the Bill was read a *third* time and passed.

Mr. Nairn moved that the Title of the Bill be, "*A Bill to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates.*"

Question put, and passed.

*Ordered*—That the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly:—

*The Legislative Council has this day agreed to, without Amendment, "A Bill to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates."*

THOMAS HORNE, *President.*

*Legislative Council, 4 June, 1857.*

#### 8. *Domain.*

Mr. Bedford brought up the Address to His Excellency the Governor, prepared by the Select Committee appointed for that purpose, which Address having been read, was *agreed to*, and is as follows:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of  
Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, consider that it is highly desirable that places and means of amusement, recreation, and healthful exercise should be provided for the Inhabitants of Hobart Town generally: that the Government Domain is suitable to such purposes; and we, therefore, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that an adequate portion of the Domain may be retained for the use of the Citizens; that the land may be vested in Trustees; and that early in the next Session of Parliament an Act may be submitted to accomplish this object.

The Council adjourned at forty-five minutes past six o'clock until to-morrow at two o'clock.

#### *Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.*

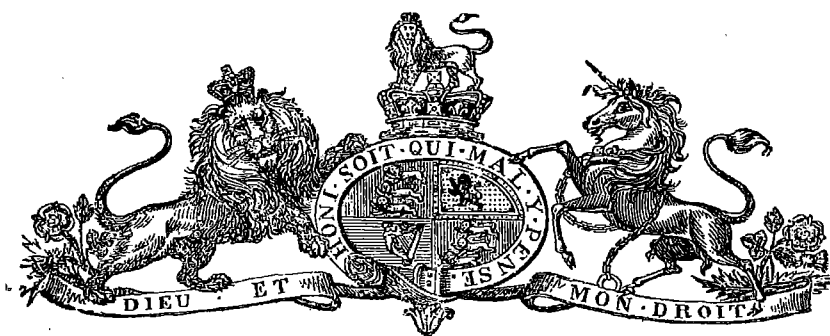
Friday, June 5, 1857.

#### *Notices of Motion.*

1. *Mr. Wedge* to ask the Colonial Secretary, Whether it is the intention of the Ministry to bring in a Bill early in the next Session of Parliament to amend "*The Distribution of Penalties Bill*?"

2. *Mr. Wedge* to move, That it is highly detrimental to the public interest to prorogue the Parliament whilst there is so much public business on the papers, and other important measures to consider.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*



# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 61.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1857.

1. THE Council met pursuant to adjournment: the Honourable the President took the Chair.

2. *Library.*

On the Motion of Mr. Nairn, the Report of the Library Committee brought up by him yesterday was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

3. *Mr. Abbott's Claim.*

Mr. Nairn brought up the Report of the Joint Committee appointed to enquire as to the amount of compensation to be awarded to Mr. Abbott for the loss of 210 acres of land at Launceston, which, having been read, was *agreed to*.

*Ordered*—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue a Commission to the Members of the Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of Mr. Abbott to compensation for the loss of 210 acres of land at Launceston, empowering them to proceed to Launceston as suggested in their Report to this Council; and that the following be such Address:—

*To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, Knight,  
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of  
Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Members of the Legislative Council of Tasmania in Parliament assembled, have the honour to submit to Your Excellency a Report which this Council has received from the Joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature, appointed to enquire into and report upon Mr. Abbott's claim to compensation for the deprivation of 210 acres of land at Launceston; and respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to issue a Commission to the Members of the Committee, empowering them to proceed to Launceston in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Report.

4. The President acquainted the Council, that His Honor had this day presented to His Excellency the Governor the Address agreed to by this Council on the 2nd instant, on the subject of Retiring Allowances; also, the Address agreed to by this Council on the 4th instant, on the subject of the Domain.

And that His Excellency had been pleased to reply, That he would take the subject of both Addresses into his earnest consideration.

5. *Mr. Wedge*, pursuant to notice, asked the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, whether it is the intention of the Ministry to bring in a Bill early in the next Session of Parliament to amend "*The Distribution of Penalties Bill*?"

To which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary replied—A Bill will be introduced before the recently passed Bill expires, but whether to amend or to extend that Bill will be determined by circumstances.

The Council adjourned at thirty minutes past two o'clock for a quarter of an hour.

6. The Council resumed.

7. *Prorogation of Parliament.*

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, was received at the door of the Chamber by the President and Members; and having taken his seat, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to desire the attendance of the Members of the House of Assembly in this Chamber.

The Speaker and Members of that House having attended below the Bar, and the Clerk of the Council having received the Money Bills from the hands of the Speaker, His Excellency the Governor assented in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty to the under-mentioned Acts:—

"*An Act for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for Nine Months of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven ending 30th September, and for further appropriating the said Revenue.*"

"*An Act for raising the Sum of £24,000 by Debentures for the Service of the Year 1857.*"

"*An Act to authorise the raising of Loans for Public Works on the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony.*"

"*An Act Supplementary to the Act for applying certain Sums arising from the General Revenue of the Colony of Tasmania to the Service thereof for the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.*"

"*An Act for Electric Telegraphs.*"

"*An Act to transfer certain Duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Police Magistrate to other Officers.*"

"*An Act for perpetuating Testimony in certain Cases.*"

"*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"

"*An Act to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of Stipendiary Magistrates, and to extend the Power of taking Bail in certain Cases of Petty Misdemeanors.*"

"*An Act to provide for the Distribution of Penalties awarded by Magistrates upon Summary Convictions until 1st August, 1858.*"

"*An Act to amend the Jury Act.*"

"*An Act to facilitate Leases and Sales of Settled Estates.*"

"*An Act to simplify Civil Proceedings by and against, and to regulate Criminal Proceedings by, 'The Ifracombe Saw Mills and Railway Company,' and to enable the said Company to construct Railways, Tramroads, Wharves, Piers, and Jetties.*"

His Excellency then read the following Speech:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I CONGRATULATE you that, for the present, your labours are brought to a close; and that, notwithstanding occasions of hinderance, you have been able to pass some useful and necessary measures. The progress of public business could scarcely have been expected to be free from interruption in the initiation of Parliamentary Government, and Tasmania has only shared in the experience of other Australian Colonies: but the hope may be indulged, and is even already justified, that, with extended acquaintance with that form of Government, its principles and practice will be modified and adapted to local circumstances, and its successful results will prove not less than were anticipated from its adoption. Among the measures which you have passed I enumerate with particular satisfaction, as being calculated to correct inconveniences that have been hitherto felt, or otherwise to conduce to the Public Service,—

The Act to restore the Jurisdiction of the Court of Requests for the District of Hobart Town;

The Act for the better securing the Independence of the Judges of the Supreme Court;

The Act to abolish the exclusive Jurisdiction of certain Magistrates; and

The Public Works' Loan Act, in which provision is made towards connecting Tasmania by Sub-marine Cable with the Electric Telegraphs and the main-land of Australia.

I regret that you have not been able to devise any measure in respect to the Sale and Settlement of the Waste Lands of the Colony; but I fully admit, and acquiesce in, the expediency of postponing till the next Session of Parliament the adoption of any Bill on this subject, as preferable to its being legislated on in a crude or partial manner, which would require amendment at a future period.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I have to thank you for the liberality of the Supplies, and to assure you that they will be expended with that regard to economy which the state of the Public Finances renders imperative. The period of an Appropriation of the Revenue is so commonly and conveniently fixed at twelve months, that the shorter period provided in the Bills you have submitted for 1857 will not, I hope, become a precedent.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I thank you for the assiduous attention you have given to the affairs of the country during a Session which, to many, if not all of you, must have been inconveniently protracted. It is gratifying to me, before separating, to be enabled to acquaint you that, notwithstanding the attractions of the Gold Fields of the adjacent Colony, the Census of the present year is expected (from the returns now all but completed) to show an aggregate population of nearly 80,000 souls, being an increase of about 10,000 as compared to that of 1851.

The Commercial and Trading interests of the two principal Towns, as well as those of the Townships in the interior, are in a sounder state than they were a short time since. The markets for the principal produce of Tasmania, both foreign and domestic, exhibit no symptoms of decline, but the contrary; and an encouraging prospect generally opens to the enterprise and the industry of the different classes of the community. I venture to hope that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, your past and future labours may be found to conduce to the benefit of those you represent, by developing the latent resources of this fine Colony, augmenting its wealth, and elevating its social condition.

I now declare this Parliament to be prorogued to Tuesday, the first day of September next.

His Excellency the Governor having been conducted to the door of the Chamber by the President and Members, the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly withdrew.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Clerk of the Council.*

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*MEMORANDUM with reference to the direct Line of Road to the Huon, for the information of His Excellency.*

TRAVELLERS starting from Hobart Town to the Huon, either on foot or by horse, proceed at present by Sandy Bay to Brown's River, or by another road which is a little shorter, and from its extremely rugged and difficult character is very properly termed the "Stony Steps Road." These two roads unite about a mile from Brown's River, and form the proper Huon track or road: this track, which is nothing more than a single horse can travel in, is, for a distance of ten miles, the most rugged and difficult imaginable, fatiguing in the highest degree to a pedestrian, and can only be travelled on horseback at a walking pace. On reaching to within seven miles of the Huon the track suddenly assumes a different character; the country becomes nearly level, and so continues to its termination at the Ironstone Creek on the Huon River. The track through this part widens into a good cart road, and is used for this purpose by the settlers in the neighbourhood.

The distance from Hobart Town to the Ironstone Creek by Brown's River is about 28 miles,—by Stony Steps Road about 3 miles less; and, to demonstrate in the strongest manner the difficult character of the road, a traveller cannot reach the Huon on foot or by horse by either road under from 6 to 7 hours.

It has long been believed that a better and more direct line of road from Hobart Town to the Huon was quite practicable, and recent explorations of the country in this situation appear to leave no doubt of the fact.

The distance from Hobart Town to the Huon in a direct line is under 17 miles. About 5 miles of road have been opened from Hobart Town in the direction which it is desirable the road should run; and at the other end of the line another road has been opened starting from the Huon to the distance of 6 miles, and leaving but 7 or 8 miles of road to be opened.

The country in this situation is covered with so dense a forest that it is very difficult to pass through it; and, from the quantity of moisture prevailing there, it has never yet been cleared out by bush fires.

I have with difficulty penetrated a considerable depth into this forest, and I have carefully surveyed the country from several elevated points. From the observations I have made, no doubt remains upon my mind that a good road can be made between the termination of the road already opened from Hobart Town and the commencement of the road made in the same direction from the Huon.

The land situated to the right of the road now projected going from Hobart Town is of a very superior description, consisting principally of the finest garden mould, and is sufficiently level for ordinary culture; and, although the underwood is very thick, the number of very large trees is comparatively small, which very much diminishes the cost of clearing.

I have no hesitation in stating that, if this road was properly opened and constructed, it would make available for sale full 20,000 acres of valuable land now in the possession of the Crown; and, from its close proximity to town, with a gradual descent the whole way to bring produce,—the valuable splitting, sawing, and ornamental woods that abound there,—the superior quality of the soil,—abundance of moisture and equable climate

which it enjoys, with other advantages which I need not enumerate, it would be sold with the greatest readiness, and would produce a large sum to aid those objects to which the Land Fund is applied, and likewise materially augment the general prosperity of the Colony by adding considerably to our exportable produce.

From a careful consideration of the proposed road, and consultation with those competent to judge in the matter, I am of opinion that the whole line from Hobart Town to the Huon could be completed for £5000. I believe that in no part would the ascent be more steep than in some parts of the road to Launceston; and that, when completed, it will be quite practicable to ride or drive from Hobart Town to the Huon in two hours.

To show the important bearing of this road upon the future opening up of the crown lands of the Colony, I may mention that Ironstone Creek, when passengers either cross the Huon or take a boat to go to their destination on the river, is distant from

Port Davey .....	about 55 miles.
From Rasselas Valley, at the bend of the Gordon River, to the commencement of the Great Western Plains	" 45 "
From Research Bay .....	" 50 "
From Macquarie Harbour .....	" 85 "

It is close to the flourishing Township of Victoria, of which it forms a part. In this situation is to be found some of the best land in the Colony, occupied by a body of independent and industrious farmers, who contribute largely to the wealth of the Colony, and who are now reduced to the bi-weekly communication to town by the steamer, or to travel by the wretched and dangerous road which now exists. The settlers on the north bank of the Huon, proceeding upwards from Ironstone Creek, occupy land for a distance of nine miles; and a very rich tract of agricultural land, known as the "She-oak Hills," is reached by a track from Ironstone Creek, at about nine miles distance. The position of Victoria points out clearly that it will ere long become one of the most important interior townships in the Island; and it is obvious that this road will constitute the nearest approach to the hitherto unexplored western country, and will bring persons desiring to select land to within an insignificant distance of the most extensive and most valuable tract of waste land now in the hands of the Crown.

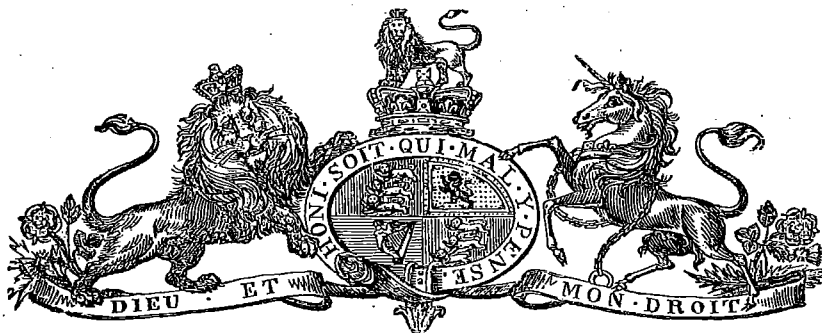
With regard to the cost of constructing this road, I have already stated that about £5000 would complete the whole. Of this sum I would guarantee subscriptions to the amount of £1000; and I have no hesitation in stating that, immediately on the completion of this road, and the survey of the land into small sections, the Government would readily sell 5000 acres at from £1 to £5 per acre. I am also of opinion that, if the road was properly surveyed and let out in separate portions by contract, the whole would be fit to travel on in 12 months. It will be remembered that of the whole distance—say 17 miles—about 11 miles are already opened, and only require widening, draining, levelling, and broken metal to make it passable at once. One or two creeks have to be bridged over; but, with abundance of timber on the spot, this would not be tedious or costly.

For the purpose, then, of at once ascertaining the best line of road through the seven or eight miles of country yet unexplored, I have to request His Excellency will order that 12 prisoners of the Crown and two constables as overseers be appropriated to this duty. Six men and an overseer could commence at each end of the line, and work on until they would meet: when the opening is once made the best line of road can be easily ascertained, and the work can be put in progress without delay.

I am of opinion that the work of cutting this road would not occupy more than a month; and the cost of the men, provisions, and tools could be charged to the fund appropriated to the road when sanctioned in the usual way.

The men would require rations for a month, bedding, 12 axes, and a few cooking utensils.

W. CROOKE.



In submitting the accompanying Report of Mr. Calder's, of the nature of the country in the vicinity of the line of Road recently surveyed by Mr. Ballantyne between Hobart Town and the Huon River, I have to observe that the vast resources of the Huon District are unquestionable: it presents a wider field for the Labouring Classes, with a certainty of success, than any other part of Tasmania; and, if assistance be afforded in the opening up of Roads to the rich tracts of land and superior beds of timber lying back from the Huon River, I have no doubt the District in question will soon become thickly populated, provided the lands be made available in small sections and upon easy terms.

R. POWER,

*Surveyor-General's Office, 6th December, 1856.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

*Hobart Town, 2nd December, 1856.*

SIR,

IN accordance with instructions to examine and report on the tract of country in the neighbourhood of the line of road lately marked from hence to the Huon River, I beg to acquaint you that I completed that duty on Thursday last, and reached town at noon of the following day.

In drawing up the report I have now the honor of offering, I have not confined myself to a naked description of the character of the soil and forests it is to pass through, but have taken the liberty of drawing a comparison between the southern and the pastoral districts' exports, and of offering a few observations on the former places.

I commenced my examination at Mr. Alfred Hall's southern boundary, and concluded it on reaching the valley of the Mountain River, beyond which place I knew that the surface was level, and moreover almost wholly occupied, and as such demanding no notice from me.

But, before reaching the boundary in question, the road passes into one of those tremendous forests so common to several parts of the Island, but which more peculiarly characterise the southern districts. The forest in question is mostly composed of enormous gum trees, with the usual underwood of musk, sassafras, brown wattle, fern trees, &c., &c., excessively difficult to enter from their uncommon closeness, and the amazing quantities of fallen timber everywhere scattered over the surface. The soil that the forest under notice grows in appears to be of somewhat an inferior quality,—though there must be fallacy in a supposition so forcibly contradicted by the rank and gigantic vegetation it produces. It is also somewhat steep, and not unfrequently stony,—though about half of it is not so much so as to impede cultivation very seriously. Several small streams of very excellent water flow through it. Its width in the direction of the track is about 3 miles, and it extends northerly to the bases of the last rises of Mount Wellington, beyond which—having reached the region of the mountain tea tree—I followed it no farther.

In this neighbourhood large quantities of ornamental woods are found, as well as those more especially adapted for the useful purposes of life. The musk is plentiful, and a very large supply of myrtle trees, of the largest proportions and finest description; but the latter are most abundant as you approach the higher grounds of the mountain range. This wood is amongst the handsomest cabinet timber we possess; and if it has not yet come into very extensive use, this is probably attributable to its growing mostly in remote situations, from whence it cannot be easily conveyed. I was therefore agreeably surprised in witnessing its abundance within 5 miles of Hobart. The trees are quite as large as any I have met with in the west coast districts, which are generally considered their favourite locality, or at least where they attain their most perfect development.

Emerging from this forest, the road is directed along the side of a stony and rather open hill, the soil of it being an inferior clay, and here the stringy-bark and peppermint replace the gum trees. This style of soil and forest continues about two-thirds of a mile, when we again plunge into a second forest of very lofty gum trees, larger, and more beautiful and valuable, than those of the one before described. Nearly every one is almost as straight as a ruler, and well adapted for all purposes of building and fencing. The underwood is of the most formidable kind, but the soil, though hardly so stony as that about Hall's, and somewhat superior to it, is nevertheless not what one would consider very good,—though it is impossible to speak unfavourably of it, when so vigorous a growth of every thing that denotes excessive productiveness stares one in the face at every step. It continues in the direction of the track till you reach Mr. Cooney's cultivated land, which is very flat, and too imperfectly drained, to enable one to form a fair judgment of its yielding powers. I found this description of country extending well up Mount Wellington, that is about 4 miles. Beyond Mr. Cooney's the land rapidly deteriorates, and still continues to do so as you descend into the valley of the North-west Bay River, where its barrenness cannot be surpassed.

Crossing this river—near to which are some very indifferent but perfectly open hills—we pass through the cultivated lands of Messieurs Stocks and Coombs, and once more enter a noble forest precisely similar to those before described, which continues with little change till we commence descending into the large valley of the Mountain River, where the trap boulders, so common in these forests, give place to freestone, and the soil becomes sandy, though by no means inferior. The prevailing underwood of these districts is also supplanted by what is commonly termed the native willow, or more properly, I believe, the Croton-tree. This forest also reaches nearly to the top of the Wellington range.

We next descend into the valley of the Mountain River, where an extensive tract of nearly level land occupies the entire bottom; but its soil, as is unusual in such situations in the southern parts of the Island, is of a very inferior quality,—namely, a poor white clay alternating with white sand. This space is very sparingly covered with trees. There is, however, a pretty fair swarth of grass here; and any one occupying the large flat, and the hills on both sides of the river, would command a pretty good sheep run. A few small plots of fertile land are met with near the banks of this fine little river.

Returning to the track, I continued on it till I had passed through the land of Mr. Parsons, where, as before stated, I terminated my search.

The quantity of land available for occupation within four miles of the line may probably be thirty or forty thousand acres; but it is useless pretending to exactness in this respect,—for these forests are so wonderfully dense, and therefore unfavourable for close examination, that nothing more than a rough guess will be expected of me. Moreover, they are in some places so stony, especially as we ascend, to the higher grounds of the mountain range, that it is not possible to assign the extent of these tracts except in a very imperfect manner.

If the soil be not naturally good, as one would certainly infer from its appearance, there must nevertheless exist some compensating causes which produce all the effects of excessive fertility. This is possibly traceable in no small degree to the very large quantities of rain falling in all these districts that lie to the westward of the great range, which, commencing at the extreme western bluff (near Chudleigh), terminates at Mount Wellington, where double or treble that which is experienced in the eastern districts annually descends. The causes of this I endeavoured to explain—and I think successfully—in my report of 1st December, 1845, and which I shall therefore not repeat. Now, as we have more than sufficient warmth here to perfect the growth of anything the temperate latitudes will mature, it seems but reasonable to suppose that, in those situations where Nature provides a copious supply of moisture also, they must possess the chief elements necessary to draw forth all the productive powers of the soil; and if that be but tolerable—which is

the case with most of the tract I have described—we want little more. This will probably account for the extraordinary magnitude of the forest trees here, where the land, though certainly not first-rate, supports a most amazing vegetation. Cultivation is only commencing here; but at Hall's, Stocks', and Coombs', everything they grow flourishes most luxuriantly,—perhaps proving that a first-rate soil is not actually indispensable to the most perfect success, where every other essential is present.

Though it formed no portion of my instructions to offer any opinions on the line of road lately cleared from hence to the Huon River, it may not be amiss to devote a portion of this letter to a description of it, and to some reflections naturally connected with it.

Though susceptible of considerable improvement, as is always the case with new lines when directed through districts abounding in the most formidable difficulties to exploration, it does the greatest credit to those who first traced it out, and thus showed the possibility of successfully overcoming what I, for one of hundreds, always considered a hopeless task, namely, the discovery of a direction where a thoroughly good line may, I believe, be found; and, whenever the time arrives for forming the road, the best that can be found will probably be nowhere five hundred yards from Walton's track. In tracing out *first roads* through a hilly district, the great mistake that is always made is that of keeping *short cuts* too constantly in view,—as if the saving of a mile or two in twenty were a sound reason for sacrificing the very best level that is to be found. For a bush foot-path, or even a bridle road, this may be all very well; but where there is *draught* to deal with all such considerations must be set aside, and it then becomes more desirable to consult levels than straight lines, combining them of course where no sacrifice of the first is made to the second. Mr. Walton has fallen into this error, though perhaps in a less degree than four in five would have done; but even his may be so improved as to be little inferior to the southern portions of the main line of road itself, except perhaps where it descends into the valley of the Mountain River,—but even here I question whether it will be inferior to Spring Hill. As it is, too much credit can scarcely be awarded him for what he has done,—possibly not having a first-rate line in view.

In dealing with the question of the propriety of forming a road to unite the metropolis with the Huon, the subject of its cost and character, and the existing necessity of the undertaking, naturally present themselves for discussion.

I have placed these subjects in something like an inverse order, and will go through them as they stand, as well as I am able to do.

Of the first, however, I must speak in very general terms; for unless it were measured and the necessary sections taken, it is quite impossible to state the amount of labour its construction will necessitate. At present, therefore, there is no arriving at even an approximate estimate of its cost. That it will be very considerable I think there can be no doubt of, but it will possibly be less than may be imagined, when we look at the inequalities of the surface of the tract under notice; for, though there must be a great deal of side cutting, yet I think it likely solid rock will not often be met with,—appearances at least seem to favour this idea. Several small bridges will be required along the line, besides those wanted at North West Bay and the Mountain Rivers, whose channels are about thrice the breadth of the Hobart Town stream.

The character of a road will necessarily depend on the importance of the places it is designed to unite. If these are either insignificant, or if there be not much intercourse between them, it will be obvious that their means of communication need not be very perfect. But, in the present instance, the reverse of all this is the case; and where it is intended to connect the metropolis of the country with its most important districts and market, the chief thoroughfare, I respectfully submit, should be of a very perfect character. That the principal item of our exports is now derived from the southern parts of the Island, is proved by official statistics, which show that wool is no longer the main source of our wealth, but that it stands considerably below timber, which takes the first place. Thus in the years 1853 and 1854\* they are as under:—

	Wool.	Timber.
1853.....	£326,096	£443,161
1854.....	325,384	306,857
	<u>£651,480</u>	<u>£750,018</u>

the difference in favour of the last being £98,538, or £49,269 per annum. True the pastoral districts supply a *portion* of the meat we consume; but do not the timber districts

\* In the following year all articles are confounded under the general term "Exports."

provide *all* the building and fencing material we require, amounting to a very large sum in the year? and while we may assign an approximate limit to our wool supply, it is quite impossible to fix any to the timber as long as we possess forests as inexhaustible as ours are. Viewing then the wool and timber interests with impartiality, we are constrained to acknowledge the superior importance of the latter to the country: and yet, while the pastoral districts have received every benefit an enormous public expenditure could confer on them, to nurse them, as it were, into their present mature condition, nothing whatever has been done for the others, which have been left to rear themselves; for I know no part of them where a single yard of road\* has been perfected to assist communication, or where there is a bridge across one of their numerous streams except of the most trumpery description.

Even abandoning all considerations of the fertility of the soil, producing the amazing forests which abound in these quarters, and viewing them as we do the wool countries with reference only to their exports, we can no longer regard them with indifference or consign them to neglect; and, whether the sale of the land in the neighbourhood of the principal thoroughfare will return the cost of a good road or not, I most respectfully submit it ought to be undertaken. That large quantities will rapidly pass into private hands, we need have no fear of whenever they are made approachable; and, if this be a condition of its formation, it will be undoubtedly attained.

If I may take the liberty of offering an observation or two on the description of road which should be formed, it will be to urge the propriety of discouraging any imperfect line, but to discover and adopt the very best that can be had, and to perfect it in the most finished style. That an excellent one may be found without deviating half a mile from Walton's, I am pretty positive of; and, though it will necessarily be a circuitous one, it will not be, I imagine, inferior to that between Pontville and Jericho.

There will, I hope, be no impropriety in suggesting that the time has arrived for ceasing to consider Hobart Town as one of the terminal points of the main line of road, or in saying (looking at the wealth the Colony now derives from the Southern Districts) that it should be extended through them; and that, if only a fourth of the labour be expended here which has been devoted to the pastoral ones, there can be little doubt they will rise to far higher importance than they have already reached. Extensive tracts are yet to be explored and occupied that lie far beyond the great river that drains so much of our Southern lands, abounding in forests of trees unequalled in magnitude, and perhaps in value, in the world, whose ultimate good effects on the fortunes of the country need not be dwelt on. The value of such countries cannot be exaggerated; and I would therefore seriously, but most respectfully, urge on the Government the propriety of devoting every energy to turning them to account.

It may possibly be said of these Districts, firstly, that they possess facilities of communication by water, which render roads less necessary to them than to other places; and secondly, that the value of their exports may after all prove only temporary: but such assertions will have very little weight with most persons, who will speedily see that a circuitous water route is not all that is required to perfect the means of intercourse between two such places as Hobart Town and the Huon, and the countries lying beyond either. A good overland road is quite as necessary, and its influence in raising the value of those now unapproachable Districts will probably be as great, as it will certainly be permanent.

As for the value of the exports of our timber-producing Districts being likely to decline again in any considerable degree, it is an idea which will not be received by those who know anything of the condition of Victoria. This and other settlements will probably long create a demand for this staple article of export; and who can meet it more easily than ourselves? And, though that great Province is not without some excellent forests, they are, I believe, mostly so far inland as to be of little advantage at present, and possibly not for years to come; and, as it will probably be very long before she will be in a condition to supply all her own wants from these sources, the position and circumstances of Tasmania will certainly enable her successfully to compete with all others who would undertake to satisfy the demands of her market.

I remain, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

J. E. CALDER.

*The Surveyor-General.*

\* The Brown's River Road leads *from* rather than *to* the principal of them, and could never be successfully extended to the Huon and the countries beyond.

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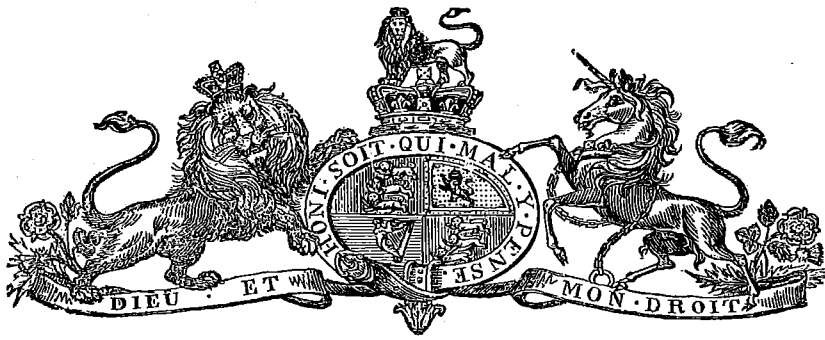
REGISTRATION OF DEATHS.

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Presented by Mr. Kermode, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
22 December, 1856.







*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council of the Island of Tasmania in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of EDWARD SWARBRECK HALL, Medical Practitioner.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner is deeply impressed with the great importance to the vital interests of the Inhabitants of Tasmania of minute, correct, and comprehensive Registration of Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

That on the invaluable data collected by such kind of Registration by the Registrar-General of England, and communicated in a succinct manner to the public by weekly and other reports, Sanatory Reformers have been enabled to found those measures which have eventuated in the annual saving of so many human lives. This has been stated by high authority to have amounted to more in England than double all those sacrificed, directly or indirectly, by the late War with Russia.

That your Petitioner has carefully studied the Vital Statistics of this Island, from such information as is recorded by the Registrar-General of Tasmania, and from other sources.

That, by the officially published "Statistics of Tasmania for 1855," it appears that 1692 deaths took place in that year out of a free population of 62,222 individuals,—that is, at the rate of about 27,000 per million of inhabitants; whereas in the great Metropolis of England, on an average of fifteen years (including two years when Cholera raged so destructively), the mortality per million was only 24,883.

That the disproportion for Hobarton, and its rural Sub-districts of Brown's and the Huon Rivers, for 1855, was even still greater than the foregoing. Your Petitioner having classed and tabled from the Hobarton Registry 752 deaths (exclusive of Military) as having occurred in these Districts from the 1st January to 31st December, 1855, out of a free population of about 23,000 individuals: that is at the rate of nearly 8000 deaths per million of population more than in London; or an excess of nearly 32 per cent. of deaths, even in the comparatively favourable year of 1855.

That these startling facts show of what urgent importance it is to initiate Sanatory legislation for the protection of the lives of the inhabitants of Tasmania, and as a first step thereto to improve the Registration, so that the true sources of this excessive mortality may be easily traced out.

That the Registration hitherto existing is very defective.

1st. From the length of time that has been permitted to elapse after a death has taken place before it has been registered. In numerous instance, particularly in the case of Government Officials and Institutions, many months have been allowed to intervene.

2nd. From the meagre and obscure information recorded, the "native place" of the deceased not being entered, or "the place of decease," and the "cause of death" frequently given in the most vague, general, and incorrect terms.

3rd. From deaths on board emigrant ships on the voyage hither, and on board of other ships, being recorded in the same Register as those occurring in the Hobarton District.

That the Bill now before your Honourable Council proposing to abolish the office of Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages as a distinct department, and to transfer the duties as an appendage to the office of Registrar of Deeds, is not calculated to improve the efficiency of this important service, but more likely to still further impair it, as it will be incompatible with the numerous other duties attached to that department. The Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages requires special qualifications to enable him to make his Department contribute its due share to the science of Vital Statistics.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that the Bill may not be passed into Law by your Honourable Council; but—

That a Bill may be enacted to amend the "Registration Act," and improve the mode of Registration,—

1st. By making it imperative that in no case, except on protracted inquests, shall interment be allowed to take place until the particulars of deceased's death shall be accurately registered as follows, as far as it is ascertainable:—

- A. The date of death.
- B. The Christian and surname of deceased.
- C. The sex.
- D. The age.
- E. The native place.
- F. The rank, occupation, &c.—single or married.
- G. The cause of death.
- H. The place of death, even to the number of the house in the street when in a city, town, or village; or the particular designation of the residence (if any), and the locality, if in the country.
- I. The signature, description, and place of residence of the informant.
- J. The date when registered, and signature of the Registrar.

2nd. By making it imperative on the Medical attendant on the deceased to give a certificate of "Cause of Death" to the head of the household in which the death has taken place, to be by him or her handed to the Registrar for the District. The certificate to be on the same plan, and in the same (as near as can be) nosological terms, as is now in use by the Registrar-General of England.

3rd. By making it imperative, in every case where a death has taken place without medical attendance, that an inquest shall be held; and that the Medical attendant on that inquest shall be bound to give a certificate of "Cause of Death" to the Coroner, to be by him registered forthwith.

4th. By making it imperative to enter in a separate Register all deaths occurring on board of ships at sea bound to the Ports of this Island.

5th. By making it imperative on the Registrars of Hobart Town and Launceston, and of any other town of more than 5000 inhabitants, to publish, at least monthly, in the *Government Gazette* a Table of Deaths occurring within their respective Districts. This table or report to be classed and detailed on the same plan as that followed by the Registrar-General of England, with the addition of the ages of the deceased in months up to 12 months,—in years from 1 to 5 years,—in quinquennial periods from 5 to 30 years,—and in decennial periods for all subsequent ages.

That annually a general and comprehensive Report of the same description for the whole Island, with such general remarks as circumstances may require, be published by the Registrar-General of Tasmania.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

EDWARD SWARBRECK HALL.

Ordered to be printed, 22 December,

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R E T U R N S.

DUNROBIN BRIDGE. GORDON RIVER ROAD.

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 9 January, 1857.





*INFORMATION in respect to the DUNROBIN BRIDGE and GORDON RIVER ROAD, as requested by the Legislative Council.*

*Questions.*

RETURN of the Expenditure on Dunrobin Bridge?

The period it was in hand?

Number of Prisoners employed on it?

The Cost of the maintenance of such Prisoners, and all others employed on the said Bridge?

Expenditure in opening the line of road leading from the said Bridge to Port Davey?

The length of road opened?

The number of Prisoners employed on it?

Period that it has been in hand?

Whether it is intended to continue the work?

And if so, what is the estimated cost of completing it?

*Answers.*

£15,875 19s. 1d. up to December 31, 1856, including the maintenance of men, wages, stores, &c.

From December, 1850, to December, 1856.

None since July, 1855. There are now some Pass-holders and Ticket-of-Leave holders, but they are engaged, employed, and paid as free men.

Each man costs 1s. 8d. per diem, and the average number of men employed during the past year has been 34.

The road does not lead exactly in the direction of Port Davey. The Expenditure on it has been £13,240 19s. 1d. up to December 31, 1856.

38 miles; being from the west side of Dunrobin Bridge to the bend of the Gordon River, and can be traversed by carts.

None since January, 1855. There are, however, as at Dunrobin, Pass-holders and Ticket-of-Leave holders; but they are employed and paid as free men.

Since December, 1850.

Not known. £3000 was inserted in my Draft Estimate for 1857.

Cannot be well estimated, as the Superintendent, Mr. Dawson, has never yet been able to explore more than half way to Port Davey, a road to which would not be less than 50 miles from the bend of the Gordon. However, some idea may be gathered from the cost of the road as far as it has gone, taking into consideration that the expense increases as the road advances into the interior, from the distance and difficulty in the transport of provisions, stores, &c. If it be decided to continue the line to Port Davey, it would be more desirable, in the opinion of Mr. Dawson, to commence either from that place, or from a point between it and Victoria on the Huon, securing by the latter route a direct communication with Hobart Town.

WM. P. KAY, *Director of Public Works.*

7th January, 1857.

DUNROBIN BRIDGE.

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WILLIAM LAMBE.

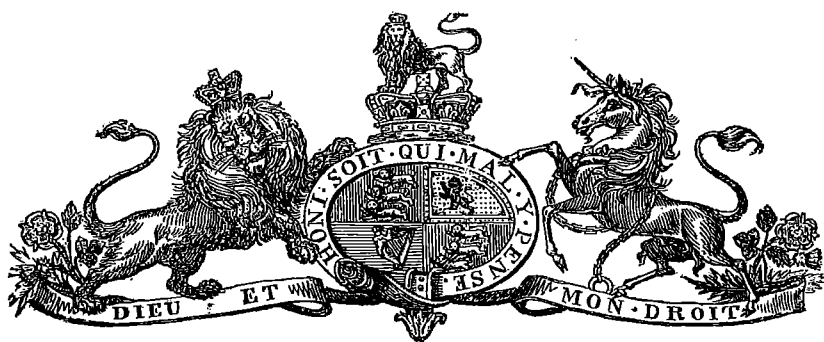
PETITION.

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 14 January, 1857.







*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of William Lambe and Mary his Wife.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioner, William Lambe, is a Saddler by trade, and that he paid his own and his wife's passage in the *City of Hobart* steamer, for Victoria, on Tuesday the 6th of January, having that day been duly cleared at the Custom House by the Captain of the said vessel.

That your Petitioner and his wife are both free ; and on being mustered on board with the other passengers, they were challenged by Mr. Fenwick, a Magistrate, and by two Constables, and desired to "prove that they were free." That, notwithstanding their repeated declarations and protestations that they were free, they were nevertheless forced across the deck of the steamer and put in a boat alongside in charge of the Constables, and brought on shore, and taken to the Watch-house. That, on arriving there, your Petitioners again protested against this illegal violence, and desired that their situation might be made known to P. T. Smith and R. Q. Kermode, Esquires, who formerly knew them : upon which they were liberated.

That your Petitioners are thus not only disappointed of their passage, and exposed to great inconvenience and loss of time, but they are also deprived of the use of their wearing apparel, and separated from their goods now on board the steamer, and which may possibly never be recovered without great trouble and expense.

Your Petitioners further represent to your Honourable House that they were rudely and offensively treated by two of the Constables.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will take these facts under your consideration, and render them that redress for the wrong and injury they have sustained which to your Honourable House shall appear meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM LAMBE.

P E T I T I O N .

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P E T I T I O N.

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Presented by Mr. Button, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
15 January, 1857.





*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Ministers and Members of the Congregational Union of Tasmania, in Yearly Meeting assembled.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners, as Ministers and Members of the Congregational Union of Tasmania, in Annual Meeting assembled, are delegated to represent the Churches and Congregations of the Independent Order in this Colony.

That, regarding it to be the bounden duty as well as the inalienable right of every man to render supreme obedience to Almighty God, and peaceably to practise and promote His worship in such way as may be deemed by him accordant with the Divine will, and as may be consistent with the liberties of others, your Petitioners have recognised this obligation by providing, at their own cost, Buildings for public worship, and Schools for religious instruction, and by supporting their own Ministry, together with the whole machinery of their ecclesiastical operations.

That, notwithstanding the large expenditure thus incurred for the support of their institutions, your Petitioners are, in common with other citizens, constrained by law to pay for the maintenance of doctrines which they repudiate as displeasing to God and hurtful to man,—of religious rites which they deprecate as superstitious,—of ecclesiastical offices from whose authority they dissent,—of a Ministry whose claims they do not recognise, and whose services they do not employ,—and of edifices in which they do not assemble for worship; and such compulsion your Petitioners regard as a grievous infringement on both their civil and their religious liberties.

That your Petitioners hold the fundamental axiom that the quality of truth is vital to all religious pretension, insomuch that to convict a religion of falsehood is to make its rejection imperative on the conscience; and therefore that, even were the abstract right conceded to the Civil Legislature of constraining the citizen to sustain a religion, it could only be to sustain that one which is true. But the exercise of such supposed right would constitute Parliament an umpire between conflicting faiths, an office for which it possesses no natural fitness,—the representatives of a people being generally chosen not for the soundness of theological convictions, or the correctness of their religious character, but simply for their supposed capacity to promote the civil interests of the community. And moreover the assumption of such an office places the question, what is true in religion, at the mercy of Parliamentary majorities. Your Petitioners believe that any such claim to make authoritative decision, or to enforce it by law, has no foundation in reason or justice,—that it entails a responsibility on the Members of Parliament which no human legislature can meet,—and that it is most perilous to the temporal and eternal interests of a community.

That your Petitioners would further represent that, during the administration of His Excellency the late Sir John Franklin, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony, and in the first year of Her Majesty's Reign, an Act was passed, with the advice of the Legislative Council, "to make provision for the support of certain Ministers of the Christian Religion, and to promote the erection of places of Divine Worship," which Act is, as to its main provisions, now in force in this Colony.

That the said Act, on certain conditions therein specified, empowers the Governor to pay out of the Colonial Treasury various sums of money for the erection of Ministers' Houses and Places of Worship, and for Salaries of Clergymen of the Churches of England, Scotland, and Rome respectively.

That your Petitioners, without presuming to express an opinion on the validity of the claims urged severally by these churches, feel warranted in asserting that, though all included under the generic name of the Christian Religion, they are in fact separated from one another by radical differences in creed and polity; that they hold conflicting and mutually subversive Articles of Faith, and are by their several constitutions fundamentally opposed, insomuch that they hold no ecclesiastical communion with each other; that what one upholds as saving truth is by the other condemned as fatal error; and that what one urges as necessary to acceptance with God, is regarded by another as perilous to man's interests here and hereafter.

That, as contradictory assertions cannot be alike true, the principle which the said Act embodies and enforces is, of necessity, the indiscriminate support of truth and error.

That such a principle violates every creed, and is repudiated by every Church in Christendom, is condemned alike by reason, religion, and civil justice, and can only be defended on the plea that all religions are logically false, but some are politically useful.

That, at the time of the passing of the said Act, the late Venerable Archdeacon Hutchins, and all but two of the Clergy of the Church of England then in this Colony, united in a Petition presented by the late Chief Justice, which complained that its principles were a compromise of truth, since they assumed "that the religious sentiments of the Roman Catholics are equally entitled with those of the Protestant to the support of Government, and that every variety of religious sentiment which is to be met with among the various denominations of Christians is entitled to support, without any reference whatever to the conformity of these sentiments to the Word of God."

That the responsibility of thus appropriating the Revenue to the indiscriminate support of truth and error has been further extended by the issue of Grants to the Wesleyan Society and the members of the Hebrew persuasion; and that the State having thus abandoned the plea of endowing a creed because it is judged to be true, political justice demands, on the same principle, that the Revenue should be shared without restriction by the members of every religious society, or, in other words, that Parliament should constrain the whole community to support every phase of religious opinion and profession that may be found in the Colony.

That your Petitioners believe the Colonial Church Act to be not only objectionable in principle, but open to abuses in practice, and inoperative in some of its most important provisions.

That the Church Act requires as one of its conditions of aid a specified number of signatures to a declaration of *bonâ fide* membership of a Church; and it has become matter of recorded history that, shortly after the passing of this Act, "the people, generally anxious for some form of worship, both as a moral agency and from its tendency to raise the respectability of a township, gave their names freely as *bonâ fide* members of either Protestant Church." That the inevitable result was an eager competition by the more zealous members of rival communions. That the meaning of *bonâ fide* membership of this or that Church was brought into considerable debate. That the Anglican Clergy insisted on the Census; the Scotch on the right of every man to make himself a member for the purposes of the Act, whatever his hereditary or mental creed. That these different views led to serious discord, and that the analysis of names appended to various applications imported all the errors, informalities, and even corruption supposed to attach to popular elections; and, moreover, "the Church Act did not tie the laity to either their ministers or their creeds: thus a dissatisfied people might easily raise the preliminaries for a second or a third clergyman, and leave their late pastors to their salaries and their solitude."

That almost the only security which the Act provides to satisfy the public of the due expenditure of money according to the intent of the Legislature, is the yearly publication of accounts by certain officers of each Church respectively; but that the Clergy of the Church of England alone have complied with this provision. To receive money by virtue of a legal enactment and yet to ignore its conditions, is a practice your Petitioners would deprecate as unsatisfactory, and dangerous to all good government.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that it may please your Honorable House to relieve them from the grievance of being constrained by law to further Creeds and Systems which they feel bound in conscience to oppose, by bringing to an end all Grants for Ecclesiastical purposes, excepting only what may be necessary to meet such personal claims of the Clergy as in the judgment of your Honorable House are legally entitled to compensation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

CHARLES PRICE, *Chairman*.  
J. M. NISBET, *Secretary*.

J. G. Jennings.  
T. Button.  
R. Pescodd.  
D. Room.  
William Day.  
Frederick Miller.

J. M. Strongman.  
William Law.  
George Clarke.  
William Waterfield.  
Sandford Scott.

Fr. Haller.  
Basil Rout.  
Henry Hopkins.  
Henry Speak.  
Thomas Goodings.

J. W. Woolley.  
James Lumsden.  
R. E. Dear.  
Wm. Jolley.  
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**POSTAGE COMMUNICATION.**

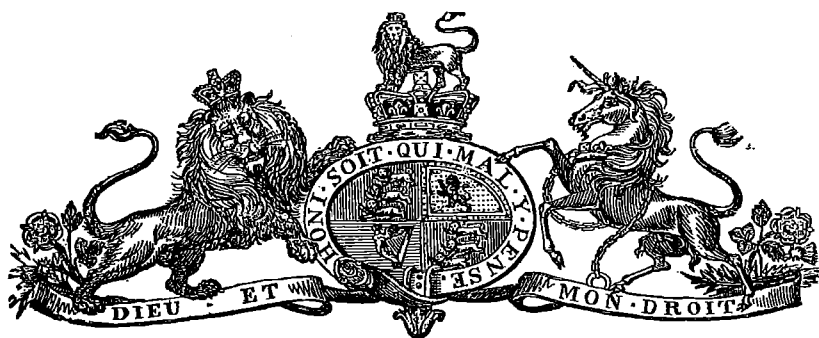
**REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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Brought up, and ordered to be printed, 15 January, 1857.







THE Committee appointed by this Honourable Council, on the 9th day of December last, to inquire into the Revenue of the Post Office, the sources from whence derived, and generally into the economy of Postage Communications, have had various meetings, and examined some of the authorities and documents on the matters submitted to them ; and have the honor to report as follows :—

#### EXPENDITURE.

The following is a general statement of the Expenditure of the Department :—

	£	s.
Contracts for Inland Mail Carriage to and from Launceston .....	5000	0
Ditto other parts .....	3700	0
Salaries.....	5880	0
Stores, &c. ....	780	0
Printing and binding .....	341	9
Rents .....	500	0
Gratuities to Masters of Ships, including 1d. to Masters of Ships sailing direct to England or coming direct from England, 1d. on intercolonial letters outwards and inwards, and ditto on Foreign letters.....	1500	0
Share of Steam-postal Contract (subject to future valuation) .....	7500	0
	25,201	9
<i>Deduct</i> supposed amount heretofore paid for gratuities now included under Steam Contract .....	500	0
<i>Total Expenditure</i> .....	<u>£24,701</u>	<u>9</u>

#### INCOME.

The whole Income is derived from two classes ; viz.—

	£	s.
The public who send letters to the extent of all the stamps sold .....	8500	0
A contribution from the British Government for Commissariat, Military, Convict, and other Departments of .....	1500	0
<i>Total Income</i> .....	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>0</u>

The receipts from book and other parcels is trifling.

The other parties who enjoy the benefit of the Post Office, and who do not contribute to its support, are

1st. The Government Departments, such as the Land Board, Secretary's Department, Police, Treasury, &c. to the extent of perhaps £800.

2nd. Those who forward newspapers inland.

3rd. Those who forward newspapers by sea.

With regard to the Government Departments, and to the forwarders of newspapers inland, this Committee has no observations to offer.

Recognizing the principle that public intelligence is necessary for the moral and

intellectual welfare of the community, they think further, that, in disseminating a knowledge of the notices of the proceedings of the Government, the press confers a benefit adequate to the expense incurred in affording it a free circulation.

This benefit, however, being enjoyed by the community in general, the expense should be considered as a debit to the account of the General Revenue, and, therefore, as relieving the letter-writing part of the Community from the odium of the large expenditure of the Post Office.

With regard to the newspapers going by sea, the expense incurred is so much greater, and the precedents adopted by other countries so different, as to justify, in the opinion of this Committee, a different course here.

The arrangement just now concluded for a contribution of £7500 for our share of the Steam-postal Contract may be regarded as causing an increase to the Colony's previous expenditure for Postal Services of £7000. The future contributions towards this contract will be adjusted according to the benefits derived by each Colony.

It has been stated to this Committee by the Post Office Authorities that the quantity in bulk of newspapers coming by the English Mails is in the proportion of twelve of newspapers to one of letters.

The returns show that the number of letters and papers dispatched from the Colony is nearly equal.

The English Government takes care to charge one penny for each newspaper sent to this Colony before conveying it over sea.

New South Wales also charges one penny on all outgoing newspapers. Victoria does the same.

Your Committee think that, if a similar provision were adopted here, it would bring an annual return of about £500.

There is one item of expenditure now incurred which your Committee think highly objectionable, and ought to be saved.

They allude to the penny inwards paid as a gratuity to Captains of vessels for all letters coming direct from England, not *via* Melbourne, and the like amount paid on all intercolonial Mails inwards.

In former times all contracts for sea carriage were irregular, and no general rule prevailed.

Now it is almost universal that all Mails are paid for at the port of departure, and nothing is paid at the port of arrival.

The carriage for the Mails now under notice is, it is not doubted, fully paid for at the places where the Mails are embarked. The sums paid by this Colony are therefore in excess of what is fairly required, or is earned by the carriers of such Mails.

The saving under this head would, it is estimated, amount to £500.

The chief reason which has been reported as the cause for this charge, was to give an inducement to Masters of Ships to use greater speed in sending their Mails on shore; but your Committee believe the Port Officer can always secure attention to this duty.

Your Committee are glad to find that the reduction which took place here in Town Postages from twopence to one penny was attended with an increase in the correspondence, and an increase in the revenue.

A considerable saving may reasonably be expected in the carriage of Inland Mails when the present contracts expire.

In about two years this reduction will probably amount to £2000 or £3000.

The sum received by the Government for the Sale of Stamps may be analysed thus :—

	£
1. For letters going by sea .....	3150
2. Ditto inland .....	5000
3. Town letters, 1d. each.....	350
Total.....	<u>8500</u>

If, therefore, the fourpenny inland rate be lowered to twopence, the loss, if no increase in letters took place, would amount only to one-half the above item, viz. ....	£ 2500
And deducting the two sums of £500 and £500, by which the Revenue may be benefited by the alterations before detailed, making.....	1000
Would reduce the loss to .....	<u>1500</u>

The increase in letters would in all probability reduce this still further according to experience elsewhere.

In conclusion, your Committee think that a Report by the Postmaster-General of the state of the Postal Business, with estimates of Income and Expenditure, would be desirable to have laid before Parliament every year, together with a Statistical Return in such a form as that which they append below.

\* \* \* **MEMORANDUM**—Since the Committee obtained the information on which this Report is founded, they have heard from one source that the penny inwards is probably paid by the authorities at Victoria and Sydney, but they have not the means of procuring authentic information in time for this Report.

#### FORM OF POST OFFICE RETURN.

	Hobart Town.	Launceston.
Number of Letters to and from Great Britain.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Newspapers ditto.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Letters to and from the Australian Colonies and New Zealand.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Newspapers ditto.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Letters to and from other Foreign Parts.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Newspapers ditto.		
Inwards .....		
Outwards .....		
Inland Mails.		
Letters despatched (with stamps) .....		
Newspapers despatched.....		
Penny Town Letters (with stamps).....		
Colonial franked Letters.		
By Fourpenny Post .....		
By Penny Post .....		
Number of Post Offices .....		
Number of Persons employed.....		
Miles of Post Roads.....		
Revenue of Post Office.....		
Expenditure .....		

WILLIAM HENTY, *Chairman.*

POST OFFICE-REPORT.

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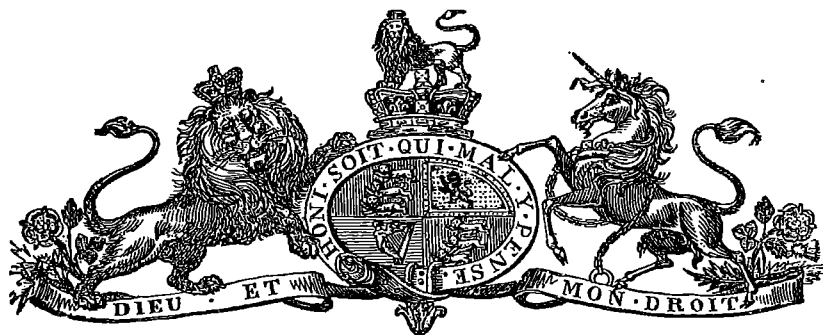
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**VOCABULARY OF THE ABORIGINES OF  
TASMANIA.**

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Return to Address to His Excellency the Governor; and ordered by the Council  
to be printed, 23 February, 1857.





## V O C A B U L A R Y

OF

DIALECTS OF ABORIGINAL TRIBES OF  
TASMANIA,

BY

JOSEPH MILLIGAN, F.L.S., &amp;c.

<i>English.</i>	<i>Tribes from Oyster Bay to Pittwater.</i>	<i>Tribes about Mount Royal, Bruny Island, Recherche Bay, and the South of Tasmania.</i>	<i>North-west and Western.</i>
Abscess	Lieemena	Limeté	Wallamalé
Absent	Malumbo	Taggara	Wakannara
Abstain	Miengpa	Parrawé	Wannabea Tongh
Abstract (to deduct)	Nunamara		
Accompany	Tawé		Tawélea Mepoilea
Acid (taste)	No-Wieack	Noilee	'Gdulla
Acrid (taste)	Peoniack	Mené wuttá or mené ruggara	
Add to or put	Proloné	Poggona nee Wughta	Poilabea
Across (to put or place)	Prolon-unyeré	Wuggara Tungalé	Tienenable poingh
Adult man	Puggana Minyenna	Pallawah	Pahlea
Adult woman	Lowalla Minyenna	Nienaté and Lowanna	Noallea
Afraid	Tianna Coithyack	Tiennawillé	Camballeté
Afternoon	Kaawutto	Nunto-né	Kaonyleah
Aged, (literally rotten-boned)	Tinna-triouratick	Naggataboyé	'Gnee-mucklé
Agile	Menakarowa	Narra warraggara	
Ah!	Ah!	Mile-né!	
Air	Oimunnia	Rialannah	
Altogether	Nuntyemtick	Mabbylé	
Aloft	Muyanato	Crougana Wughata	
Amatory (rakish)	Rinnyowalinya	Lingana looa renowa	
Anger	Miengconnenechana	Poiné moonalané	
Angle (crooked like the elbow)	Wien-powenya	Wiena and Wiepenna	
Ankle	Munnaghana	Munnawana	
Anoint	Yennemee	Ruggara	
Another	Tabboucack	Neggana	
Answer (to)	Ouneeprapé	Oghnemipé and Oghnerapé	
Ant, blue	Pugganeiptietta		
Ant, small black, strong smelling	Outeitana	Moyberry	
Ant, largest black, venomous	Tietta	Tité	
Ant, red body with black head and tail	Nowateita	Lalla and Loattera	
Ant-eater ( <i>Echidna</i> )	Mungyenna	Munnyé	

<i>English.</i>	<i>Tribes from Oyster Bay to Pittwater.</i>	<i>Tribes about Mount Royal, Brune Island, Recherche Bay, and the South of Tasmania.</i>	<i>North-west and Western.</i>
Apparition	Wurrawena, Krotto-mientoneack	Ria-wurrawa	
Aquiline (Roman nosed)	Muunna puggawinya	Maitingulé	
Arm	Wu'hna	Wu'hna	
Ashamed	Leiemtonnyack	Lienuté	
Aha! you are sulky all of a sudden	Annyah! Teborah!	Keetrelbea-noomena, Peniggomaree!	
Ashes	Tontaiyenna	Toiberry	Ronghtuly né
Ask	Ongheewammeno	Oghnamilé	Onabeamabbelé
Asleep	Tugganick	Longhana	Nenarongabea
Awake (to open the eyes)	Cranny-mongtheé		
Ditto	Wennymongtheé	Nunneoine-roidukaté	
Awake him, rouse him	Lientiapé		Illetiapé
Ay (yes)	Narramuna	Narrawa	Narra baro
Azure (sky)	Noorbiack	Warra-né	Loaranneleah
Awake (rouse ye, get up)	Lientable, tagga muna!	Nawaté, pegrate, wergho!	Takkawugh né
Babe	Cottrulutyé	Puggata riela	Rikenté
Bachelor	Pugganara mittyé	Lowatimy	Paponnewatté
Back (the)	Me-inghana	Talinah	Teerannelee-leah
Backward	Lenere	Talire	Kelabatecorah
Bad (no good)	Noweiack	Noile	Ee-ayngh-la-leah
Bandy-legged	Lackaniampaoick	Rentroueté	[leah
Bandicoot	Tiennah	Tenghanah or teuna-ne	Lugoileah Mungoinah
Bark (of a tree)	Poora, poora-nah	Warra	Poora leah
Barren (woman)	Kaeeto Kekrabonah	Lowa Puggatimy	Lopiteneeba
Ditto, ditto	Nangemoona	Loakennamalé	
Baskets	Tughbranah	Trenah	Tillé
Bat	Peounyenna	Lérynah	
Battle	Miemyenganah	Mialungana	Mungymeni leah
Beard	Comena pureinah	Cowinné	Comené-waggelé
Beardless	Comena-ranyah	Co-win-timy	Cominerah leah
Beat (to strike)	Legganegulumpté	Lugguna	Menghboibee raté
Beau (coxcomb)	Pugganateretyé	Pallowah-tutté	Papponné tughte leah
Beauty (fine-looking woman)	Lowanna-elapthatyé	Nire-lowah	Noa noughanoatté
Ditto, ditto	Lowanna-eleebanaleah	Loa-minery	
Bark of tree flapping	Poorakunnah	Lowarinnakunnah	
Bed (sleeping-place in the bush)	Oortackeomee	Orragurra wurina	
Ditto	Noonameena	Orragurra nemony	
Before	Mealtetrianglebeah	Prungee	
Behind	Mealtitta lerrentitta	Talina	
Belch (to)	Luonna-kunna	Loona kanna	
Belly	Tree-érina	Lomate	
Big (large)	Teeunna	Papla	
Bill (bird's)	Meunna	Peegra	
Bird	Puggunyenna	Punna	
Bite	Ralkwomma	Rebkarranah	
Bitter	Laieeriack	Poina noily	
<i>Blandfordia nobilis</i>	<i>None in the District</i>	Reminé	
Black	Maback or Mabanna	Loaparte	
Blood (my)	Warrgata meena	Coccah	
Blossom	Maleetyé	Nannee Purillabennee	
Blow-fly	Mongana	Monganah	
Blow (with the mouth forcibly)	Loyuné	Loinganah	
Boil ( <i>Furunculus</i> )	Lieemena	Lieematah	
Bosom (woman's)	Paruggana	Parugganah	
Bosom (man's)	Puggamenyera	Parrungyenah or lia-timy	
Boy (small child)	Malangyenna	Puggatah Paw-awé	
Boy (large ditto)	Cotty-mellityé	Poilahmanceenah	
Bread	Pannaboo	Pannaboo-na	
Bread (give me some)	Tienna miapé panna-boona	Tiengana má pannaboo	Tunghmbibé tungaring-alea
Breast (chest)	Meryanna	Toorinah	



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Brook	Manenge-keetanna	Wayatinah	
Broom (a besom)	Perruttyé	Beroicah	
Brother (little)	Nietta mena or nietar-rana	Piembucki	
Brother (big)	Puggana Tuantittyah	Peegennah	
Brow (forehead)	Rogoona	Roie-runnah	
Brushwood	Weena-keetyenna	Looranah	
Burn (hurt by fire)	Punna meena	Wuggatah	
Bury (to)	Parrawé peangluntapoo	Pomanneneluko	
Buttock	Liengana	Nunnah	
By and bye	Piyeré	Gunnyem waubberaboo	
Buzz (like a fly; also name of fly)	Mongana	Monganah	
Come along, I want you	Talpyawadyno Tuy-enacunnamee	Tattawattah Onganeena	
Call	Ronnie	Ronnypalpee	Nunghuna
Canoe (Cattamâran)	Mallanna	Nunganah	
Carcass	Miackbourack	Miepoiyeenah	
Cat (large native)	Luyenna	Luyenna	Lunna or Laboibé
Cat (small native)	Pringreenyeh	Lapuggana	Labaggyna or Naboi-
Catarrh	Teachrymena	Manah	Teachreena [neenélé]
Catarrh	Teaknonyak	Tekalieny	Teeakunny
Ditto with <i>Dyspnaea</i>	Takkaruttye	Mannah larree	Poorannacalle
Caterpillar (small)	Rianna	Peenga	
Cavern	Lielle wolingana	Poatina	
Caul	Roongreena	Meena or Loarinah	Mena Lowallina or Kuttamoileh
Cease (to)	Myeemarah	Parrawé	
Charcoal	Maweena	Loarra	
Chase (to)	Rhinyetto	Lerypoontabee	
Chirrup (to)	Tetyenna	Telita	
Chin	Comnienna	Wahba	
Chine (backbone)	Myingana-tenena	Turarunna	
Cider from Eucalyptus	Way-a-linah	Way-a-linah	
Circle	Lowamachana	Riawunna	
Claw (talon)	Kurluggana	Kuluggana	
Clay	Pannogana Malittyé	Pappalye Mallee	
Crazy (cranky)	Tagantyenna or Muggana Puggoonyack	Tannatea	Wayenoele or Poietanaté or Kongatune or Kongatueele
Clean	Pannyealeebna	Mallea	
Climb (to)	Kronyé	Kroanna	
Clutch (to)	Tiackboorack	Tigyola	
Cold	Tunack	Mallané	
Come (to)	Talpeyawadeno	Tutta watta	
Ditto	Tallya-lea		
Conflux (crowd)	Tirranganna menya	Palabamabbylé	
Conflagration	Kawaloochta	Loiny or una paroina	
Conversation (a great talking)	Rhineowa mungonagunena poggana-karné	Poyara kunna nuemena	
Ditto	Karnyalimenya	Karnamoonalané	
Ditto	Karnalirya	Karnalaré	
Cord (a small rope)	Metakeetana	Mité	
Corpse (a dead carcass)	Myack boorack	Moyé or mungyé	
Correct	Onnyneealeebyé	Nirabe	
Cough	Tachareetya	Mannaladdy	
Coxcomb (a fine-looking fellow)	Puggana tareetya	Pallawah tutty	
Ditto	Puggatimy pena	Pallawahpamary	
Cockatoo, white	Weeanoobryna	'nghara	
Cockatoo, black	Menuggana	'nghay rumna	
Crevice or fissure in rocks	Liellowullingana	Riengeena	
Creek	Manenya keetanna	Liapota	
Cross	Oeilupoonia urapoonie	Poiré tungaba	
Crow	Lietenna	Taw wereiny	
Cry (weep)	Naoutagh bourack	Moi-luggata	
Ditto	Tagara toomiack	Tarra toone	
Cut (to)	Lowgoone	Toagarah	
Cape Portland (language)	Tebrycunna		

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Creak (from friction of limbs of trees)	Temata kunna	Retakunna	
Dance	Rianna riacunha	Rialangana	
Dark	Taggremapack	Nune meene larraboo	
Daughter	Neantyména	Loggatalé meena	
Daylight	Taggre marannyé	Luggaraniale	
Dead	Mientung bourrack and merack bourrack	Moyé	
Deaf	Guallegatick	Wayeebedé	
Deep (water)	guanghata		
Demon	Loa Maggalangta	Kellatie	
Demur (grumble)	Mienginya	Ria warrawah noilé	Pawtening-celylé
Den (of wild animals)	Kokoleeny konqua		
Depict (draw a design in charcoal)	Lienwolligena	Riengena Poatina	
Deplore (to lament as at an Irish wake)	Maccooloona	Pallapoirena	
Desire (to)	Tagrunah kamuluggana	Moaluggata	
Desist (to)	Oonacragniaek	Kannaproie	
Dine (to)	Parrawureigunepa	Poykokarra	
Dirt (mud of a whitish colour)	Pooloogoorack	Parawuree	
Dirt (mud dried)	Panogana maleetya	Tuggara nowe	
Dirty		Mannana Mallyé	
Displease (to make angry)	Pengana rutta	Mannana rullé	
Dispute (to)	Pengana	Mannana	
Distant	Mawpack	Mawpa	
Dive (to)	Lieneghi miawero or Kukunna poipuggeapa	Poinawallé	
Diversion (sport, play)	Rinnea guanettya	Kanna Moonalané	
Dizzy	Manlumbéra	Kantoggana wébbery	
Dog	Toné lunto	Togana Lea-lutah	
Dove (wild pigeon)	Leenyallé	Luggara Riawé	
Draw (to pull)	Mongtantiack	Nubretanyté	
Dream	Kaeeta	Panoiné	
Drink	Mongalonerya	Moatah	
Drop (water)	Ko-ulopu	Menghana	
Drown	Néacha puggaroamee	Neaggara	
Drowsy	Lougholee	Nugara	
Dry	Liemkaneack	Mikany	
Ditto	Tong bourrak	Tong Poyeré	
Duck (gender not distinguished)	Tugganéménuiack	Nueenedy	
Dug	Rongoiulong bourrack	Karnaroide	
Dull (stupid dolt)	Roungeack		
Dumb	Wickennya	Woaroiré	
Dung (excrement)	Parooguala	Paruggana	
Dusk	Koullangtaratta	Poyetannyté	
Dust	Manemmenéna	Menawély	
Dwarf	Tiamena	Tiena	
Dysentery or Diarrhoea	Kaoota	Panubratony	
	Pughrenna		
	Wughwerra paeetya	Nuggatapawé	
	Tiaquénnyé	Tiamabylé	
East Bay Neck	Lueenalang'ta	Lueenalanghta	
Eagle Hawk Neck	Teeralinnick	Teralinna	
Eagle	Gooalanghta	Weelaty	
Eagle's nest	Lieemunetta	Lieewughta	
Ear	Mungenna	Wayee	
Early (in the morning at twilight)	Tuggamarannye	Nunawenapoyla	
Earth (mould)			
Earthquake	Pengana	Mannena	
Earthworm	Wughyranniack	Munna Potrunne	
Eat heartily	Lollah	Lollara	
Eat, (to)	Telbeteleebea		
Ditto	Tughlee	Tughrach	
	Tuggana	Tuggranah	

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Echo	Kukanna wurrawina	Kannamayété	Moilatené
Eel	Léngomenya	Lingowenah	
Effluvia	Mebreac	Poiné noilé	
Egg	Liena punna	Pateenah	
Elbow	Wieninnah	Wayeninnah	
Elf or fairy (fond of children and dances in the hills, after the fashion of Scotch Fairies)	Nang-inya	Nunghenah or noilowanah	
Eloquent (talkative)	Munkannára walah	Kannamoonalané	
Ember (red hot)	Toneetea	Wealuttah	
Embowel (to dis-)	Parrawé tiakrangana	Parratibe	
Embrace (Platonic)	Talwattawa or Rugana wurrana-ree	Tallawatta	
Emmet (small ant)	Ramuna reluganee		
Emu	Ouyeteita	Lallah	
Encampment	Punnamoonta	'ngunannah	
	Lena wughta rotalee-bana	Line rotali	
Enfeeble (to)	Miengotick	Mungawelé	
Ditto	Mienkomyack		
Enough (sufficient)	Miernerémelé	Narramoiewa	
Entrails	Regana Tianna or Tiakrangana	Poiné	
Evening	Kaoota	Kawootah	
Exchange	Tientewatera henté or Tiangtetewemyna	Tayenebé or Tayene nyelutera	
Excrement	Tiamena	Tiannah	
Expectorate	Teagarea kraganeack	Manna méréde	
Extinguish	Parlieré	Patingunabé	
Exudation	Wialina or Wallenah or Wallamenula	Wialiné	
Exuvia (skin of a snake)	Lierkanapoona or Lierkapoona	Liergrapoinena	
Eye	Mongténa	Nubré or Nubrenah	
Eyebrow	Lyeninna poorinna	Leeininné	
Eyelash	Mongtalinna	Nubré tongany	
Eyelid	Moygta genna	Nubre wurrine	
Byry	Malanna meena	Linenah	
Falmouth and George's River	Kunawra Kunna		
Face	Niengheta	Noienenah	
Face (fine)	Niengheta elapthatea	Noiena nire	
Facetious	Poigneagana	Pené or Penamabbelé	
Feces	Tianana	Tianah	
Faint	Mongtaniack	Nubretanneté	
Fairy	Murrumbuckannya or Nanginya	Murrumbuckannya	
Falsehood	Maneentayana	Laniga noilé	
Fang (canine tooth)	Wugherinna Rugoto-lee-bana	Payee rotylé or Coorina	
Far	Tongoomela	Lomawpa	
Ditto	Lewatenoo or Nangum-mora	Tomalah	
Fat	Niennameena	Pangana wayedeé	
Fat man	Poonamena moonta	Pallawah proina	
Fat woman	Nienna langhta	Lowa proina	
Father	Noonameena	Nanghabee or Nanghamee	
Feast	Tuggely pettalee-bea	Tuggety proibee	
Feather	Puggerinna	Lowinné	
Feeble	Tuggemboonah	'ngattai	
Feel (to pinch)	Wughanee	Winghaneé	
Fern	Lawitta-brutea	Tughanah	
Fern-tree	Nowarracomminea	Lapoinya	
Fetch (to bring)	Kunnywattera	Kanna watta	

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Fetch (a spirit)	Preolenna		
Fever	Miempeooniack		
Few	Luowa	Mie luggrata	
Fiend	Winnya Wainettea or mienginnya	Potalughyé	
Fight	Miamengana	Winneluaghabaru	
Filth	Lenymebryé		
Fin (of a fish)	Wunha	Moymengana	
Finger	Ri-ena	Liné poine noilé	
Fire	Tonna	Purgha lamarina	
Fire-tail (bird)	Lyenapontendiah	Rye-na	Reeleah
Fire in the bush grass	Kawurrinna	'ngune'	Winnaleah
Firm (not rotten)	Weerutta	Lyekah	
Firmament (sky)	Warratinna	Lienah	
Fish (a)	Mungunna	Weerullé	
Fish (cray)	Nunnya	Warrangalé Lorunna	
Fist	Ree-trierrena	Peeggana	
Five	Pugganna	Nubé	Nubyna
Flambeau	Poorena Maneggana	Ree-mutha	
Flank	Poolominna	Marah	
Flea	Lowangerimena	Leewurré	
Play	Relbooe trawmea	Poolumta and Tiawalé	
Fleet (swift)	Wurrangata poona-lareetyé	Noné	
Flesh (meat)	Wiangata	Lergara Leawarina	
Fling	Peawé	Loongana	
Flint	Trowutta	Palammena	
Ditto (black)		Pákara	
Float (to)	Lia ruoluttea	Mungara	
Flog	Luggana Poogarané	Mora trona	
Flounder (flat fish)	Lerunna	Puggata or Rannyana	
Flow (as water)	Lia tarightea	Lunghana	
Fleece (or fur of animals)	Pooeerinna	'ngupota-metee	
Fly (like a bird)	Koomela	Lia teruttana	
Fly (insect)	Mongana	Longwinny	
Foam (froth)	Kukamena-mena	Coaggara	
Fog	Mainentayana	Monga	
Foolish, (or fool)	Mungana paonyack	Lia laratame	
Foot	Luggana	Warratie	Pulangalé
Foot (right)	Luggana eleebana	Noilee	Louneeaté
Foot (left)	Luggana aoota	Lugganah	Lugh
Footmark of black man	Puggalugganna	Lugga worína	Malleearé
Footmark of white man	Ria luggana	Lugga Oangta	oolatynnealé
Ford of a river	Teeatta kannawa	Pallowa lugganah	Pah lug
Forehead	Raoonah or Rogounim Lienya	Reea lugganah	Matyena lugh
Forest ground	Teeatta kannamarranah	Penghana	
Forget	Poenabah	Roea Roeerunna	Rioona
Four	Pagunta	Wayraparattee	Pallanyneené
Fragrant (smell)	Noya leebana [leetyé	Wannabayooerack	Lyinneragoo
Freestone	Boatta or potha mal-	Wullyawa	
Fresh water	Liena eleebana	Poiné niré	Polimganoanaté
Friend	Kaetagoanamenah	Potta mallya	Poningalee
Frigid (cold)	Tunnack	Liéniré	Lié nonghaté
Fright	Tian-cottiack	Lapoile lu nagreenah moolanah	Mateté loguattame
Frog	Rallah	Mallané	'Ptunarra
Frost	Parattah	Tianawilly	Micumoolaka
Frost, hoar	Parattiana	Tattounepuyna	Lora
Fuel	Wielurena	Oorattai	Oolrah
Full (after a meal)	Riawaeack	Oocena or Winna	Ooe
Full (a vessel filled)	Rueeleetipla	Ma teelaty	Mapilriagunara
Fun (sport)	Riawena	Kanna	Yeackanara
Fundament	Leicena	Luggara	Riawé
Fur of animals	Pooarena	Loté Loiningé	
Fury	Leenangunnyé or koan-anietya	Longwinny	Waggelé
		Liapooneranh	Neenubrulatai

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Gale	Ralanghta	Rallana proiena	Loweeny Rulloi leah or Loweeny loileah
Gape	Grannacunna	Granna canaibee	'ngana kankapea oolralabeah capueeleah
Ghost	Wurrawana	Riawarawapah	Teeananga winné
Girl	Lowana keetanna or Kottomalletye	Longatylé	Noamolobe
Glutton	Lemyouterittya	Pamoonalantutte	Tuggattapeeatto
Good person	Kekanna elangoonya	Nirree	Kanna noangaté
Go	Tawé	Tawkwábee	Tawé
Goods (things)	Noona meena	Ooraimabilé	Noonamoy
Goose (wild)	Weienterootya	None	None
Gosling	Kaeeta boena		
Grandmother	Lowan kareimena	Ooaimena or Wyemena	Neenambee
Grass	Rouninna	Nemoné	Probluah
Great bellied (with child)	Lowallaomnena	Puggata Lowatta lutta	Lomalélé
Green	Norabeetya	Nobeetya mallya	Mallabeabu
Greeting (a)	Yah! Tahwattywa!	Yah! Nun'oyné	Yah!
Grin (to make faces)	Monapaooniack pao- reetye	Moyetungali	Boabenneetea
Grinder (back tooth)	Wuggarinna Ryana	Payelughana	Yennaloigh
Gristle	Comyenna	Wéyalé	Péngai
Groin	Mungalarrina	Tramina	Tarrané
Ground	Pyengana	Mannina	Nattie
Grow (as a tree, child)	Myallanga bourack	Mangapoieré	Mallacka
Growl	Nannéaquanhe	Nunnaquannapeiere	Dyekka nameenera
Grub	Menia or Mungwenya	Larraminnia	Langwé
Gull	Lueteianna	Lieppetah	Payngh
Gulp (to)	Tongwamma	Tongané	Tonnabea
Gum (wattle tree)	Munganna	Reeatta	Reeattawee
Gum tree (Eucalyptus)	Lottah	Moonah ✕	Loyké
Gums (of the mouth)	'ngenna	Cárena	Kattamoy
Gun (musket)	Leryna or le langta	Pawleena	Rullé
Gunpowder	Lerytiana	Pawleenatiana	Lughtoy
Glow-worm, or phos- phoresence	Pugganga lewa or Monghtamena	Payaleena	
Hen (native)	Mienteroonyé	Riacooné	Reeakallingalle
Hold your tongue, be patient, bye and bye	My-elbeerkamma or Mealkammah	Kanna moonalané men- takuntiby or Kon- nyab	Wannabee or kannebo
Hail	Pratteratta	Turélai	
Hair	Poinglyenna	Poiété longwinne	
Ditto, (matted with ochre)	Poinghana	Poina	
Halo (round the moon)	Weetaboona	Panoggata	
Halt (limp on leg)	Ungunniack	'nganee	
Ham or Hough	Pryenna	Tabba	
Hamstring (the)	Metta	Tapmita	
Hand	Riena	Reemutta	
Harlot	Pugganatingana or meneteruttye	Patingana	
Hastily (quickly)	Lemya or tuggana	Cothé	
Hawk	Nierrina	Pengana	
Head	Oolumpta	Poiété	
Head-ache	Oongena liack	Poiété merede and po- ingata	
Heal	Raick bourrack	Niré	
Heap (to make)	Prolmy nuntty mente	Teeaté	
Hear (to)	Toienook boorack	Wáyee	
Heart	Teeackana warrana	Teggana	
Heat	Peooniac	Lugbrah	
Heave (to pant)	Tengoonyack	Teggallughrata	
Heavy	Miemoatick	Moorah	
Heel	Tokana or Toggana	Tokana	
Help	Nelumie	Lagrah	

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Hide (to conceal kangaroo)	Lyeemena kamei	Muggrah	
Hide one's self	Mur kamiah	Muggrah	
Hill (little one)	Poimena	Layeté paawé	
Hill (mountain)	Poimena tyenkangannarra Tienare warrah	Layeté proigh	
Hit	Menny	Merrhé	
Hither and thither	Pughawee nyawee	Tackra, tungalé, tungalé	
Hoar-frost	Tyeebertia crackana	Warattai	
Hoarse [row]	Lonypeak	Lonnabeeadé	
Hole (like wombat burrow)	Lowa lengana	'ngeanah	
Hot	Peoniack	Lughrata	
House	Lenna	Line	
Howl (in distress like a dog)	Tuggermacarna or Myluggana	Cockata	
Humid (wet, damp)	Malleack	Layekah	
Hunger	Meeoongyneack	Tecotte	
Husband	Puggan neena	Pah-neena	
Hurt (with spear)	Mayanee rayeree	Roaddah	
Hurt (with waddie)	Payalee	Loipuné	
Jawbone	Yangena	Wahba and wabranna	Ninenna leah
Ice	Paratta	Rullai ungaratiné	Ralloileah
Jealous	Pachabrea-longhe	Mahrewealai and poinéwealai	
Jerk	Co-ulé	Cokura	
Ill (sick)	Crackanaeack	Méréde and merydyneh	Managanurrah
Imp	Winya waumetya	Ria warappé noilé	
Impatient	Telwangatea leah	Kannamoonalanné	
Inactive (indolent)	Meallee tonerragetta	Rannah moorinah	
Indolent (lazy)	Mimooneka nentaca nepoony	Rannah moorinah	
Infant	Malangenna	Puggetta	
Ditto, female		Lowa luggeta	
Infant, newly born	Cotruoluttye	Puggata Riale	Lapoitale or Lapoitendaylé
Inform (to tell)	Oana	Oanganah	
Ditto, (tell me)	Oana mia	Ongana meena	
Instant (quick)	Krottee	Koatté	
Instep	Lugga poola mena	Lugga umené	
Intimidate	Tiencootyé	Tienwealé	
Intersect	Unginnapuce	Poany pueré	
Intestines	Tiacrakena	Lomatina	
Invigorate	Neingtera teroontee		
Juice of a plant, red	Miangatentyé	Miengaleena	
Ditto, white	Tuggara maleetyé	Taramena	
Jump	Wughallee	Warrakara	
Juvenile	Croatta meleetyé		
Keep	Tialapué	Tiagarra	
Kill (deprive of life)	Mienémiento	Lungana	
Kiss, to	Miewallé	Moeé Miré	
Knee	Mienna	Ranga	Rawinna leah
Kneel	Meallé mianaberré	Leetarangah	Wannabya ramin-naerybee
Knuckle	Reekateninna	Ria puggana	Releenula leah
Kangaroo, brush	Lyenna	Lena	Ku leah
Ditto, joé	Tumnanna	Rarryna	Piaclummé
Ditto	Nawittyé	Tarra na	Tarra leah
Lad	Puggannaereebana	Pa-ga-talina	
Lake (lagoon)	Miena, mena	Lia mena	
Lame	Playwarrungana	Luggamutte or Ragga-Pena [muttah]	
Lance (wooden spear)	Perenna	Proina nughabah	
Large (big)	Pawpela	Mituggara murawamena	
Last (to walk last in file)	Loente wannela	Poenghana	Peninna
Laugh	Poenyeggana		

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Lax (Diarrhoea)	Tiacroinnamena	Tia noileh	Rudanah
Lazy (see Indolent)	Mienoyack	Ruété	Parocheboina
Leaf	Poruttyé	Proié	Parochyateemna
Leafless	Poruttye-mayeck and paruye-noyemaecck	Paroytimena	
Lean	Tughenapoonyac	'Ngattai	'ngatta
Leap (see Jump)	Waighalleh	Wurragara	
Leech	Pyenna	Pangah	Liawena
Left hand	Riena-aoota	'Ngotta	Oottamutta
Leg, left	Leoonyana	Luggunagoota	Luggrangoota
Leg, right	Leoonya eleebana	Warrina niré	Luggra-niré
Lick (with the tongue)	Neungulee	Nugra mainre	
Light of a fire	Tonna kayinna		Unamayna
Lightning [foot]	Poimettyé	Poimataleena	Rayeepoinee
Limp (see Lame) right	Wughnna eleebana		
Ditto, left foot	Playwughrena	Raggamuttah	
Load	Mangeluhwa	Munghe mabbely	
Lobster, freshwater	Tayatea	Tay-a-teh	
Log (wood)	Wye langhta	Weea proingha	
Long	Rogoteleebana	Rotuli.	
Look (to gaze)	Reliquamma	Lutubrenemé	
Loud, (to speak)	Kuggana langhta	Kanné proine waggaba	
Low	Lunta	Pranako	
Lie (falsehood)	Manengtyangha	Linughé noilé	
Locust, (V. D. L.)	Tyangamoneeny rapparé	Ganemmanga	Rowé Leah.
Long way	Ganammenyé	Noina muttaina	
	Murramanattya		
	Onamarumpto		
Maria Island	Tiarra marra Monah	Tiarerrymeealonah	
Magpie	Poierrynienna	Reninna	Curraillylé
Maim	Mennai-wee		
Man (black)	Pugganna	Pallawah	Pah-leah.
Marrow	Moomelinah	Lebrana	
Me	Mina	Meenah	
Menstruate	Teebra wanghatamena		
Midday (or noon)	Tooggy malangta	Toina wunna	
Milk (of Aboriginal woman)	Proogwallah	Prooga neannah	
Milt of fish	Lowalinnamelah	Perina	
Mirth	Leenealé	Penamoonalane	
Mischief	Puoynoback	Tannate	Weenah Leah
Moon	Wiggetena	Weetah	Weenapoo Leah
Moonlight	Wiggetapoota	Weetapoota	
Moss	Lagowunnah		
Mother	Neingmenna	Neeminah	Neena Moygh
Moth	Commeneana		
Mouse	Terangaté Munuggana	Pugganarottah	Ptoarah Leah
Mouth	Kakannina	Kaneinah	Kapoughy Leah
Mud, sediment	Kokerea Kokeleetyé	Manannywayleh	
Murmur	Mannyaquane	Kanaroiluggata	
Mushroom	Neatyranna	Neárana	
Mole-cricket	Nawywemena		
Mutton Bird (sooty Petrel)	Yolla	Yolla	
Mutton fish (smooth)	Magrannyah		
Mutton fish (rough)	Yowarrenah		
Mount Royal, (country intervening between there and Port Cygnet)		Tuluné	
Nail (finger)	Tonye	Ryeetonyé	Wante Leah
Nail (toe)	Peyerrena	Lugga-tonnyé	Perrarunne
Navel	Mienanuggana	Tunoh	
Near	Malumnyella	Réné	
Nautilus shell (Argonaut)	Wietatenana	Weettah	Weena runnah
Nettle	Miatowunnameena	Miny	

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Nest (birds)	Malunna	Liné	
Nest (little birds)		Puné Liné	
Never	Noye myack or Noeeack	Timeh or Timy	
New (not old)	Croatte	Boilé	
Night	Tagrummena	Nuné	Dayna leah
Nip, (to pinch)	Reloyé Tonyeré	Rédeekatah	
Nipple	Prugga poyeenta	Pruggapogenna	
No	Parra garah	Timeh or Timy or Pothyack	Mallya leah
Noise	Kukanna wallamonyaack	Kanna	
Nose	Mununa	Muye or Muggenah	Muanoigh
Now (at this time)	Croattee		
Ochre (red)	Ballawiné	Ballawiné	
One	Marrawah	Marrawah	
Orphan	Kollyenna	Wah-witteh	
Outside	Tulenteena	Pratty-toh	
Owl (large)	Tryeenna	Kokatah	Tayaleah Kokannaleah
Owl (little one)	Laoona	Wawtronyte	
Oyster Bay			
Highland behind Oyster Bay	Pottry munatta		
Opossum (black)	Nualangtamabbena	Tonytah	Temytah Temyta
Opossum (ringtail)	Tarripnyenna	Pawtella	Malughlee
Opossum (mouse)	Lowowyenna	Leena	Pawtellunna Nuckelah
Ore of Iron, Iron Glance, (used by the Aborigines as a black paint)	Latta	Lattawinné	Paponolearah
Pain	Crackanyack	Mayrude	
Palm of the hand	Rielowolingana	Reea-rarra	
Parrot	Cruggana	Cruddah	
Parroquet	Welleetya	Wellya	
Paw	Luggantereena	Togga-né	
Peak (St. Valentine's)			Natone
Peak (a hill)	Poymalangta	Letteené	
Pelican	Treoontalangta	Toyné	
Penguin	Tomenyenna	Tong-wynne	
Perspire	Regleetya	Laywurroy	
Pet (pettish)	Lowabereelonga	Poyneh	
Pigeon	Mooaloonya	Mootah	
Place (a)	Lenna	Linéh	
This place		Liné poynena	
Plant	Mellangbourack		
Play	Lyanelé	Luggarraha	
Point of spear	Poyeenta	Poyeenna	
Pool or Lagoon	Mienameena	Kannah	
Porcupine	Mungyenna	Mungyé	Mungynna Kanagale
Porpoise	Minga-oinyah	Poyrennah	
Pregnant	Lowalloomanyenea	Lomatilutta	
Prickly	Mona-meenee	Moynéna	
Punk	Wullugbetye	Rarra	
Pebble rolled quartz	Kughaweenya	Tramutta	
Piper's River District	Oramakunna	Oramakanna	
Port Davey		Poinduc	
Penis	Lubra, Mattah-prenna	Leena	
Pubes ( <i>mons veneris</i> )	Maga	Magana	
Quaff (drink)	Lowelly	Nugarah	
Quail	Terranguatta	Téna Terranguatta	Tena Teewarrah
Quiet			
Run together (race)	Réné nunempté	Loongana	
Rage	Neoongyack	Leecoté	
Rain	Pokana or Pogana	Porrah	
Rain (heavy)	Progga-langhta	Porra,	



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Rainbow	Weeytena	Wayatih	
Rascal	Nowettye-eleebana	Pawee	
Rat	Lyinganena	Tooarana	
Ray (Stingaree)	Leranna	Piremé	
Red	Tendyagh or Tentya	Koka	
Repair	Trulee	Peruggareh	
Respire	Tyackanoyack	Taykalyngana	
Retch (to vomit)	Nutyack	Nukatah	
Rib	Tolameena	Tené	
Rise	Takumuna	Peggaruggarua	
Ripe	Crang-boorack	Pegarah	
Root (tree)	Remeenýé	Monalghana or Pughweady	
River (little)	Menae Keetannah	Lia-pootah	
Rock (large)	Lonah or Loelanghta	Loynee Broyee	
Rod (small)	Weenah Keetannah	Weea Pawee	
Roll (to)		Wangana weepootah	
Roe of fish	Leena bunna		
Rotten wood	Tréoratick	Tawnah	
Rough	Payralyack	Rullé	
Round like a ball	Mieawiaek	Mattah	
Row (a long one)	Raondeleeboa	Reekara	
Rub (rub in fat)	Mungannemoe	Ruggarra	
Ruddy cheeks	Miypooetanyack	Koka	
Ditto	Mientendyack		
Run	René	Legara	
Rush		Roba	
Ringlets (corkscrews, with red ochre)	Pow-ing-aróoteleebana	Poeena	Poenghana
Sexual intercourse [pus]	Loanga metea or Poanga metea		
Sea-horse ( <i>Hippocampus</i> )	Lay-an-unea	Poolta	
Salt on the rocks by the sea-side	Lienowittye		
Ditto	Liopackanapoona	'nguna	
Sand	Mungara mena		
Sap	Miangatentya		
Ditto	Miangmalleetya		
Sap (milk-white)	Poor-wallena		
Scab	Loryomena or Loiamena	Lowidé	
Scales (of fish)	Poerinna	Lowinna	Nangennamoi
Scar	Trugatepoona	Mungerapoona	Toolengennaleah
Scarify	Lowooné	Towatté	
Scent	Mebryack	Poanoilé	
Scratch	Larré	Larré	
Sea (ocean)	Lienna wuttya and lyaleetea	Panamuna	Leah lé
Seal ( <i>Phoca</i> ), black on sandy beach	Naweetya	Wayanna, white belly	
Ditto black on rocks, white-bellied	Pienrenya		
Ditto, sandy beach	Prematagomoneetya		
See (to behold)	Mongtone	Nubratoné	
Serious (sad gaze)	Leigany-guonga	Manatta rulla	
Serpent	Loiena or Lounabe	Loina	Rau-anah
Shallow	Waylearack	Roheté	
Shadow	Wurrawina Tietta	Maydena	Belanyleah
Sharp (like a knife)	Lyetta	Nenah	
She-oak tree	Luggana-brenna	Luh-be	
Skin	Lurentanena	Lurarunna	
Ship	Lotomalangta loomena	Luné poina makkaha	Loallybé
Shore	Malompto	Loccota	
Shore (sandy beach)	Koynaratingana		
Go ashore		Tawé loccoto	
Shoulder	Puggarena	Parangana	
Shout (yell)	Kukanna wurrarena	Palla-kanna	

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Shower (of rain)	Pokanna kuanna	Tungatinah	
Shrub	Tarra coonee	Tarrara manné	
Sick	Micrackanyach	Miméredé	
Ditto	Miyacknatareetya		
Side, (the)	Lietelinna	Taynna	
Sinew (kangaroo)	Metah (met-ah)	Mitah	
Sing	Lyenny	Lyenné	
Shag (Cormorant)	Moora	Moora	
Sing a song	Lyenny riacunna		
Sink	Tomla, tome, booreka		
Sit down	Mealpugha		
Sister	Nowantareena		
Skin	Tarra Meenya		
Skull	Pruggamoogena		
Sleep	Lony		
Sleep (very sound)			
Smile	Pughoneoree		
Smoke	Progoona or prooana		
Sneeze	Lonughutta		
Smooth	Panninya		
Snail			
Snore	Teakanarra loneah	Roggara	
Snake	Loiena	Loinah	Rounna Rawannah Pallawa royanah Roallabeah
Snow	Parattianah	Turrana	
Sole (of foot)	Lug-yenna	Lugga-lunnah	
Song	Riacunnah	Lunariabe	
Soon	Leemya	Kothé	Riacannah
Snow	Paratta		
Son	Malangena	Puggatah	
Sour	No-wiyack	Noile	
Spark	Tonypeprinna	Powitté	Pughweenyna weimyale
Spawn	Manunghana	Manungana	
Spear (wood)	Perenna	Pe-na	Pana, Pilbah
Spew	Nuka	Nukara	Nugryna
Speak	Pucellakanny	Poerakunnabeh	Pooracannaby
Spider	Tangana	Waytanga	
Spine	Myingeena terrena	Tuherarunnah	
Spit	Tyackaree-meena	Kamena meena	Kaimonamoe
Sport (play)	Riawena	Riawé	Riawé wayboree
Spring (wattle blossom season)	Pewenya poeena	Luggarato pawé	Lughra-pawee
Squall	Ralangta	Rallana proec	
Stamp (with the foot)	Taoontekapé	Taoontekapé	Raali poyngnah
Stand (stand up)	Tackamuna	Cracka-wughata	
Starlight	Teahbertyacrackna	Oarattih	Pegretty wergho
Shooting Star	Puggareetya	Pachareah	
Star	Teahbrana	Romtenah	Rhomdunna or Miabeemenah
Steal	Maneena langatick	Maneena layawé	
Step	Luggana marah	Luggacanna	
Stomach	Teenah	Teena	Teenah
Stone	Loantennina	Loinah, Lonna	Loiné
Stoop	Puggana narratyack	Puggana Narrangabé	
Stop	Poyeeré	Kuneeamé	
Straight	Ungoyeleebana	Tunghabé	
Strike	Luggana golumpté	Lunghana	
Strong	Oyngteratta	Rulla Rullanah	Ramanarralé
Stump of a tree	Pomya kunnah	Ortawenah	Weealynghana
Stupid	Koallangatick	Oyelarraboo	Wayeelarraboo or Puggytemoorah
Sun	Pugganoobra nah	Pallanubra nah	Panubrynah, Tonah leah
Suck	Pukkanebrenah		
Sullen	Molé	Mokrá prugh	
	Lowattobeolo kakanneté	Poininna	
	Monna Perinna		
	Lowaperee longha		

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Summer	Wingytellangta	Lughoratoh	
Sunrise	Puggalena parrack boorack	Panuboine roeelapoe- rack	
Sunset	Wietytongmena	Panubra tongoieerali	
Suspiration (sigh)	Teangonyack	Takoné	
Survivor	Lugga poerannea		
Swallow (a bird)	Waylelimna	Papalawe	
Swallow (act of deglu- tion)	Tony quamma	Tonganah	
Swan	Kélangunya	Pugherittah	
Sweat	Malleack Regleetya Reglee poona	Leghromina	
Swell	Lienyack	Lineh	
Swim	Puggely	Pughrah	
Switch	Tarra koonah	Tarraweenah	
Tail	Manna poonee	Pugghnah	
Take	Nunné	Nunnabeh	
Talk	Pueelcanny	Poieta Kannabeh	
Tall	Takkaro deleeabano righ eleebana	Rotulih	
Talon	Kuluggana	Kuhluggana	
Tame	Riaputheggana	Tiagropoineena	
Tarantula (large spider)	Ne-ungalangta	Temmatah	
Taste	Wughné	Weené	
Teal	Ryennatiabrootea	Weahwanghrutah	
Tear	Tagarrena	Tarragatté	
Teat		Pruggana	
Teeth	Wugherrinna		
Thirsty	Rukannaroonyack	Kukannaroieté	
Throw	Myengy	Menghana	
Thumb	Rianaoota	Ryanaootta	
Thumb-nail	Tonyé	Toiena	
Thunder	Poimettya	Papatonguné	
Tick	Loangaritea	Prammanah	
Tie (a knot)	Kukannaboee	Pilangootah	
Tide	Luggatick	Lughruttah	
Tiger (v.d.l.), <i>Thylac- inus cynocephalus</i>	Lagunta	Ka-nunnah	
Timber (large)	Wyelangta	Wee a proinah	
Timber (small)	Wyena	We'rapawé	
Tired	Pryénemkoottiack	Kakara Wayalee	
Three	Lea winnawah	Talleh	
Toothless	Wugherinna normyak	Payeatimy	
Tooth	Wughrinna	Pay-ee-a	
Talk (much speaking)	Mealpeal Kamma or Kukanna liérea	Kukanna Moonalane or Kunrare or Kunmoonera	
Tongue	Kayena	Menné, or Mayna, or Maynerinah	
Top	Tulendeeno	Waghata	
Topaz (crystal)	Tendeagh	Mughra mallee	
Tor (a peaked hill)	Poymalyetta	Layatinnah	
Torch	Poorena moneggana	Lee wurré	
Touch	Neungpa	Winganah	
Touch-wood (rotten wood)	Weitree ouriatta	Weeawanghratta	
Tough	Lughteeac	Rulli	
Track (footmark)	Puggataghana and Tughanaloumeno	Luggaboiné	
Trample (to)	Tyentiah	Teeantibe	
Transfix (to)	Myenny-pingaterreluteo	Menaoitete	
Travel	Tackamoona	Tackramoonina	
Tree	Loatta		
Tree (fall of a)	Poengboorack	Moona punganæ	
Tremble	Mienintyac	Tienéwéleh	
Trickle	Kukkamena meena	Truggara	
True	Gonynealeebya	'nghana Kanna niré	

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Try (to)	Wughneé	Weené	
Tug (to, at a rope or string)	Koy-ule	Kottubé	
Tumble	Mientongka	Mieparragana	
Turn (to)	Wughannamee	Miewangana	
Tusk (canine tooth)	Wuggerinna rotaleebana	Payee, á rotylé	
Twig	Loatta keetana	Weea wunna	
Twins	Maiynabyeck	Meinna-na	
Twilight	Teggyrmony Keetana	Nunto neena h	
	narra long-boorack		
Twirl (twist)	Wughannemoe	Oaghra	
Twitch (pluck)	Kolé	Ko-kra	
Two	Pia wah	Pooalih	
Ugly	Nowatty nieleebana	Noailee nuggabah.	
Urine	Mungana	Munghate munghabeh	
Uxorious	Lowa puggelannye		
Vale or Valley	Ma-ra cominya	Mara-way-lee	
Vanish	Poyena potattyack	Tiembugh	
Vassal (serf)	Pueetoggana mena	Potaigroee narana	
Venemous	Ree punneré nunghapa	Nunghboorack nun-gabah	
Venom	Mana mena	Kamona moina	
Vent	Loa lingana	'ngeenah	
Vertex	Toganee	Togari	
Warratah (plant, <i>Telopea truncata</i> )	Kiuntah		
Wallabee	Lukangana	Taranna	
Warm even to perspiration	Reggooleetya	Lewurra moina	Noguoy Leah
Water (fresh)	Liena	Liawenee	
Water (cold)	Lietinna	Liawenee	Lia winne and Lileah
Water (warm)	Liena peoonya or lienapeoonyack	Lialughrana	
Wood, firewood	Wiena and winna	Muggrawebé and mat-tawebé	
Woman	Lowanna	Ne-eanta and lowanna	
Ditto, handsome	Loanna eleebana and loa niry	Loa-niré lyadywaiack	Nowaleah
Ditto, young	Krotto meleetyé	Loalla puggana	
Ditto, adult	Puggya malleetya	Longatallinah	
Ditto, aged, old	Payanna	Nena ta poiena	
Wombat	Raoompta Rowoomata	Rowitta	
Wake	Lientiack	Weeny	
Wade	Woimenniac	Mowerrenah	
Wail, to lament	Tegryma kannunya.	Moeluggrana	
Waist	Pooalminna	Pooaryumena	
Wait	Myelpoyeré	Krattabé	
Walk	Tahlyooneré	Lawtaboorana	
War	Kennamoimenya	Moi mangan mabeli	
War (skirmish, one or two killed)	Marana	Moeemutté	
War (battle, all killed but one or two)	Moelughawa	Moeemabylé	
Warm	Peoonyack	Lughreto	
Wart	Créman poona	Ta winné	
Wash (to)	Nonelmoi	Munnugra	
Wattle-tree	'Nghearetta	Manna	
Wave	Legleetya mengyna	Leaturi	
Weak	Koomyenna	Mia wayleh	
Weed	Pannabon bruttyé	Tallaratai	
Weep	Tagarramena	Tarra wayleh	
Well (spring)	Loy-ulena	'Ngyena	
Wet (rainy)	May-niack	Lay-ka	
What?	Telingha? Tebya	Pallawaleh	
What's that?	Telingha?		Tarraginna

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When and where Wherefore, speak low, let nobody hear Whisper Whistle White Whiz (like a ball, &c.)	Namelah Nayeleh?  Kukana punyepara Purra Kunna Malleetyé 'Ngona Kunna	Wabbara?  Poeta Kanna pawaybah Munnakanna Mallee Payngunnana or Poygunna Kunna Panubré Mabbylé Nena tura tena	Plubeah Mungyangharrah Nangoinuleah
Whore, fornicatrix Widow	Wurrawa Noattyé Wurrawa Lowanna	Poya lanuné Rallinganunné Rallinga proiena Lonna and Loarina Maykana Poughra Nubra rotté Turra	Waggapoonynurrah Lewan Lewanhock
Wife, newly married Wind Ditto, high Windpipe Wing Wink Winter Wrinkle Wrong Wrist Woe's me ah me!	Kroatta langunya Rawlinna Raalanghta Lonna Poilinna Mentroiaack Tunna Niangté nepoony Miengana Rapoolmena Paygra Wayleabeh Kum leah	Pelanypoonéh Nuyeko Riapoolumpta Taqueaté	
Yawn Yes	Granna Kunna Murramoona, Narrawallee	Leakanny Narra warrah, Narraway Narra luawah	Narro barro
Yesterday You Young (little) boy  Ditto (ditto) girl	Néntegga Menyena Neena Kaeetenna Mallang yenna Lowanna Kaeetenna	Neea nunnawa Neena or Nee Puggata paweena	

### SHORT SENTENCES IN THE NATIVE LANGUAGE.

Give me a stone .....	Lona or Loina tyennabeah mito.
Give him a stone .....	Lonna tyennamibeah.
I give you some water .....	Lina tyennamibeah.
I will not give you any water .....	Noia meahteang meena neeto linah.
You give me food .....	Tyennabeah tuggené.
You do not give me food.....	Noia meah teang meena neeto tuggené.
Give me some bread.....	Tyenna miapé pannaboona' or Teenganana ma pannaboo or Tunghmbibé tungaringaleah.
We will give you a stick .....	Tyennamibeah weena.
We will not give you a stick.....	Noia tyennamibeah weena.
Give me some bread to eat, I am hungry ....	Teeanymiape tuggané, Meeongyneecomé or Teeanymeiape teeacottym'na or Teeampiapé Matughala Mapilrecottai.
This is my hand .....	Reena narrawa!
Sing a song.....	Lyenné riakunna or Rialinghana.
Where is your father .....	Ungamlea nangéena.
My Father is here .....	Nangamea numbé.
He is my Father.....	Nangamea numbé.
He is not my Father .....	Miangunana.
Tell your Father of this.....	Onnabea nangato.
We go to see the river .....	Nialomiah manaiiah.
I like to drink the water .....	Monna langarrapé.
I make the boat go fast .....	Parapetaleebee malanna talea warrangaté.
The ship goes upon the sea .....	Tiretya teeakalummala.
The waves make the sea rough .....	Leea leetyah poinummeah.
You see the sea over the hill .....	Roogoomalé linoiyack.

Go down from the hill.....	Rongtané Tyungerawa.
Run over the ground.....	Ringápyanganaweberé.
Do not run along the road.....	Parrawé ringapé.
The man feeds the dog.....	Tyénnabeah kaetabeah.
The woman makes a basket.....	Lowanna ollé tubbrana.
The woman is very fair.....	Lowa maleetya.
The child eats his food.....	Tecana malangeebeah.
The child is small.....	Malangeebeah.
The horse runs on the ground.....	Pangooneah réne pateleebea.
The horse kicks the child.....	Pangooneah paraingumenah.
One.....	Marrawah.
Two.....	Piawah.
Three.....	Luwah.
Four.....	Paguntawulliwah.
Five.....	Pugganna marah.
I shall go to my house.....	Tugganna lunameatah.
I strike the horse.....	Pella pangooneah.
Touch his hand....	Rientonnabeah.
Do not touch his hand.....	Tallé tallé parrawé.
Cut down the tree.....	Ungana puyé loté.
Tell him to go to the house.....	Tallé lenutoo.
Speak to the man.....	Oonah beah.
He is in the house.....	Lunaretah.
They jump over the river.....	Wuggala menayé.
They walk through the river.....	Yangé menayé.
Run along the side of the river.....	Tawé ranté weberé.
They swim in the river.....	Puawé menayé.
They sink in the river.....	Tongé menayé.
We drink water.....	Loa liyé.
He cuts his hair with flint.....	Tugganna pugheranymee trautta.
My brother has a long arm.....	Niétta mena oon root' eleebana.
My sister is very tall.....	Nienta mena tuggara root' eleebana.
He has two children.....	Malang-piawah.
Take a stick and beat the dog.....	Tial wee pella kaeta.
The dog is beaten with a stick.....	Pella kaetah naootamena.
The sun is rising.....	Pugguleéna paréebara.
The sun is set already.....	Pugguleéna toomla pawa.
The moon is risen.....	Ooeeta poona.
The moon is not seen.....	Ooeeta mayangti byeack.
The moon is behind the cloud.....	Ooeeta toggana warratena lunta.
You stand behind the tree.....	Mangana lutena.
They climb up the tree.....	Crongé lotta.
The swan swims in the water.....	Kalungunya tagumena liyetitta.
The water is very warm.....	Lia pyoonyack lé!
The water is not warm.....	Lia tunnack.
Salt water.....	Lia noatye.
Fresh water.....	Lian eleebana or liana eleebana.
He is a good man.....	Puggana tareetyé
He is a bad man.....	Tagantyaryack.
Come and drink the water.....	T'allé le loolaka lia.
This water is salt.....	Lia noattyé
That water is fresh.....	Liana eleebana.
Milk comes from the cow.....	Prughwullah packalla.
Send him to get milk.....	Rangé prughwullah.
I saw the tree yesterday.....	Lotta monté meena cotté.
I have cut my finger.....	Rié poyé pueningyack.
He limps with one leg.....	Raggamuttah.
He sees with one eye.....	Taggunnah.
My face is very black.....	Raonah mawpack.
Make the horse run fast.....	Pangoonya rené wurrangaté.
When the warm weather is come.....	Nente pyoonta.
It is now cold weather.....	Tunna.
They are white men (the men are white.)....	Riana. Rianowittyé.
This woman is very white.....	Lowana eleebana.
Bring him and put him down here.....	Nunnalea pooranamby or Kannawattah ponnawé or Kannawuttah ponnappoo.
Come along, I want to speak to you.....	Talpyarwadeno tuyena kunnamee or Tutta wuttah onganeenah or Tunneka makunna. talmatieraleh.
Aha! you are sulky all of a sudden.....	Anyah! Teborah! Keetrelbya noomena peniggomaree.
Hold your tongue, or be patient, by and bye.	Mealkamma or metakantibe or kannyah mielbeerkmamah or kanna moonalané wan- nabee kannybo.

Come here .....	Tia neberé <i>or</i> Tialleh.
Walk naked .....	Tia reea lugungana.
Go ashore .....	Tawé loccato.
Make a light, I want to see you .....	Mené le monghtiapee monghtoneelé, matang-unabee nubratonee.
Run together (a race) .....	Rene nunempté <i>or</i> leongana.
Stay or keep a long way off .....	Onamarrumnebere <i>or</i> crackné lo maba <i>or</i> kelaba rowé.
Awake, rouse ye, get up ! .....	Tientable taggamunna <i>or</i> nawatty ! pegraty ! wergho ! <i>or</i> takka wughra !
Don't wake him, let him sleep .....	Tialenghpa lontun-narra <i>or</i> kunnyam tilanga bah <i>or</i> kunnyam narraloyea.
Whisper, speak low, let nobody hear .....	Kukanna lenagangpa nuntty pateinuyero <i>or</i> onabeah dayaleah.

### SOME ABORIGINAL NAMES OF PLACES IN TASMANIA.

Cape Portland District .....	Tebrakunna.
Country extending back from Ringarooma Township .....	Warrentinna.
Douglas River .....	Leeaberryack <i>or</i> Leeaberra.
Nicholas's Cap .....	Mita winnya, Kurunna poima-langta.
Doctor's Creek (East Coast) .....	Wuggatena menennya.
Long Point .....	Wuggatena poenta.
Salt Water Lagoon near the Coal Mines .....	Mungarattya.
Governor's Island .....	Tittanariack.
George's River District .....	Kunarra-kunnah.
Maria Island .....	Tiarra-marra-monah.
Mount Royal and Port Cygnet, country lying between .....	Taluné.
Oyster Bay .....	Poyanannupyack.
High lands behind ditto .....	Pothy munatta.
"St. Valentine's Peak, on Surrey Hills, Peak like a Volcano," of Flinders .....	Natoné.
Piper's River District .....	Orramakunna.
Port Davey .....	Poynduc.
East Bay Neck .....	Lueena langhta Muracomyiack.
Eagle Hawk Neck .....	Teeralinnack <i>or</i> Tera-linna.
Hampshire Hills District, in the North-west ..	Pateena.
Barren Joey Island .....	Roobala mangana.
Glamorgan District .....	Tebranuykunna.
Port Arthur .....	Prémaydena.
Macquarie Harbour .....	Parralaongatek.
Recherche Bay .....	Leillateah.
Port Esperance .....	Raminea.
Southport .....	Lamabbéle.
Brune Island .....	Lunawanna-elonnah.
South Arm .....	Reemeré.
Huon Island .....	Prahree.
Betsey Island .....	Temeteletta.
Three-hut Point .....	Taconawenna.
Tinder-box Bay .....	Renna kannapughoola.
Brown's River .....	Promenalinah.
Arch Island .....	Poora tingalé.
Tamar River .....	Ponrabbel.
Piper's River .....	Wattra Karoola.
Swan Island .....	Terelbessé.
Arthur River .....	Tunganrick.
Schouten Island .....	Tiggana marraboona.
Cape Grim .....	Kennaook.
Mount Cameron (West Coast) .....	Preminghana.
Mount Hemskirk .....	Roeinrim <i>or</i> Traoota munatta.
Mount Zeehan .....	Weiawenena.
Circular Head .....	Monattek <i>or</i> Romanraik.
Frenchman's Cap .....	Mebbelek.
Albatross Island .....	Tangatema.

Hunter's Island .....	Reeneka.
Pieman's River .....	Corinna.
District north of Macquarie Harbour .....	Timgarick.
Lake St. Clair .....	Leeawulena.
Huon River .....	Tahuné-linah.
Satellite Island .....	Wayaree.
Derwent River .....	Teemtoomelé menennye.
Mount Wellington .....	Unghaniahletta or Pooranetteré.
Clarence Plains .....	Nannyeleebata.
Crooked Billet and on to the Dromedary ....	Unghanyenna.
Range of Hills between Bagdad and Dromedary	Rallolinghana.
Jordan River .....	Kuta linah.
Lovely Banks .....	Tughera wughata.
Ben Lomond .....	Toorbunna.
South Esk River .....	Mangana lienta.
Lagoon or summit of Ben Lomond .....	Meenamata.
St. Patrick's Head .....	Lumera genena wuggelena.

### SOME NAMES OF ABORIGINES OF TASMANIA.

#### MEN.

Mannalaggana .....	
Tonack .....	A native of Macquarie Harbour.
Wureddy or Ooareddy .....	
Paoblattena (literally—Wombat) .....	A native of N. W. District.
Kakannawayreetya (literally—Joey of the Forester Kangaroo) .....	A native of Oyster Bay.
Bonep .....	A native of Macquarie Harbour.
Kellawurumnea .....	A native of Pittwater.
Lanney .....	A native of the North West.
Kunnarawialeetyé .....	A native of Oyster Bay.
Meenapeckameena .....	A native of Lovely Banks.
Maywedick or Maywerick .....	A native of Port Davey.
Redaryioick .....	A native of Circular Head District.

#### WOMEN.

Taenghanootera (literally—weeping bitterly) ..	A native of George's River.
Worromonoloo (literally—boughs) .....	A native of Piper's River Road Distrct.
Rammanaloo (literally—little Gull) .....	A native of Cape Portland.
Wuttawantyenna (literally—nausea) .....	A native of East Bank of Tamar River.
Plooranaloo (literally—sunshine) .....	A native of George's River.
Tenghanoop .....	A native of Port Davey.
Trooganeenie .....	A native of Mount Royal.
Metakartea .....	A native of North-east Quarter.
Tiabeah .....	A native of Bruni Island.
Koonya .....	A native of Sorell.
Pueelongmeena .....	A native of Oyster Bay.
Unghlottyenna .....	A native of North East.
Rayna .....	A native of Pieman's River District.
Penghanawaddick .....	Ditto.



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T A S M A N I A.

**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION**

**FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF  
HOBART TOWN.**

Presented by Mr. Walker, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
11 February, 1857.





*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Hobart Town,  
in Public Meeting convened.

SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners have carefully considered the Estimates for 1857, and are quite convinced that a very great reduction might be made in each and every Department of the Government.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that many Offices might be altogether abolished—others greatly reduced—others consolidated—and a vast saving effected, and improvements thereby made without diminishing, but rather increasing, the efficiency of the Public Service.

That your Petitioners fear that the financial affairs of the Colony are still conducted upon the system pursued when under the control of the Home Government, and when of necessity accounts and other documents had to be sent to England in duplicate and triplicate, thereby occasioning a much larger amount of Office-work than now exists.

Your Petitioners are fully impressed with the conviction that such great and necessary reductions, and such important alterations as referred to, can only be brought about by immediately and completely remodelling the present—or, better, by constructing an entirely new—System, upon which the departmental business of the Colony should be conducted.

Your Petitioners therefore most earnestly entreat your Honourable House to reconsider the Estimates for 1857, and implore your Honourable House not to impose any new Taxes, either through the Tariff or otherwise; but that the exigencies of the Government be met by a Loan, given and received upon the understanding that the existing System upon which the Government Departments are worked shall be altogether reformed, or else a new and improved one initiated, which shall meet all the requirements of the Public Service, and satisfy to the full the demand of the Colony now so unmistakeably expressed for retrenchment and economy.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

A. M'Naughtan.  
Neil Lewis.  
F. Lipscombe.  
Wm. Robertson.  
John Wilkinson.  
A. Kissock.  
William Carter.  
Lavington Roope.  
Crawford M. Maxwell.  
A. H. Maning.  
Wm. Boys.  
W. G. Lempriere.  
Alfred Huybers.  
A. T. Maning.

S. Moses.  
Fredk. A. Downing.  
H. Gerrand.  
Charles Degrares.  
J. Park.  
William Crosby.  
Andrew Haig.  
G. Hutton.  
William Murray.  
John James.  
Michael Evans.  
Isaac Wright.  
Henry Tonkin.  
William Paterson.

John M. Gould.  
Robert Worley.  
Basil Rout.  
R. Andrew Mather.  
Nigel Gresley.  
William L. Crowther.  
Alfred Garrett.  
— Thomas Westbrook.  
— Henry James Marsh.  
— George Salier.  
Thomas Hewitt.  
Fr. Haller.

P E T I T I O N .

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**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION**

**FROM THE DISTRICT OF GLAMORGAN.**

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Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
12 February, 1857.





*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council in  
Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Glamorgan, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,

THAT your Petitioners have viewed with much alarm the increase in the amount of the Public Expenditure, as shown in the Estimates recently passed by your Honourable House, amounting to the enormous sum of £347,000.

That your Petitioners would most respectfully express their opinion that this large sum of money is nearly double the amount really required for the efficient Government of an Island containing from 60,000 to 70,000 inhabitants; and that were a searching enquiry instituted into the cost of the several Departments, and the services performed by each, they believe that it would be found practicable to reduce some of the Departments, and combine others, and in other ways so to modify the expenses of Government as to bring the annual expenditure of Tasmania on a level with that of South Australia,—a Province containing about 90,000 inhabitants, and governed at an expense of £260,000.

That your Petitioners refrain from making any particular allusions to the Bill for increasing the Duties levied on some imported Goods, as well as the other Bills for an increased Taxation of this community, believing all increase of Taxation unnecessary and uncalled for.

Your Petitioners would, however, respectfully suggest to your Honourable House, that, pending a Parliamentary enquiry into the whole machinery of Government as at present constituted, and its annual cost, and the adoption of such plans as may be determined on for the reduction of such annual Expenditure to an amount not exceeding the Public Expenditure of 1852, any deficiency of Income should be met by an issue of Exchequer Bills.

That your Petitioners, relying upon the wisdom of your Honourable House, trust that you will so arrange the expenditure of Government, by judicious retrenchment, as not only to meet the annual expenses, but also to leave a considerable surplus, and thus form a fund for the speedy extinction of the Colonial Debt.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Francis Cotton.  
Thomas Dove.  
James Amos.  
George F. Story, M.D.  
J. McLachlan.  
James Amos.  
Henry Cotton.  
Robert Makepeace.  
J. Webster.  
J. Fieldwick, Junr.  
W. F. B. Eldridge.  
Robert Wardlaw.  
Henry Collis.  
Peter Miller.  
Thomas Henderson.  
George Smith.  
John Phelps Mitchell.  
Wm. Woollett.  
R. Gathercole.  
William Fogerty.  
William Leckie.

John Amos.  
Thomas Legg.  
William Allen.  
Francis Roberts.  
John Ferguson.  
Martin Hickey.  
A. Graham.  
P. Duffy.  
James Reed.  
James Hurst.  
George Cornish.  
Edward Carr Shaw.  
Francis Tabart.  
Charles Wills.  
Charles Quin.  
Keven Quin.  
Stephen H. Grueber.  
J. P. King.  
Thomas Minshall.  
Joseph Mayson.  
Thomas Watson.

John Mazard.  
Thomas Bowring.  
J. Fieldwick, Senr.  
Amos Honeywell.  
John Goddard.  
Henry Franklin.  
John Lonergan.  
Robert Cook.  
John Meredith.  
John Golding.  
John Radford.  
Henry A. Scurr.  
William Morris.  
John Spooner.  
Robert Hepburn, Junr.  
John Graham.  
William Amos.  
Gordon Burgess.  
George C. Meredith.  
Joseph Tilley.

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**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION.**

FROM THE DISTRICT OF SORELL.

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Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
12 February, 1857.





*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council, in  
Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Sorell.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH.

THAT your Petitioners regard with feelings of deep disappointment and dissatisfaction the excessive, unreasonable, and unnecessary amount of Public Expenditure still contemplated, as appears by the Estimates recently passed by the House of Assembly, and consider that good and efficient Government can be realised to the comparatively small population of this Colony by an expenditure considerably within the amount of the present Revenue.

That your Petitioners deprecate any interference with the existing Fiscal Regulations, or the imposition of additional Taxes by any mode whatever, at least until a thorough revision of the Public Departments, and extensive reduction of the higher grades of Salaries, and the abandonment of unproductive and unnecessary Public Works shall have taken place.

That the details of the financial policy of the Ministry are contrary to the established and recognised principles of political economy, and at this peculiar moment especially calculated to work mischief, perhaps irreparable, to the prospects of the Colony.

And your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House not to pass into law any scheme of additional Taxation until a complete revision and retrenchment of the present Public Expenditure shall have been effected.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Robert Blyth.  
H. W. Glover.  
Richard Crocker.  
W. Stokell.  
George Guy.  
Isaac Bomford.  
Joseph S. Steele.  
A. W. Steele.  
C. Hazell.  
George Spotswood.  
William Walker.  
John Walker, Junr.  
James Birchall.  
B. Reardon.  
E. Reardon.  
Richard Smith.  
Robert Reardon.  
T. Jones.  
W. J. Bellett.  
Joseph Hayton.  
Robert C. Jenkins.  
William Hodgson.  
J. Walsh.  
H. C. Mc'Ginniss, junior.  
William Parker.  
William Mc'Ginniss.  
Samuel Westbrook.  
John Bellett, junior.  
John W. Allanby.  
William Gard.

Ralph Dodge.  
Adam Newitt, junior.  
Alexander Denholm.  
Charles Hardiman.  
Henry Dodge.  
Robert Halstead.  
James Bingham.  
Thomas Allanby.  
Frederick Steele.  
William Newitt.  
William Cooper.  
George Doll.  
John Norcuss.  
J. W. Bellett.  
J. H. Bellett.  
F. Phipps.  
T. Wright.  
Alexander Forrest.  
Matthew Quin.  
James Monk.  
John Corbett.  
William Kingston.  
G. Woolley.  
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Thomas Fazeckerley.  
R. Lincolair.  
Thomas Haines.  
George Hayton.  
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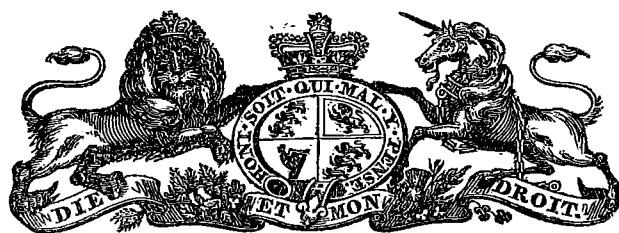
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Samuel Nicholas.  
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Thomas Ridney.  
John Copping.  
George Copping.  
Patrick Copping.  
Jacob Bellett.  
Edward Williams.  
John Webb.  
John Dunbabin.  
George Coghill.  
W. Woods.  
Thomas Wright.  
William Inghan.  
James Harding.  
Richard Lloyd.  
Thos. Litchfield.  
George Davis.  
Richd. H. Allen.  
John Kean.  
Jasper Warren.  
George Phillips.  
Robt. Langdon.

Benjamin Phillips.  
 Wm. Worledge.  
 J. H. Hodgson.  
 Henry Hunt.  
 Henry Birchall.  
 Charles Worledge.  
 Robert Sampson.  
 Wm. Worledge, junior.  
 David Phillips.  
 Wm. Fraser.  
 N. Jacobson.  
 James Webb.  
 John Fergusson.  
 Charles Jacobson.  
 Peter Morrisby.  
 Joseph Ekett.  
 John Cark.  
 William Westicott.  
 Robert Folkes.  
 Thomas Wright.  
 William Ingham.  
 James Harding.  
 Richard Lloyd.  
 Thomas Piktsford.  
 George Davis.  
 Richard H. Allen.  
 John Kean.  
 Jasper Warren.  
 Robert Langdon.

William Worledge.  
 Henry Hunt.  
 Kenry Birchall.  
 Robert Sampson.  
 David M'Master.  
 William Birchall.  
 James Alexander.  
 Alexander Duncan.  
 William Legg.  
 James Wright.  
 William Hays.  
 Thomas Wright.  
 Joseph Paterson.  
 Samuel Iles.  
 Richard Meredith.  
 Samuel Smith.  
 E. Morrisby.  
 Thomas Blackmore.  
 John Beal.  
 John Walker.  
 Thomas Tucker.  
 Andrew Walker.  
 John Smith.  
 John Pendall.  
 William Smith.  
 Antonio Banko.  
 William Hyett.  
 Jacob Hyett.  
 John Millar.

William Bennit.  
 Alfred J. Gatehouse.  
 Peter Yandell.  
 Alexander Gore Ward.  
 T. Marshall.  
 George Crowder.  
 Joseph Cooper.  
 John Gill.  
 G. B. Dawers.  
 F. Mezgar.  
 Jno. Yardly.  
 William Kingston.  
 John Kingston.  
 John E. Edgar.  
 George Marshall.  
 Benjamin Zelle.  
 John E. Edgar.  
 William Barton.  
 T. Dalgall.  
 John Hayton.  
 George Hayton.  
 David Manson.  
 Thomas Morris.  
 John Wells.  
 Andrew Thomas.  
 Henry Smith.  
 James Miller.  
 Samuel Iles.

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**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION**

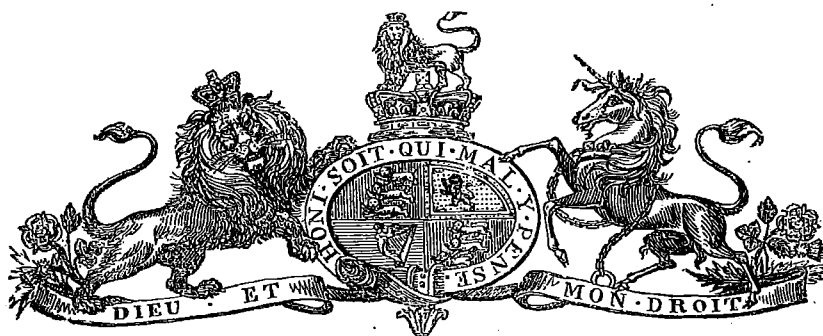
**FROM THE DISTRICT OF MORVEN.**

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Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
13 February, 1857.

P E T I T I O N





*To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council, in  
Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Morven.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT the present Revenue of the Colony is more than sufficient for the efficient carrying on of the Government of so small a community.

That any attempt to bring the Revenue up to the present excessive expenditure would be productive of the greatest evil to the community.

That the measure as submitted by the Finance Minister to the House of Assembly is oppressive, and opposed to all sound political economy.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House not to sanction any measure having for its object increased Taxation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

William Wells  
William Phillips  
Peter M'Taggart  
Richard Cole  
John Jones  
Joseph Grey  
John M'Kinnon  
Robert Ring  
Joseph Kaye  
John Shoebridge  
George Lee  
James Smart  
Cæsar C. Lette  
Henry Glover  
Owen Mackinilly  
Alexander Stronach  
John Stewart  
John Gibbs  
John Holder  
Joseph Wild  
John Brown  
Edmund Brown  
Charles Petts  
James Flaratey  
George King  
N. M'Leod, J.P., land-  
holder  
Jocelyn B. Thomas, J.P., ditto  
W. J. Huxtable, surgeon  
Joseph Kirkby, farmer  
D. Beaton, storekeeper  
Thos. Talbot.  
H. D. Lette  
Henry Stevenson.  
Robert Hunter  
John Bryan

Richard Sagggers  
John Emery  
Henry G. Lette, landowner  
John Parsell  
John R. Glover  
Thos N. King  
J. Fraser  
Alexander Thompson  
John Ralston  
James Stewart  
M. Ralston  
James Pyke  
James Kennedy  
William Inns  
John Badkin  
M. Jacobs  
J. Jacobs  
David Collins  
George Collins  
George Collins, junior  
James Green  
James Johnston  
John Boyd  
David Rogers  
Frederick Perkins  
William Sutton  
John Baxter  
Kennedy Murray  
James Hill  
James Merindrick  
James Hecky  
William Owen  
William Perkins  
R. R. Beveridge  
Samuel A. Hall  
Thomas Slomey

Henry Pyke  
Sam. K. Moore  
Robert Viney  
Thos. W. Bruce  
Abraham Morey  
Robert T. Allen  
Henry Learey  
Robert Lawders  
William Clark  
George West  
Joseph Bruff  
Thomas Rouse  
Henry Courtney  
W. Rann  
William Barrett  
Robert Bywater  
William Farmer  
Henry Rowsthorn  
John Whittle  
John Green  
George Plaxton  
Edward Barnes  
William Morey  
H. Cameron  
James Lathey  
George Williatt  
D. Morrison  
Murdoch Macleay  
John Stephens  
D. Whitehurst  
John Gee  
Thomas Gee  
Charles Viney, junior  
James Pearce  
William Mashman  
Arthur Weller

James Hinnay  
 Henry Leslie Cape  
 Thomas Barclay  
 Robert Thornton  
 Alfred Webster  
 Wm. Mills  
 Philip Reynolds  
 James Hardman  
 Francis Roberts  
 Thomas Peck  
 Thomas W. Peck  
 William Carr  
 James Carr  
 John Butler  
 James Legg  
 Peter Cameron  
 John Maby  
 Daniel Bowater  
 Richard Barker  
 Thomas Barker  
 Robert Wright  
 Richard Chugg  
 John Cole  
 Henry Hopkins  
 James Mayes  
 James Warren  
 John Kendell  
 Joseph Kirkby, junior  
 Charles Chilcott  
 William Smith  
 Edward Davies  
 W. K. Hawkes  
 William Vesty  
 John Crofton  
 Thomas Gee, junior  
 James Cope  
 Thomas Fall  
 H. Davis  
 James Franklin  
 George Lucas  
 John Carter  
 Thomas D. Walker  
 Alexander Banks  
 James Slesson  
 John Manning  
 Thomas Stulton  
 William Dean  
 James Wright  
 Thomas Tarry  
 Thomas Kennedy  
 John Bell  
 William Wass  
 John Wass  
 William E. Evans  
 James Geary  
 John Haney  
 Richard Collins  
 Matthew Sutton  
 Edward Robottom  
 William Titmarsh  
 William Richards  
 Patrick Pettet  
 William Atkins  
 John Atkins  
 Adam Andrews  
 A. Chilcott  
 James Grant  
 Edward Graham

William Richard  
 John Collins  
 Thomas Hindmarsh  
 Thomas Wilson  
 Joseph Senior  
 Henry Williams  
 Thomas Hannay  
 William Disley  
 James Macluskey  
 Charles Tait  
 Edward Boyle  
 James Litfoot  
 Thomas Williams  
 Joseph Clark  
 William Clark  
 H. Benjamin Clark  
 William Reynolds  
 William Cowley  
 Charles Nicholson  
 Christopher Nicklas  
 James Cox  
 Win Thompson  
 John Council  
 John Thompson  
 Thomas Elliott  
 William Davenport  
 James Twist  
 William Thimblebee  
 Christian Harzer  
 Henrick Hallatt  
 James Skine  
 W. Sharp  
 J. Marshall  
 P. Arnold  
 C. Cullen  
 William Epy  
 William Trueman  
 Thomas Johnson  
 James Jacob  
 James Harris  
 Patrick D. Aarcy  
 William Cartlaw  
 Thomas Manning  
 George Robotham  
 William H. Murray  
 William Wheeler  
 William Tuck  
 James Thompson  
 Robert Jones  
 David Gibson  
 Philip Davis  
 John Thompson  
 Thomas Bramdon  
 James Wheller  
 Samuel Davis  
 Richard Parkhous  
 Patrick Maxcey  
 Abraham Turner  
 Robert Pettit  
 William Dobson  
 John Reaader  
 James Smith  
 Edmund Lord  
 H. M. Davis  
 Peter M'Anely  
 James M'Anely  
 Alex. Meldrem  
 John Vincent

James Edwards  
 Patrick M'Grath  
 Henry Rockliff  
 George Masters  
 Edward Ayton  
 Henry Fletcher  
 Joseph Howell  
 J. Littlejohn  
 James Viney  
 John Bishton, Clerk  
 J. R. Salmon  
 Thomas Digges.  
 George Morey  
 William Dickson  
 Chas. Viney  
 Wm. White  
 John Ayliffe  
 Chas. T. Light  
 Chas. Light  
 George Dalton  
 George M'Clutchy  
 Thomas Andrews  
 William Hunt  
 John Kelly  
 John Dovan  
 Frances W. Rockliff, tuner  
 James Jenkins  
 Charles Jones  
 William Smith  
 J. Harris  
 W. J. Grant  
 R. Anderson  
 Adam Sutherland  
 Donald Sutherland  
 John Cornish  
 James Maskall  
 Charles Evans  
 W. Smith  
 Wm. Whittle, junior  
 John Whittle  
 Richard Offard  
 John Gallagher  
 Patrick Packer  
 George Emery  
 John Thomas  
 Hugh Murray  
 Patrick Bryan  
 Michael Bryan  
 George Church  
 Isaac Smith  
 W. Yates  
 J. Yates  
 Mick Read  
 John Brown  
 Thomas M'Kenny.  
 John Emery  
 William Emery  
 Fredk. Millbery  
 William Carey  
 Archibald Moore  
 Thomas Flinn  
 John Annis  
 George Stevenson  
 Joseph Pate  
 Mickel Boyle  
 William Gunner  
 Charley Parrish



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T A S M A N I A.

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INVALIDS AT IMPRESSION BAY.

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Laid on the Table by Mr. Nairn, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 17 February, 1857.





*RETURN showing the Number of INVALIDS and PAUPERS at IMPRESSION BAY.*

<i>Total Number of Invalids and Paupers.</i>	<i>Total Number of Invalids maintained in Hospital chargeable to the Colony.</i>	<i>Of whom were originally Free.</i>	<i>Total Number of Paupers chargeable to the Colony.</i>	<i>Of whom were originally Free.</i>	<i>Total Invalids and Paupers chargeable to the Colony.</i>	<i>Total Invalids and Paupers chargeable to Imperial Government.</i>
268	59	4	94	11	153	115

There are also 76 Insane Patients at this Station, but they are chargeable upon Convict Funds.

W. NAIRN.

*Comptroller-General's Office,  
17th February, 1857.*

INVALIDS AT IMPRESSION BAY.

*Ordered to be printed, 17 February, 1867.*

JAMES BARWARD,  
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.

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1856.

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T A S M A N I A.

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**PETITION AGAINST ADDITIONAL TAXATION**

**FROM THE DISTRICT OF BRIGHTON.**

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Presented by Mr. Bisdee, and ordered by the House to be printed, 17 February,  
1857.





*To the Honourable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Brighton and its Vicinity.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT the present Government expenditure is extravagant, and far exceeds the amount required to meet the exigencies of so small a population.

That your Petitioners, being aware of the existence of a Commission of enquiry into the Public Departments, consider that no additional taxation should be resorted to until the several establishments shall be re-modelled on a plan of consolidation and reduction.

That your Petitioners, fully cognizant of the general depressed state of the Colony, are convinced that, whatever means it may be necessary to have recourse to, to increase the revenue, to impose additional taxation upon necessities of life would be injurious and highly prejudicial to its interests.

That, whilst desirous of maintaining an efficient Government, your Petitioners would earnestly urge upon their Representatives the desirability of keeping the expenditure within the revenue.

And your Petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

John Carlott.	William Thomas.	William Stevens.
James Robarts.	William Millington.	James Robertson.
William Stanton.	William Whitton.	John Dart, junior.
John Hutt.	James Culley.	Frederick Lowen.
Isaac Smith.	Charles Mann.	Henry Phillips, his x mark.
Thomas Ton.	William Bradshaw, junior.	Robert Gard.
William Farrow.	James Bruce, junior.	William Phillips.
John Holmes.	Edward Rowe.	Richard Cloak.
William Jones.	Robert Harding.	Philip Devin.
Gilbert M'Culloch.	William Davidson.	John Hayes.
Timothy Shane.	John Ling.	Henry Child.
Cornelius Muir.	John T. Eddington.	Abraham Fuller, his x mark.
William Holmes.	William Johnson.	George Worthy.
William Miller.	Joseph Stone.	James Ibbott.
Richard Tonks, senior.	Thomas Stone.	John Ogle Gage.
Richard Tonks, junior.	James Foster.	Alexander Anderson.
Jeremiah Tonks.	Edward Paine.	Henry Brock.
James M'Shean.	John Priest.	John Mollineux.
John Campbell.	Henry Speak.	Thomas Fitzgerald.
James Handley.	H. Green.	Edmund Fox.
William Coventry.	C. Simpson.	Patrick Murphy.
W. Guinness.	James Muir.	Thomas Devine.
Daniel Reynolds.	J. Ward.	W. Merry.
Thomas Johnston.	G. B. Forster, Commander	Wm. Johnson.
John M'Donald.	R.N.	N. Thrupp.
Alfred Hinds.	R. J. Rogers.	W. Hughes.
R. Fryett.	William Foster.	Joseph Exley.
Hugh M'Coll.	William Lockwood.	Joseph Briggs.
Michael M'Intyre.	Jacob Wing.	
Donald Wrinfred.	William Simcoe.	

P E T I T I O N

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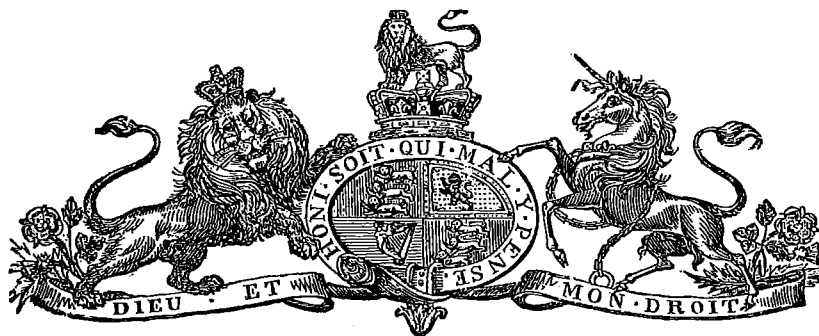
R E T U R N S.

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS.

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Laid upon the Table, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
13 February, 1857.





## No. 1.

RETURN of DEATHS registered in Tasmania in 1855, distributed according to Age; not including those who have died without the Limits of the Island.

DISTRICTS.	Under 1.	Under 2.	Under 3.	Under 4.	Under 5.	Under 10.	Under 15.	Under 20.	Under 25.	Under 30.	Under 40.	Under 50.	Under 60.	Under 70.	Under 80.	Under 90.	Under 100.	Under 110.	Age not stated.	TOTAL.
Bothwell .....	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	12
Brighton .....	6	4	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	1	1	5	4	2	1	2	..	..	2	34
Campbell Town .....	11	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	5	1	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	35
Clarence Plains .....	7	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	21
Fingal .....	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Great Swanport .....	11	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	20
Hamilton .....	1	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	3	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	18
Hobart .....	248	92	24	14	8	19	9	11	22	49	91	84	66	53	23	13	2	1	2	826
Horton .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Launceston .....	93	33	10	6	2	10	4	9	9	23	35	33	33	17	9	3	..	..	6	335
Longford .....	13	5	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	3	11	9	7	1	2	..	..	..	2	59
Morven .....	10	3	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	3	2	6	1	3	..	..	..	1	37
New Norfolk .....	7	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	25
Oatlands .....	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	22
Port Sorell .....	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	11
Richmond .....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	16
Sorell and Prosser's .....	7	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	2	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	24
Tasman's Peninsula .....	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	..	..	1	25
Westbury .....	15	4	1	1	..	2	3	..	2	3	7	8	2	3	1	..	..	1	..	53
Total .....	452	155	42	24	11	44	28	25	36	99	159	174	143	99	47	23	3	2	17	1593

WM. SORELL, Registrar of Births, Deaths, &c.

General Register Office, 17th January, 1857.

## No. 2.

## RETURN of DEATHS registered in Tasmania in 1855, distributed in Quarters.

DISTRICTS.	1st Quarter ending 31st March.	2nd Quarter ending 30th June.	3rd Quarter ending 30th September.	4th Quarter ending 31st December.	TOTAL.
Bothwell.....	3	4	4	1	12
Brighton.....	11	7	11	5	34
Campbell Town.....	6	6	15	8	35
Clarence Plains.....	3	8	5	5	21
Fingal.....	1	1	5	2	9
Great Swanport.....	7	4	4	5	20
Hamilton.....	4	3	5	6	18
Hobart.....	199	165	177	285	826
Horton.....	2	3	2	4	11
Launceston.....	112	95	64	64	335
Longford.....	16	12	18	13	59
Morven.....	10	11	11	5	37
New Norfolk.....	8	6	7	4	25
Oatlands.....	7	3	3	9	22
Port Sorell.....	3	5	3	..	11
Richmond.....	2	4	4	6	16
Sorell and Prosser's.....	3	4	6	11	24
Tasman's Peninsula.....	4	5	9	7	25
Westbury.....	13	14	15	11	53
<i>Total.....</i>	414	360	368	451	1593

General Register Office, 17th January, 1857.

WM. SORELL, Registrar.

## No. 1.

## RETURN of DEATHS registered in Tasmania in the Year 1856; not including those who died without the Limits of the Island.

## Distributed according to Age.

DISTRICTS.	Under 1.	Under 2.	Under 3.	Under 4.	Under 5.	Under 10.	Under 15.	Under 20.	Under 25.	Under 30.	Under 40.	Under 50.	Under 60.	Under 70.	Under 80.	Under 90.	Under 100.	Age not stated.	TOTAL.
Bothwell.....	4	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	12
Brighton.....	10	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	7	1	2	..	3	35
Campbell Town.....	15	..	1	1	1	3	2	1	..	..	5	3	3	2	2	..	..	1	40
Clarence Plains.....	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	3	..	..	..	2	19
Deloraine.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Emu Bay.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1*
Fingal.....	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
Franklin.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4*
Great Swanport.....	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	13†
George Town.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3*
Glamorgan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*
Gordon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*
Hamilton.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hobart Town.....	189	41	20	10	12	13	6	12	20	38	77	64	68	33	14	7	2	6	632
Horton.....	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	14
Kingston.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2*
Launceston.....	50	18	1	2	3	7	2	7	6	14	36	29	22	16	7	1	..	1	222
Longford.....	14	2	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	5	5	4	3	4	1	1	..	13	57
Morven.....	14	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	..	31
New Norfolk.....	7	1	1	..	1	..	2	1	1	1	3	8	5	4	3	1	2	2	43
Oatlands.....	6	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	2	1	1	..	..	..	26
Port Cygnet.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6*
Port Sorell.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
Ralph's Bay.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*
Richmond.....	5	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	5	..	2	..	..	..	21
Sorell and Prosser's.....	3	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	15
Spring Bay.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1*
Tasman's Peninsula.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	6	7	5	5	1	..	32
Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*
Westbury.....	16	6	1	1	..	3	2	..	..	1	5	12	4	2	1	..	..	5	59
<i>Total.....</i>	361	80	33	21	20	33	18	25	29	72	155	151	143	85	40	17	5	34	1922

\* These Districts were not established till the 25th October, 1856.

† Now divided and called the Districts of "Glamorgan" and "Spring Bay."

General Register Office, 2nd February, 1857.

WM. SORELL, Registrar.

## No. 2.

RETURN of DEATHS registered in 1856 in Tasmania; not including those who have died without the Limits of the Island.

*Distributed in Quarters.*

DISTRICTS.	1st Quarter.	2nd Quarter.	3rd Quarter.	4th Quarter.	TOTAL.
Bothwell .....	4	4	3	1	12
Brighton .....	8	5	7	15	35
Campbell Town .....	16	10	10	4	40
Clarence Plains .....	8	5	4	2	19
Deloraine .....	..	..	..	..	*
Emu Bay .....	..	..	..	1	1*
Fingal .....	3	2	1	5	11
Franklin .....	..	..	..	4	4*
Great Swanport .....	4	7	2	..	13†
George Town .....	..	..	..	3	3*
Glamorgan .....	..	..	..	..	*
Gordon .....	..	..	..	..	*
Hamilton .....	6	5	5	1	17
Hobart Town .....	182	121	163	166	632
Horton .....	4	3	..	7	14
Kingston .....	..	..	..	2	2*
Lanncaston .....	72	59	50	41	222
Longford .....	17	17	11	12	57
Morven .....	17	6	7	1	31
New Norfolk .....	8	16	9	10	43
Oatlands .....	8	5	11	2	26
Port Cygnet .....	..	..	..	6	6*
Port Sorell .....	2	..	2	2	6
Ralph's Bay .....	..	..	..	..	*
Richmond .....	7	5	5	4	21
Sorell and Prosser's .....	1	4	5	5	15
Spring Bay .....	..	..	..	1	1*
Tasman's Peninsula .....	9	7	10	6	32
Victoria .....	..	..	..	..	*
Westbury .....	19	17	10	13	59
<i>Total .....</i>	395	298	315	314	1322

\* These Districts were not established till the 25th October, 1856.

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POLICE RETURNS.

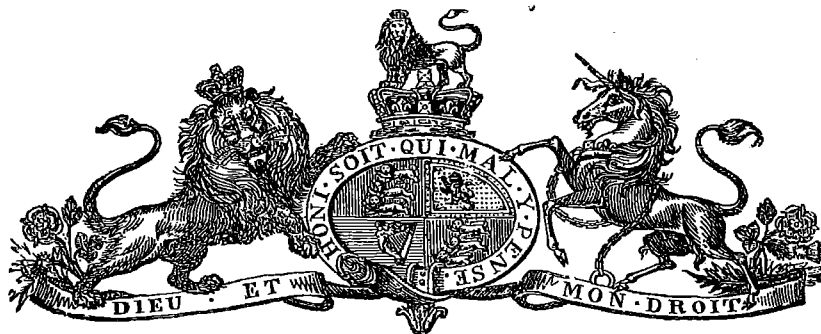
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17 February, 1857.

POLICE RETURNS.







## HOBART TOWN.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in Hobart Town and the District thereof, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NO.	NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE.
1	John Symons	Chief Constable	<i>per ann.</i> £200	The selection of proper men for the approval of the Police Magistrate to be appointed Constables; transferring Constables, after a certain period of discipline at Head Quarters, to the various Districts through the Island; supplying such Districts with arms and ammunition; making all enquiries for the Chief Police Magistrate respecting Police matters and others of various natures; making out Constables' pay sheets; also returns of their appointments, dismissal, &c.; weekly returns for <i>Gazette</i> notices of Absconders, also of those who have been apprehended during the same period, and furnishing the same to the Comptroller-General; arranging the duties of the Police in the Police District of Hobart Town; the superintending and management of all matters connected with Police duties; directing and instructing the Detective Officers in felony cases; making out the Jury List, and stock and crop returns, annually; also the Electoral Roll returns up to the year 1856; charge of all stolen property connected with persons committed for trial, &c.	Island of Tasmania.
2	Richard Fitzsimons	District Constable	£120	Visiting the Constables upon their beats throughout the Town, and taking charges and reports in the charge-room, chief station.	Hobart Town.
3	George William Hamilton	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
4	Thomas Holton.	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
5	Charles Downham	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
6	George Hadley	ditto	ditto	Drilling the Police in Military discipline; reporting upon all destitute applicants for admission into the Colonial Hospital; also to report upon applications for admission of children into the Queen's Orphan Schools; has charge of the two Police fire-engines.	ditto.
7	James Thomas	ditto	ditto	Has charge of the Police at O'Brien's Bridge and Bridgewater.	O'Brien's Bridge and Bridgewater.
8	James Propsting	ditto	ditto	Has charge of the Police at New Town.	New Town.
9	John Smith	ditto and Coxswain	ditto	Has charge of the Water Police who perform duty on the wharves, and clearing out vessels before leaving the Port of Hobart Town.	Hobart Town.
10	Alexander, James	Serjeant	<i>per diem.</i> 5s. 9d.	Armourer in the Police.	ditto.
11	Beatty, William	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads, and visiting the men upon their beats.	New Town.
12	Dorsett, John	ditto	ditto	Detective Constable.	Hobart Town.
13	Dooley, Michael	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
14	Esworthy, William Thomas	ditto	ditto	In charge of Bridgewater Police Station.	Bridgewater.
15	Gray, James	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
16	Gray, Thomas	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
17	Gabriel, James	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
18	Innis, Thomas	ditto	ditto	In charge of Police Station and Public Pound.	Sandy Bay.
19	Kavanagh, Patrick	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
20	Kenny, Luke	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
21	M'Ivor, James	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
22	Morley, William	ditto	ditto	Detective Constable.	ditto.
23	M'Keon, James	ditto	ditto	Clerk in the Chief Constable's office.	ditto.
24	M'Guire, John	ditto	ditto	Detective Constable.	ditto.
25	Pitman, Charles	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
26	Reynolds, John	ditto	ditto	Writing in the Police Magistrate's office.	ditto.
27	Rollins, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
28	Summers, William	ditto	ditto	Writing in the Police Magistrate's office	ditto.
29	Slattery, John	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
30	Vickers, William	ditto	ditto	Detective Constable.	ditto.
31	Watson, Frederick	ditto	ditto	Acting in the Water Police.	ditto.

NO.	NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE.
32	Wilson, William	Serjeant	<i>per diem.</i>	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
33	Wickens, George	ditto	5s. 9d. ditto	Summoning Officer for Public Office.	ditto.
34	Abbott, Joseph	Petty Constable	5s. 0d.	Doorkeeper in the Police Office, Hobart.	ditto.
35	Allen, James	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
36	Bryon, Edward	ditto	ditto	Whitewashing and cleaning the Police Stations.	Hobart & District.
37	Bryon, Samuel	ditto	ditto	Assistant in Detective force.	Hobart Town.
38	Brennan, James	ditto	ditto	Summoning Officer for Supreme Court and Quarter Sessions, and also for the Coroner.	ditto.
39	Carsons, David	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	Sandy Bay.
40	Connor, John	ditto	ditto	ditto.	Bridgewater.
41	Collins, Dennis	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
42	Clare, John	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
43	Catley, William Aubrey	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
44	Carey, Patrick	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
45	Cleghorn, James	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
46	D'Arcy, James	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
47	Duggan, Patrick	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
48	Dean, Philip	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
49	Duke, George	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
50	Donnovan, Michael	ditto	ditto	Messenger to Police Magistrate and Chief Clerk.	ditto.
51	Davidson, Charles	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
52	Edwards, Robert	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
53	Fletcher, Isaiah	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
54	Farrell, Andrew	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
55	Farmer, George	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	New Town.
56	Fox, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Watch-house keeper at New Town.	ditto.
57	Gregory, Edward Culverhouse	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	ditto.
58	Gudden, Bryant	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
59	Gulliford, George	ditto	ditto	ditto.	Sandy Bay.
60	Hyland, James	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
61	Hanrahan, Thomas	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
62	Hughes, Samuel	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
63	Hayes, Michael	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
64	Honroth, Lewis	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
65	Hornsby, John Maryat	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	Bridgewater.
66	Johnson, Christopher	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
67	Lennon, Michael	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
68	Lynskey, John	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	Sandy Bay.
69	Lee, James	ditto	ditto	ditto.	New Town.
70	Llewellynn, Isaac	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
71	Leith, John	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
72	Merrigan, Thomas	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
73	Martin, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Messenger to Chief Clerk and Police Magistrate.	ditto.
74	Moffatt, William	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
75	Moran, Peter	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
76	M'Kenzie, George	ditto	ditto	In charge of Barracks at Head Quarters, and also inspects the Station Houses in the City.	ditto.
77	Mulrennan, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting prisoners.	O'Brien's Bridge.
78	M'Guinness, Patrick	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
79	M'Connell, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Office keeper in Police Office, and Messenger.	ditto.
80	Perkins, Joseph	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	ditto.
81	Parsey, John	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
82	Payne, William	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads, and escorting Prisoners.	O'Brien's Bridge.
83	Prosser, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Street Duty.	Hobart Town.
84	Rice, Henry	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	O'Brien's Bridge.
85	Roberts, Thomas	ditto	ditto	ditto.	Hobart Town.
86	Rolston, John	ditto	ditto	In charge of the Station at Austin's Ferry.	Austin's Ferry.
87	Scoles, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	Bridgewater.
88	Vaughan, Daniel	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	Hobart Town.
89	Waller, William	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
90	Wright, Thomas	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
91	Watson, Robert	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
92	Walsh, James	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the roads and escorting Prisoners.	ditto.
93	Walch, James Pierce	ditto	ditto	Street duty.	New Town.
94	Walker, Richard	ditto	ditto	ditto.	Hobart Town.
95	Smith, John	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
96	Rockwood, George	ditto	ditto	Patrolling the wharves, and forms one of the crew of the Water Police boat.	ditto.
97	Mahoney, Robert	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
98	Moore, Samuel	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
99	Jones, William	ditto	ditto	ditto.	ditto.
100	Thorpe, Thomas	ditto	ditto	Inspector of Weights and Measures.	ditto.

## LAUNCESTON.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the Launceston District, commencing from the 1st of January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	THE PARTICULAR DUTIES OF THE SEVERAL CONSTABLES.
John Partridge	Chief District Constable	£175 per annum	Superintending the Police Force	Launceston	Seeking the perpetrators of felonies and serious offences generally, and controlling the Police Force.
William Ecott	District Constable	£120 ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Ditto	Receiving prisoners when brought in charge, entering same on sheet, or patrolling the streets on duty.
William Thompson	Ditto	£120 ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Joseph Sullivan	Ditto	£120 ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
James Jones	Ditto	£120 ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Robert Cotton	Ditto	£120 ditto	Coxswain of Water Police	Ditto	To clear ships outward bound, and prevent felonies on the River or Wharves.
James Moss	Senior Constable	5s. 9d. per diem	Day and night duty alternately	Ditto	Patrolling the streets to prevent felonies, &c.
Joseph Rose	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Ditto	Serving Subpœnas and Summonses.
Daniel Kennedy	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Ditto	Patrolling the streets to prevent felonies.
Jonathan Peters	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Ditto	In attendance at the Police Office.
William East	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Sand Hill	Patrolling the Sand Hill to prevent felonies, misdemeanors, &c.
John Sullivan	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Launceston	Ditto the streets ditto.
William Woodhead	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
John Robertson	Petty Constable	5s. per diem	Day duty	Ditto	Employed principally at the Police Office.
John Slater	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Sand Hill	Patrolling the Sand Hill to prevent felonies, misdemeanors, &c.
Michael M'Glen	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Launceston	Day duty at Police Office and streets.
Hugh H. O'Rourke	Ditto	Ditto	Day or night duty	Patterson's Plains	Day or night duty, as circumstances may require, at an out-Station.
Thomas Souter	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Launceston	Patrolling the streets, &c.
Noah Beale	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Ditto	Keeping the Constables' Barracks and Watch-house clean, &c.
Thomas Ray	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Ditto	Patrolling the streets, &c.
James Clarke	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Sand Hill	Ditto the Sand Hill, &c.
Henry Stephens	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Mount Direction	Employed in the vicinity of Mount Direction.
William Durham	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Launceston	Patrolling the streets, &c.
Michael Ford	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
John Mahon	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Peter Smith	Ditto	Ditto	Day or night duty	Hadspen Village	Day or night duty, as circumstances may require, at any out-Station.
George Urch	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	West Tamar	Ditto.
James Hart	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Hadspen Village	Ditto.
Patrick Conroy	Ditto	Ditto	Day and night duty alternately	Launceston	Patrolling the streets, &c.
James Fogarty	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Alexander Young	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Thomas Sullivan	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
John Lambert	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Edward Daley	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
James Bolton	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
Henry Goodridge	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.
James Will	Ditto	Ditto	Day duty	Ditto	At present taking census of stock and crops, &c.
James Murrer	Ditto	Ditto	Day or night duty	West Tamar	
John Templar	Ditto	Ditto	Day & night duty	Launceston	Patrolling the streets, &c.
Martin Donnelly	Ditto	Ditto	Boatman and Constable	Ditto	
John Maguire	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Assisting to clear ships, employed on current duty on the River and Wharves at Launceston.
Charles Cassin	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	
John Hannon	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	

W. GUNN.

## KINGBOROUGH.

*RETURN of CONSTABLES employed in the Kingborough Police District, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where they are employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	WHERE AND HOW EMPLOYED.
William Ward .....	Chief District Constable	<i>Yearly Salary.</i> £ 150 s. 0 d.	Three-hut Point. In charge of Three-hut Point and Peppermint Bay Police Stations and General Water Police, and Customs Duty at Three-hut Point and D'Entrecasteaux's Channel.
Henry Berresford .....	District Constable	120 0 0	Kingston. Charge of Kingston (Head Quarters), North West Bay, Kelly's Point, Barnes' Bay, and the Snug Police Stations,—Bush Duty and General Police Duty of every description.
Henry G. Quadling .....	Ditto	120 0 0	Port Cygnet. Charge of Port Cygnet and the Eastern Bank of the Huon to Victoria, and General Police Duty of every description.
John Leslie .....	Petty Constable	<i>Daily Pay.</i> 0 5 0	Kelly's Point, Bruni Island, Bush and Detective Duty and watching the Passage.
Thomas Tracey .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Kingston. Patrol, Escort Bush Duty, Watchhouse keeping and Detective duty.
Henry Ross .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Ditto.
Thomas Driscoll .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Ditto.
Michael Tobin .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Ditto.
William Goulden .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Ditto.
James Kemp .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Three-hut Point, Land and Water Police and Customs Duty at Three-hut Point and D'Entrecasteaux Channel, and conveying the Police Magistrate to North and South Bruni, Taylor's Bay, Simpson's Bay, and Light-house for Trial of Prisoners.
Frederick Bailey .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
John Bradshaw .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
Thomas Cleary .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
William Fairclough .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Port Cygnet, Patrol, Escort, Bush and Detective duty, and Watchhouse keeping.
John Frankelton .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
Anthony Charlton .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Peppermint Bay. Escort, Despatches, Bush Duty, and Detective Duty.
Charles Davis .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
John Burns .....	Ditto	0 5 0	North West Bay. Patrol, Escort, Bush, and Detective duty. Snug. Ditto, and Despatches.
William Greenfield .....	Ditto	0 5 0	
A. W. Spencer .....	Ditto	0 5 0	Barnes' Bay, Bruni. Bush and Detective duty, and watching the Passage.
Michael Gallagher .....	Ditto	0 5 0	

J. W. KIRWAN, *Police Magistrate.*

## BRIGHTON.

*A RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Brighton, commencing 1st January, 1857.*

NAMES.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.
William Simpson	Chief District Constable	£150 per annum	In command of the Police of the District under the Police Magistrate.
James Pross	District Constable	£120 ditto	In command under the Police Magistrate of the Constables stationed at Green Ponds.
Henry Swift	Field Police	5s. 10½d. per diem	{ To do special duty in Bush when required, to do Constables' duty on ordinary occasions; Livesey also as Watch-house keeper.
John Livesey			
John Abigail			
James Purcell			
Joseph Crothers			
Francis Harvey	Petty Constables	5s. 7½d. per diem	{ The usual miscellaneous duties of Petty Constables; Benedict also as Watch-house keeper, Green Ponds.
John Wiltshire			
Harry Rowland			
Benedict			
William Elliott			

January 19th, 1857.

J. WHITEFOORD, *Police Magistrate.*

## FRANKLIN.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the Franklin District of the Territory of Tasmania, distinguishing the Rank, Pay, how employed, and where they are employed, commencing from 1st January, 1857.*

NO.	NAMES.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
1	Francis Stavely	Chief District Constable	£ s. Fixed pay 150 0 Temporary 18 15 Travelling expenses 25 0 £193 15	As superior Constable in charge, makes returns of Stock and Crop; takes the Census; prepares the Jury Lists, musters the Ticket-of-leave holders; drills the Constables; collects Timber Licences; inspects Cattle and Stock; is Summoning Officer, conducts the cases; attends the Coroner and summonses Jurymen, &c.	Franklin.
1	Stephen Price	District Constable	Fixed pay 120 0 Temporary 11 5 £131 5	In charge of Constables at Southport; collects Timber Licences; musters Ticket-of-leave holders; and performs the various other duties of the office of a District Constable.	Southport.
1	James Gascoigne	District Constable and Coxswain	Fixed pay 120 0 Temporary 15 0 £135 0	Employed in Police Boat when Police Magistrate visits the out-stations, or is called to hold inquests, &c.; executes Search Warrants; apprehends Absconders and others; and acts under the orders of the Chief District Constable, whom he assists in his duties.	Franklin.
1	James Good	Petty Constable	5s. 7½d. per diem	Employed as Watch-house keeper; receives all prisoners and charges, and is responsible for the safe custody of the inmates of the watch-house; searches them; issues all rations; keeps occurrence and ration books, charge sheets, &c.	Ditto
1	Owen O'Donnell	Ditto	Ditto	Serves process; apprehends malefactors and absconders; detects felonies and misdemeanors, and preserves the peace, &c.	Southport.
1	John Benson	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Ditto.
1	Samuel Haslam	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Port Esperance.
1	Thomas Russell	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Ditto.
1	James Wade	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Flight's Bay.
1	Thomas Dooley	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Ditto.
1	Michael Layton	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Franklin.
1	John Brown	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto.	Ditto.
1	Alexander Duncan	Ditto	Ditto	WATER POLICE. Employed in Police boat whenever required by Police Magistrate on duty, or at other times when process to be served; and when at the Station engaged in the same duties as the Petty Constables attached to the Land Force.	Ditto.
1	James Turner	Ditto	Ditto		
1	Charles Mackie	Ditto	Ditto		
1	John Wilson	Ditto	Ditto		
1	Eusebius Blackhall	Ditto	Ditto		

E. A. WALPOLE, *Police Magistrate.*

Franklin, 19th January, 1857.

## MORVEN.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Morven, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where employed, commencing from 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
Thomas Perkins	Chief District Constable	£150 per annum	Chief District Constable	Evandale.
George Axtell	District Constable	£120 ditto	District Constable	Cocked Hat.
William H. Brunt	Petty Constable	5s. per day	{ Attend Police office in turns; on patrol duty day and night; serving summonses, &c.	{ Evandale.
Patrick Bolton	ditto	ditto		
Christopher Sherlock	ditto	ditto	{ Watch-house Keeper In charge of Police Station Patrol duty on main road between Franklin Village and the Cocked Hat Hill	{ ditto. Nile Bridge. Cocked Hat.
Alfred Marshall	ditto	ditto		
James King	ditto	ditto		
Edwin Gough	ditto	ditto		
Gustavus Hardy	ditto	ditto		

CHARLES ARTHUR, *Police Magistrate.*

Morven Police Office, January 20th, 1857.

## CAMPBELL TOWN.

*RETURN of CONSTABLES employed in the District of Campbell Town since the 1st January, 1857.*

NAMES.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
Richard Propsting	Chief District Constable	Unknown, no communication as to the Pay for the present year having been received.	General control of the Constables under the Police Magistrate; enquiring into Felonies and Misdemeanors; prosecuting as informer in all breaches of the laws, and various occasional duties, as Census of Crops, &c.	Head Quarters, Campbell Town.
William Bayles Iles	District Constable		Same duties as Chief District Constable in portion of the District, 18 miles long and 20 broad.	Cleveland.
Charles Scott	ditto		Same duties in a portion of the District 10 miles long and 20 broad.	Ross.
James Stevenson	Field Police		Each having charge of his Station; visiting and protecting the neighbourhood.	{ Snake Banks. Llewellyn. Turnbull's Bridge. Cleveland.
John Martin				
James Cunningham				
William Cunningham				
Richard Calliby	Petty Constables		Parading their beats in the several Towns day and night, in turn; executing warrants; serving summonses, and occasional escort.	{ Ross. Head Quarters, Campbell Town.
John Fay				
James Fluker				
James Dunfar				
Edward Murphy				
Thomas W. Enroe				

*Campbell Town, 16th January, 1857.*

THOMAS MASON, *Police Magistrate.*

## FINGAL.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the Police District of Fingal, distinguishing Rank, Pay, how and where employed; commencing 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	NO.	RANK AND PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
Mr. John Smith	1	Chief District Constable, £150 per annum	In charge of Police, Fingal	Township of Fingal.
Mr. James Knox	1	District Constable, £120 per annum	In charge of Police	Township, Avoca.
John Hoare	1	Petty Constable, 5s. per diem	Watchhouse-keeper, Gaoler	Fingal.
John Hart	1	ditto	Office and other Police duty	ditto.
Charles Perrin	1	ditto	Watchhouse-keeper, Town duty	Avoca.
H. Watts	1	ditto	Town duty and Escort and other duties	ditto.
Wm. Prenderville	1	ditto	ditto	ditto.
John Greenhalgh	1	ditto	Out Station, 12 miles from Fingal	Cullenswood. (Temporarily.)
John Durgan	1	ditto	ditto	ditto.
Charles Green	1	ditto	Out Station, 21 miles from Fingal	Falmouth.
Owen Ryan	1	ditto	ditto	ditto.
James M'Quirk	1	ditto	Out Station, 40 miles from Fingal	George's Bay.
Peter Carroll	1	ditto	Gold-fields	Fingal.
James Burkley	1	ditto	ditto	ditto.
John Gorey	1	ditto	Town duty, and in charge of Gaol	ditto.
1 Vacancy	1		Gang occasionally	
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ROBERT PRINGLE STUART, *Police Magistrate.*

## RICHMOND.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Richmond, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, where employed, and how employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
W. A. Barton	Petty Constable	5s. per diem	Richmond	{ Escort, night watch on Township, and other Police duties, &c.
John M'Cormack	ditto	ditto	ditto	
Martin Hourke	ditto	ditto	ditto	
Adam Lisson	ditto	ditto	Jerusalem	{ Bush duty, escort, and other Police duties, &c.
Elisha Dear	ditto	ditto	ditto	
Thomas Wroe	ditto	ditto	Lower Jerusalem	{ Bush duty and other Police duties, &c.
Henry Sherwin	ditto	ditto	Parson's Pass	

C. EARDLEY-WILMOT, *Police Magistrate.*

## SORELL.

*RETURN of the Name and Number of CONSTABLES employed in the District of Sorell and Prosser's; distinguishing the Rank, the Pay, how employed, and where they are employed, commencing from the 1st day of January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED AND WHERE.
Michael Martin Thomas Sheenan George Westbury A. E. Moore Samuel Grant Alexander Rogers Charles Kent Edward Hanley Christopher Beattie William Crawford Thomas Wroe William Swindell Paul Cooper	Petty Constables.	Five Shillings per diem.	As a Constable at Forcett. Ditto East Bay Neck. Ditto and Watchhouse-keeper at Buckland. Ditto Sorell Township. Wattle Hill. Ditto Carlton. Ditto. Ditto Sorell Township. Ditto Forcett. Ditto Buckland. Ditto Sorell Township. Ditto East Bay Neck. Ditto Sorell Township.

CHARLES WILMOT, *Police Magistrate.*

23rd January, 1857.

## NEW NORFOLK.

*RETURN of CONSTABLES employed in the District of New Norfolk, on 1st of January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
John Richardson James Theeran	Chief District Constable Field Police	Not known, no instructions having been received.	General supervision of the force of the District Acts as Serjeant and Detective Officer, and drills the men	New Norfolk. ditto.
Charles Wright	Watch-house keeper		As Watchhouse-keeper	ditto.
John Gabbott	Petty Constable		{ Day and Night Duty in the Township; escort of prisoners from New Norfolk and Hamilton; bush duty in search of Absconders, &c.; execution of warrants, summonses, subpoenas.	ditto.
Charles Taylor	ditto			
James Macdowell	ditto			
John Harding	ditto			
William Powell	ditto		Protection of property, and preservation of order in the neighbourhood of the Plenty; service of summonses, &c. in that vicinity.	Glenleith.

J. TURNBULL, *J.P.*, for *Police Magistrate*, absent on leave.

## GLAMORGAN.

*RETURN of all CONSTABLES employed in this District, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where they are employed; commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAMES.	RANK.	PAY.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
James Stevens	Petty Constable	5s. a day.	Swansea	Gaol and Watch-house keeper.
James R. M'Irvey	ditto	ditto	ditto	{ Duties appertaining to the office of Constable.
John Spooner	ditto	ditto	ditto	
Peter Medlen	ditto	ditto	Bicheno	Watch-house keeper.
Samuel Birchall	ditto	ditto	ditto	{ Duties appertaining to the office of Constable.
Patrick Lawler	ditto	ditto	Rocky Hills	
James Pool	ditto	ditto	Kearney's Bogs	

21st January, 1857.

BERNARD SHAW for the Police Magistrate.

## SPRING BAY.

*RETURN of all CONSTABLES employed in this District, distinguishing their Pay, their Rank, how employed, and where employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAMES.	RANK.	PAY.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
John Wall	Petty Constable	5s. a day.	Triabunna	Watch-house keeper
Martin Hickey	ditto	ditto	ditto	{ Duties appertaining to the office of Constable.
Joseph Lever	ditto	ditto	ditto	
John Connolly	ditto	ditto	White Hut	
C. H. Haarmann	ditto	ditto	Little Swanport	
Richard Hickson	ditto	ditto	Swanston	

Swansea Police Office, 21st January, 1857.

BERNARD SHAW.

## HORTON.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Horton, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, where employed, and how employed, commencing from 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	NO.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
Joseph Scott	Chief District Constable	£150 per annum	Eleven in the District.	Emu Bay	{ The Visiting Magistrate's Return will state the employment.
Joseph Bradshaw	Petty Constable	5s. per diem		ditto	
Michael Burke	ditto	ditto		ditto	
Charles Johnson	ditto	ditto		ditto	
Charles Roberts	ditto	ditto		ditto	
Frederick John Holmes	District Constable	£120 per annum		Stanley, Circular Head	Employed in the usual duties of the Office, joined with that of Assistant Harbour Master; Clearing Officer; Searcher for the Customs; Summoning Officer of the Court of Requests, &c.
Robert Onn	Petty Constable	5s. per diem		ditto	Employed as Gaoler and Watchhouse-keeper.
William Jones	ditto	ditto		ditto	{ These Constables are employed in guarding prisoners at work on the streets of the Township; Day and Night Duty on Wharf and Township; Escort Duty to Launceston; serving Summonses and executing Warrants, and pursuing Absconders over a range of country of 70 miles; searching Vessels previous to leaving Port for Melbourne, &c.
James Whitehouse	ditto	ditto		ditto	
Timothy Shaw	ditto	ditto		ditto	
William Kaye	ditto	ditto		ditto	

22nd January, 1857.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Police Magistrate.



## OATLANDS.

*RETURN of CONSTABLES in the Police District of Oatlands, their Rank, Pay, and how employed, and where employed, on 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW AND WHERE EMPLOYED.
Michael Quinlan	Chief District Constable	£150 per annum	At the Head Quarters, Oatlands. Duties.—The general supervision and discipline of the Constabulary under the direction of the Police Magistrate, and to lead their operations under such direction in the preservation of the public peace, and the detection and prevention of felonies, misdemeanors, and disorders; to prefer and conduct necessary <i>qui tam</i> informations; attend daily sittings at the Police Office; to discharge the duties of Summoning Officer of Court of Requests and Crier of the Court of Quarter Sessions; to keep returns of arrival and departure of Ticket-of-Leave holders; to make returns of stock and crop; prepare lists of Jurors, &c.; to take charge, and, when requisite, make sale of stolen and unclaimed property; to take charge of the arms of the Constabulary, and exercise the Constables in the use of them.
John Donnelly	Watch-house Keeper	per diem. 5s. 10½d.	Oatlands. Custody of prisoners and duties of Office Constable; keep Watch-house Keeper's returns; draw rations for prisoners both on escort and otherwise, &c.
John Boswood	Watch-house Keeper and Constable	5s. 10½d.	Antill Ponds. General duties of Watch-house Keeper and of a Constable, in the execution of Warrants and service of Summonses issued from Police, Quarter Sessions, Supreme Court, and Court of Requests; receive persons legally delivered into his custody, and apprehend offenders upon view, and to act generally in the detection of crime and preservation of public order.
Charles Hodges	ditto	5s. 7½d.	Spring Hill. The same.
John Walker	Constable & Field Policeman	5s. 10½d.	Jericho. The same, excepting the province of Watch-house Keeper.
William Carroll	ditto	5s. 7½d.	Head Quarters, Town of Oatlands. General duties of Constables as detailed, added to the duties of street patrol by day and night, and attendance at the sittings at the Police Office, to bring up and remove prisoners under examination, &c.
Bryan Farrelly	Constable	ditto	
James Revell	ditto	ditto	
John Armstrong	ditto	ditto	
William Hastie	ditto	ditto	
William Carroll	ditto	ditto	
Francis Thackery	ditto	ditto	

J. WHITEFOORD, *Police Magistrate.*

## WESTBURY.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in this District, their Rank, Pay, how employed, where employed, from 1st January, 1857.*

NAMES.	RANK.	PAY PER DIEM.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
John Barber	Chief District Constable	s. d. 8 3	Westbury.	{ The duties of these two officers are so multifarious, that it is impossible to define their duties. As Conservators of the Peace generally; escorting prisoners, not only in this district but from Port Sorell likewise; serving summonses for jury at Longford and Launceston Courts of Requests, and a variety of other duties. Watch-house keeper at Westbury. Ditto at Deloraine.
Joseph Jackson	District Constable	6 7	Deloraine.	
George M'Cann	Field Police	5 3	Westbury.	
William Gould	Petty Constable	5 0	ditto.	
Daniel Mulligan	ditto	5 0	Deloraine.	
James Rowley	ditto	5 0	ditto.	
Joseph Lavender	ditto	5 0	Westbury.	
William Greentree	Field Police	5 3	ditto.	
John Brittle	ditto	5 3	Deloraine.	

JOHN PEYTON JONES, *Police Magistrate.*

## EMU BAY.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed at Emu Bay, portion of the District of Horton, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	NO.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.
Joseph Scott	1	Chief District Constable	10s. 5d. per day	Duties general.
Joseph Bradshaw	1	Watch-house keeper	5s. ditto	Watch-house keeper.
Michael Burk	1	Petty Constable	5s. ditto	General Police duties.
Charles Johnson	1	Ditto	5s. ditto	Ditto.
Charles Roberts	1	Ditto	5s. ditto	Ditto.

## HAMILTON.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Hamilton, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where they are employed; commencing 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	No.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
George Ashton	1	Chief District Constable	£150	General supervision of Police in District	Stationed at Hamilton.
Thomas Bollinger	2	Chief District Constable	£120	Supervision of Police at Marlborough	Stationed at Marlborough.
John Cassidy	3	Constable	5s. per diem.	Charge of Station, &c.	Ouse Bridge.
John Jepson	4			Watchhouse-keeper	Hamilton.
Sackville Sackville	5	ditto	ditto	General duty	ditto.
John Griffiths	6	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
John Smith	7	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
Patrick Toole	8	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
William Dindon	9	ditto	ditto	ditto	Ouse Bridge.
William Sadler	10	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
Thomas Evans	11	ditto	ditto	ditto	Marlborough.
John Calverley	12	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
John Hawthorne	13	ditto	ditto	ditto	Macquarie Plains.
Thomas Leamer	14	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
Christopher Bradley	15	ditto	ditto	ditto	Little Spring Hill.

HUGH M. HULL, *Police Magistrate.*

## BOTHWELL.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Bothwell, with their Rank, Pay, how employed, and where employed, on 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	NO.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
John M'Ginnes	1	Chief District Constable	£150 per annum	General supervision	Township of Bothwell.
Frederick Fusé	2	Constable	5s. per diem	Watchhouse-keeper	ditto
Charles Sinfeld	3	ditto	ditto	Town and Escort Duty	ditto
James Geaner	4	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
John Leary	5	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
John Early	6	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
James Parker	7	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
Henry Denne	8	ditto	ditto	Out Station	Shannon—12 miles.
Michael M'Gown	9	ditto	ditto	ditto	Den Hill—10 miles.
				ditto	Sideling Hill—11 miles.

HUGH M. HULL, *Police Magistrate.*

## GEORGE TOWN.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of CONSTABLES employed at George Town on the 1st January, 1857.*

RANK.	NAMES.	DAILY AMOUNT OF PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
Serjeant	Patrick Harrington	No Pay has been issued since the 31st December, 1856.	In charge of out-Station	Waterhouse, 60 miles from head quarters.
Field Police	Francis Kelly		Watchhouse-keeper	Watch-house, George Town.
Petty Constable	Richard Cogan		General duty	Waterhouse, 60 miles from head quarters.
ditto	Owen Callaghan		ditto	Waterhouse, 60 miles from head quarters.
ditto	Michael Adams		ditto	George Town.
ditto	Peter Tierney		ditto	ditto.
ditto	George Miller		Office Constable	Police Office, George Town.
Water Police	Benjamin Willis		Boarding boat and general duty.	George Town.
ditto	Frederick Hahn		ditto	ditto.
ditto	Adam Alexander		ditto	ditto.
ditto	John Hennikson		ditto	ditto.

G. S. DAVIES, *Police Magistrate.*

## CLARENCE.

*RETURN of the Names and Numbers of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Clarence, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
William Stanfield	Chief District Constable.	£140 per annum, and £25 per ann. travelling expenses	Ordinary duties of District Constables.	Electoral District of Clarence.
John Madden [1]	Petty Constable	Cannot say what the pay of a Constable now is.	Acting Watch-house keeper, and charge of Station, Kangaroo Point.	Kangaroo Point.
Michael M'Donald	ditto		Ordinary duties.	ditto.
William Goldfinch Williams	ditto		ditto	ditto.
William Dove	ditto		ditto	ditto.
John Madden [2]	ditto		ditto	Rokeby.
Matthew Hudson	ditto		ditto	ditto.
Richard Heather	ditto		ditto	Muddy Plains.
Henry Wilson	Field Police		ditto	South Arm.
Kenneth M'Kenzie	Petty Constable		ditto	Cambridge.
John Lynch	ditto		ditto	Restdown Ferry.
Stewart Sime	ditto		ditto	ditto.

EDWARD ABBOTT, *Visiting Magistrate.*

## PORT SORELL.

*RETURN of the Names and Number of all CONSTABLES employed in the District of Port Sorell, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where they are employed; commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	HOW EMPLOYED.
1	Chief District Constable	H. Wm. Wigmore	Burgess	General Duty.
2	District Constable	Daniel Ryan	Torquay	Visiting out-stations and the general duty of a District Constable.
3	Field Police	John Templar	ditto	Watchhouse-keeper; township duty; left for Launceston.
4	ditto	Edward Gascoigne	Torquay and Tarleton	Township duty.
5	ditto	George Leach	Torquay	Township duty.
6	ditto	Alexander Young	ditto	ditto.
7	Petty Constable	William Archer	New Ground and Torquay	Out-station duty; watch-house, Torquay.
8	ditto	Patrick Kelly	Torquay	Township duty.
9	ditto	John Brown	Tarleton	ditto.
10	ditto	Samuel Rogers	Forth	Out-station duty.
11	ditto	Thomas Twyford	Burgess	Watchhouse-keeper.
12	ditto	George Broome	ditto	Out-station duty.
13	ditto	William Murphy	Forth	ditto. Left Police 14th January.
14	ditto	William Hall	Tarleton	Township duty.
15	ditto	Thomas Welton	Tarleton and Torquay	Out-station duty; township duty 19th January.
16	ditto	Michael Connor	Torquay and Forth	Township duty and out-station duty.
17	ditto	John Jones	Tarleton	Out-station duty.
18	ditto	John Upton	Port Sorell	ditto.

HENRY NICKOLLS, *Police Magistrate.*

## LONGFORD.

*RETURN of the Names of CONSTABLES employed in the District of Longford, distinguishing their Rank, their Pay, how employed, and where employed, commencing from the 1st January, 1857.*

NAME.	RANK.	PAY.	HOW EMPLOYED.	WHERE EMPLOYED.
Richard Shannassy	Constable	5s. per diem	Town and escort duty at Carrick	Carrick.
James Smith	ditto	ditto	Watch-house keeper at Longford	Longford.
Robert Willson	ditto	ditto	Township and escort duty	Perth.
William Bramhall	ditto	ditto	Township and bush duty	Bishopsbourne.
William M'Ormond	ditto	ditto	Township and escort duty	Perth.
Charles T. Witchell	ditto	ditto	Serving summonses, and day and night duty	Longford.
George Mahood	ditto	ditto	Township and bush duty	Bishopsbourne.
John Farrell	ditto	ditto	Day and night duty, and escorting	Longford.
Edward Burke	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.
James Gregson	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto.

CHARLES ARTHUR, *Police Magistrate.*

POLICE RETURNS.

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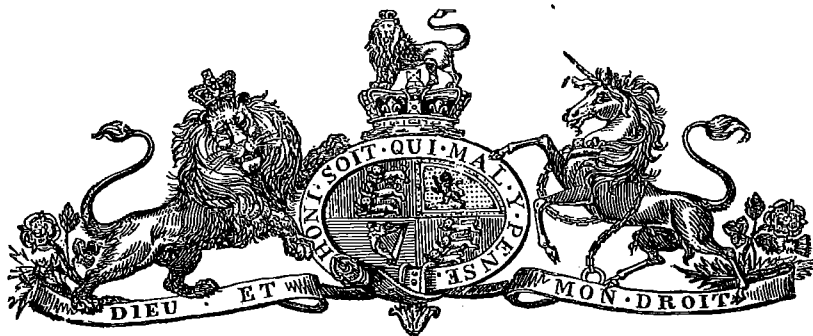
**M E M O R A N D U M.**

VIEWS AND POLICY OF MR. GREGSON'S ADMINISTRATION.

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed 25 March, 1857.





24th March, 1857.

# MEMORANDUM.

1. THE circumstances under which Mr. Gregson replaced Mr. Clamp as the Governor's responsible Adviser render it necessary that the first measure to be adopted by the Cabinet should embrace the financial condition of the Colony, and the re-organisation of Departments with a view to reduction.

The Commissioners appointed by the late Government have not yet reported; and, in reply to Mr. Gregson's request for a progress Report, they state that it would be impossible to furnish one of any value at present, but that they see their way clearly to considerable retrenchment. They also inform Mr. Gregson that their Report is likely to prove voluminous. Although the Ministry would have preferred a somewhat differently constituted Commission, had it been their duty to recommend this measure in the first instance, they are nevertheless willing to attach due weight to the suggestions likely to be offered to the Government by the intelligent body of gentlemen who have undertaken this inquiry, and to avail themselves, so far as may be found practicable, of the result of their investigations. But both Mr. Gregson and his colleagues are agreed that it would be inconsistent with their duty to His Excellency and Parliament to allow the absence of a Report from the Commissioners appointed by a previous Administration to interpose any obstacle to the immediate enunciation of the general financial policy of the present Government. At the same time they are prepared to lay the Report, when delivered, before Parliament for its consideration, should it be found to contain well-founded suggestions of retrenchment, differing in character or extent from the reductions contemplated by themselves.

2. The financial policy of the present Ministry is based upon the distinct recognition of the exigencies of the times, and of the almost unanimously expressed wishes of the Constituencies of the Island, as well as of the leading Members of the mercantile bodies in both Hobart Town and Launceston, that Retrenchment should precede additional Taxation. This Council will therefore not be surprised to learn, that it is not the intention of the Ministry to press the "*Customs' Duties Alteration Bill*" through the Legislative Council; and that they contemplate, in lieu of any present measure of increased Taxation, to institute such a thorough retrenchment in the salaries and establishments of the Civil Service of the Colony as shall bring the annual Expenditure on this head within the limits of the ordinary Revenue. They would suspend, moreover, all outlay on Public Works, except (1) those which the Government are bound to proceed with; (2) those the abandonment of which might be attended with loss of public money; (3) those which may be declared indispensably requisite; and lastly, those which may be legitimately considered of a reproductive character.

3. The Expenditure for 1857 sanctioned by the House of Assembly is £335,399. The ordinary Revenue, in the estimated Ways and Means ordered by the Assembly to be printed, amounts to £280,727: but this must be reduced by about £20,000 calculated on the receipt of the new Duties, which it is not the intention of the Ministry to proceed with.

The deficit for the year would consequently amount to (say) £76,000. No account is here taken of the item in the printed Ways and Means, "Loan by Debentures in aid £32,000," sanctioned by a vote of the Assembly. Supposing the Bill required to give this vote effect is passed by the Legislative Council, and the Debentures realised, this deficiency would be reduced to (say) £44,000. Mr. Gregson and his colleagues believe that they will be enabled to meet this deficiency by the measures they are prepared to submit for the adoption of Parliament.

4. The first subject which engaged the attention of the present Ministry was the advisability of relieving the current Revenue as speedily as possible from the burthen of the Public Debt contracted by their predecessors. This they propose to effect by the sale of Waste Lands. No less than 160,000 acres of land adapted for agricultural purposes will be available in August next, by expiry of the annual licences for pastoral purposes; and other lands of a similar character will annually become resumable. At Public Auction, duly advertised in this and the neighbouring Colonies, an average of £2 an acre

may not unreasonably be expected to be realised. With the proceeds of these sales provision would be made for the extinction of the existing Public Debt, and for the compensation of such officials as it may be found necessary to reduce in effecting the re-organisation of the Departments contemplated by the Government. A sum of £320,000 may be expected to be realised from this source by the conclusion of the financial year 1857-8.

5. The enormous expense required for the custody, maintenance, and trial of Imperial Convicts may be reduced, it is thought, on an appeal to the Home Government to continue their previous vote in aid. It is therefore proposed to move in Parliament the adoption of an Address, to be transmitted by the Governor to the Secretary of State for presentation to Her Majesty, praying the British Government to renew for such a period as shall be deemed equitable the original grant of £25,000 made some years ago in aid of Police and Gaols, on the ground that the presence of Imperial Convicts in Tasmania entitles this Colony to a contribution of at least that sum.

6. Before entering on the subject of reduction of Salaries and Establishments, some reference must be made to the vote of the Assembly which was the cause assigned for the resignation of His Excellency's late Advisers.

7. The House of Assembly having assented to the proposition that, under the present depressed condition of the public finances, the salaries provided by Schedule B. of the Constitution Act for the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, and Colonial Treasurer should be subjected to revision with a view to reduction, it becomes necessary for the Ministry to consider how far this expressed opinion of the Assembly may be carried into effect: the Ministry are prepared, so far as the present Governor's salary and allowances are concerned, to bring the subject again under the consideration of the Legislature. The Ministry have, however, no hesitation in proposing a reduction of the salaries of the responsible Officers under the new Constitution. These Officers hold their appointments on a far different tenure from the Governor. They are liable to displacement at any time on political grounds. No injustice can, consequently, be done to individuals by the reduction of the emoluments attached to officers of this description. It is therefore clearly within the province of Parliament without any breach of faith to propose that the salaries of these Officers should be fixed on a lower scale than that already provided by the Constitution Act. The Ministry propose to bring in a Bill to alter this Schedule: but, as this alteration must necessarily receive the consent of Her Majesty, its operation will be, in all probability, delayed until next year.

8. In addition to these prospective reductions in the Establishments of the Governor, Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney-General, it is proposed to effect reductions in the Departments of the Colonial Auditor, the Director of Public Works, the Post Office, the Survey Office, the Custom House, the Police Magistrates, and the Constabulary; to abolish the office of Accountant of Stores; and to transfer the charges on the Annual Revenue for the Department of the Immigration Agent to that portion of the public debt contracted for Immigration purposes by Mr. Gregson's predecessors; and that this last item may become incorporated with the liabilities which it is hoped will be liquidated, as suggested above, by the proceeds of the sale of Waste Lands.

9. As regards the Police, it is hoped by the creation of District Municipalities, and by enlisting the assistance of Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace, gradually to provide for the discharge by unpaid Justices of those duties at present entrusted to Stipendiary Magistrates. The same measure would also transfer to local funds a large proportion of the General Revenue for the maintenance and control of the Constabulary.

10. Of the £10,000 voted for the improvement of the Wharves of Hobart Town and Launceston, only so much will be expended in the present condition of the public finances as may be absolutely necessary to keep them in repair.

11. The Ministry would not devote any larger amount of the sum of £10,000 voted for the erection of Public Schools than may be found to be urgently required at the present moment, as they contemplate the introduction of a measure which shall equally apportion the expense of the construction of schools between the Central Government and the Districts requiring this outlay for educational purposes.

12. Amongst the other proposed reductions the Ministry recommend the total abolition of the department of Accountant of Stores. They can see no necessity whatever for its existence. In future they propose that all supplies shall be furnished to the Heads of Departments by Contractors on an annual requisition approved of by a Board constituted as at present.

13. Ministers further propose that the payment of fixed salaries from the Treasury above the annual value of £150 should be made quarterly, instead of monthly as at present. This arrangement would not only relieve the Treasury and Audit Offices of much clerical labour, but would also, it is believed, be found conducive to the establishment of economical and prudent habits in the clerks themselves.



14. In dealing with the Public Works, the present Ministry are not inclined to adopt unaltered the scheme indicated by their predecessors in the Public Works Loan Bill, authorising an outlay of £118,000 under this head. The sums required for the completion of the Electric Telegraph between Launceston and Hobart Town, and for the New Government House, are the two most prominent items. On the first of these works a large sum of money has been guaranteed by contract. It is obviously desirable to prevent that outlay being absolutely thrown away by abandoning the works in their present state. The original scheme embraced the union of Hobart Town with Launceston by Telegraph; and the connection of Launceston by means of a submarine cable from George Town to Cape Otway. The Victorian Government is willing to pay £14,000 towards this undertaking, the cost of the coil being estimated at £34,000. To stop now would be to entail a serious waste of public money. Ministers, therefore, have come to the conclusion, that while they would have hesitated to advise such an application of the Revenue in the first instance, it ought to be left now to Parliament to decide whether it be expedient or not to incur the outlay proposed in order to connect by telegraph Tasmania with the neighbouring Colonies, and to reap thereby all the advantages of the lines which at present are proposed to connect Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, and ultimately the Continents of Europe and America by way of India, with the Australias.

15. The sum required for the completion of the New Government House is £20,000. It has been suggested that the sale of the Domain on which the present residence stands would suffice to defray this expenditure. In the present state of the country this assumption may reasonably be questioned; while it seems scarcely desirable to alienate from the inhabitants of the City a portion of ground so admirably adapted for purposes of public recreation. The propriety, therefore, of proceeding with this item the Ministry are induced to remit also for the consideration of Parliament.

16. The Ministry propose to carry out the following Public Works; viz.—the Light-house on King's Island; the removal of the Hobart Town Gaol; the completion of the Slaughter-house and Jetty at Macquarie Point, Hobart Town; the drainage of the Swamp, Launceston; and the new Bridge on the Launceston and George Town Road. All other works should be suspended, save where contracts have been actually entered into by the Government.

17. In consequence of the great delay which has hitherto taken place in reforming the present Departmental arrangements, it is scarcely probable that the whole of the reductions contemplated can be effected at once; but the Ministry pledge themselves to carry out retrenchment in every department with as little delay as possible.

18. No new measure of taxation will be introduced to come into effect in 1857, and the deficiency of the year as compared with the Expenditure authorised by the Estimates which have received the sanction of the Assembly, amounting to the sum of £76,000, would have to be provided for by fresh Loans, or extended sale of Crown Lands, or both; but it is hoped that the proposed reductions would very considerably lower this amount.

19. Apart from specifically financial considerations, the Ministry's Policy would embrace (1) Measures for the extension and increase of the powers now possessed by the Municipalities of Hobart Town and Launceston. A Bill to give these increased powers to the latter Town has been read a first time in the House of Assembly, but a printed copy, of it has not yet been placed in the hands of Members. Should the Ministry deem its provisions satisfactory, the Bill will receive their cordial support. (2) For creating similar Municipalities in Rural Districts on the application of the inhabitants. To these Bodies would be entrusted power of local assessment and self-government to the extent of raising and controlling a revenue equal to the maintenance and administration of a Municipal Magistracy and Police, the formation and repair of Roads, establishment of Local Schools, sanatory improvement, &c., &c. It is intended to subdivide the whole Colony for this purpose into Counties; and until this can be effected the existing Electoral Districts and Road Trusts might form the bases of these Rural Municipalities, which it is proposed to assist by grants in aid from the General Revenue proportioned to the sums levied within each District. Such a measure would, it is conceived, prove generally acceptable to the Country, and would relieve the Revenue of a considerable burthen, and the Central Government of all but the supervision of the Magisterial, Police, and Educational Institutions of the Colony. The Ministry would further propose to introduce measures (3) for the amendment of the Licensing Act; (4) the revision of the Insolvency Law; (5) to facilitate the recovery of Small Debts. In this matter the Ministry is merely following out the views of their predecessors in office. (6) To appoint a Committee to consider the expediency of a thorough revision of all those rules and regulations which, dating their origin from the time when Tasmania was a Penal Settlement, require either immediate reform or total abolition.

20. The Ministry will move that Parliament do address the Crown, through the Governor and the Secretary of State, on the subject of the law enacted in Victoria affecting both holders of Conditional Pardons, and persons actually free by servitude.

21. A Bill has already been introduced into the House of Assembly on the subject of the Master and Servants Act, and is now the subject of enquiry before a Select Committee. Should the Committee's Report suggest a measure suited to the requirements of the case, the Government will be prepared to support it ; but in the event of their being dissatisfied with the Committee's conclusions, the Ministry will lose no time in introducing a Bill of their own.

22. The same remark will apply to the Report of the very large Committee that has been sitting since the commencement of the Session on the Waste Lands Bill.

23. The Ministry is moreover desirous that the Legislature should be moved to address His Excellency for the purpose of communicating with the Governments of the other Australian Colonies with a view to the holding a conference on the propriety of establishing some combined action to effect such objects as the consolidation of the Tariffs, the equalisation of Weights and Measures, and other matters equally affecting their common welfare. Such a conference, however much it might fall short of the ends sought to be obtained, could not fail to be productive of many beneficial results.

24. To prepare the various Bills requisite to carry out the measures contemplated, to establish a system of financial reform, and to thoroughly re-organise the Departments, time must be sought for from the Legislature, and a vote in aid obtained.

25. The Ministry therefore propose, by passing the Appropriation Bill through the Legislative Council, and a Loan Bill through both Houses, to provide for the purposes already enumerated. They would then ask the Parliament for a vote in aid of (say) £55,000 to meet current demands, and would postpone the further Session of Parliament until July next. The business of the two Houses would, in this way, be disposed of in a few days ; and three months would be no more than sufficient time to mature, with due care and deliberation, the measures indicated in this Memorandum.

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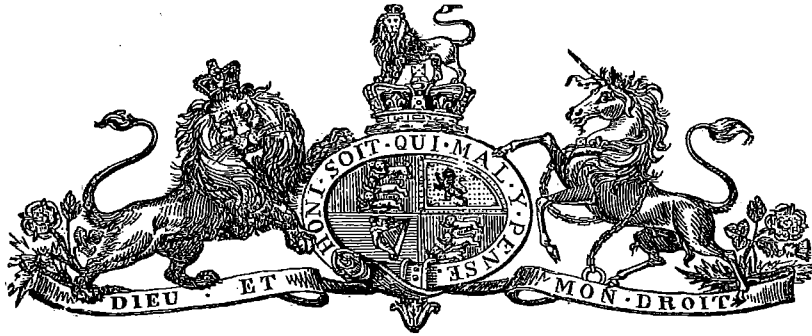
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FROM MR. GREGSON TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
ON THE FORMATION OF A MINISTRY.

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed, 27 March, 1857.





37, Davey-street, Hobart Town, 26th February, 1857.

SIR,

HAVING been honored with Your Excellency's commands to undertake the formation of a Ministry, in consequence of the resignation of your late responsible Advisers, I have now the honor to submit to Your Excellency the names of those Members of the Legislature to whom, under my own direction and supervision, I propose to confide, with Your Excellency's sanction, the administration of the public affairs of the Colony.

I feel it, however, due to myself, and to those gentlemen whose co-operation I have engaged at this trying juncture, to recapitulate briefly the circumstances which have rendered it expedient for Your Excellency to apply to myself, to explain the considerations which have actuated me in my efforts to construct a Government out of the existing Legislature, which should command the support of Parliament and the confidence of the Country; and to place on record the reasons which have weighed with me in the selection of the individuals whom I propose to constitute my colleagues in Your Excellency's Government.

The vote of the 13th instant, which was carried on my motion against Mr. Champ's Ministry, contemplated nothing more than an enunciation of an abstract principle, to which the assent of the House was asked, at a conjuncture of great financial embarrassment, as a statement of an opinion entertained by many members, which it was desirable should be specifically pronounced to the Constituencies by a deliberate vote of the Assembly, as a sort of corollary to the Estimates and Expenditure already authorised for the year 1857. There was no indication in any quarter of an intention to proceed further at present. Several of the ordinary supporters of Government voted in favour of the Resolution.

Subsequently, Mr. Champ endeavoured to cause "so much of the vote of the 13th as referred to the Governor's Salary" to be rescinded, as involving a breach of public faith. The Assembly refused to make this invidious distinction between the Governor and his responsible Advisers; and, after several amendments had been rejected, Mr. Champ's motion was negatived by a majority of *one*. Mr. Champ, on the following day, announced his resignation, on the ground that the Assembly had sanctioned by its vote a violation of the public faith. Your Excellency then did me the honor to seek my advice, and entrusted me with the formation of a new Ministry. At the interview I had with Your Excellency on Friday last, the name, amongst others, of a gentleman connected with the northern side of the Island was suggested by Your Excellency as that of a desirable and likely man to fill creditably and usefully the post of Colonial Treasurer. I caused a communication with that object to be made to that gentleman, but without success. I was anxious to secure the assistance of the gentleman in question as that of a person apparently enjoying Your Excellency's confidence, as possessing a certain amount of weight with both sides of the House, some official experience, and considerable acquaintance with the country: but I must own to Your Excellency that his admission to a Cabinet of which I was to be Premier would have been a concession on my part to the necessity for conciliating others, and to the exigencies of the crisis, which I might have found it difficult to justify to several of my own political friends, as his political principles and recorded votes have been generally in opposition to my own.

Further urged by the necessity for combining in my Cabinet a set of men who, if possible, should conciliate the support and confidence of a majority of the Members of the Assembly, I endeavoured to procure the assistance as Attorney-General of a gentleman who, though lately attached by political ties to Mr. Champ's Ministry, is comparatively new to the politics of the Colony, yet enjoys a fair share of the respect of the Assembly, and is not without professional experience. This gentleman not unnaturally felt scruples at acceding to the course suggested; and he, too, declined the office proposed to him. I had now, in honest and conscientious deference to what I believed to be Your Excellency's sole object in seeking my assistance—namely, the formation of a firm and popular Ministry—found myself thus far unsuccessful in securing the co-operation of Members whose adhesion would have given an air of conciliation, if not imparted the character

of a coalition to my Government. It now became necessary to fall back on the valued services of my close and intimate political associates, who had been previously willing to lend a Ministry formed under my leadership their independent support (as effectually as they had long sided with me in opposition) without office or emolument. These gentlemen were my personal as well as my political friends—one of them my own son. I trust your Excellency will do me the justice to recognise the motives which weighed with me in seeking their co-operation only when my attempts at other combinations had proved unsuccessful. Your Excellency will also, perhaps, allow me to remind you that the principal legal Member of the Executive Council must be a Barrister and a Member of the Legislature, and that the present Assembly only contains three such Members; of whom two were Mr. Champ's colleagues—the third my own son, the Member for Norfolk Plains. I must also beg Your Excellency to remember that this last gentleman already occupies a non-political appointment as Chairman of Quarter Sessions, which he of course loses by the acceptance of office as a responsible Minister.

I have now the honor to submit to Your Excellency the names of a new Ministry as follows. I propose to constitute myself Colonial Secretary, without salary, but with all the responsibilities of an office of profit or emolument. Your Excellency is probably aware that I stand pledged as a public man never to accept public money as a servant of the Crown; but I trust I know my duty to my Sovereign and to my Country too well to shrink from the responsibilities of office, when public necessity demands my aid, any more than I have ever shrunk from taking my place, and that a prominent one, in the Legislature in which my fellow Colonists have deemed me worthy of a seat for upwards of 15 years. I propose further to distribute the Departments as follows:—

Colonial Secretary .....	Mr. Gregson.
Colonial Treasurer .....	Mr. Meredith.
Attorney-General .....	Mr. J. C. Gregson.
Members of the Executive	{ The Hon. Mr. Wedge. The Hon. Mr. Whyte. Mr. Miller.
Council without Office.	

With these gentlemen I shall be able to conduct the affairs of the Colony under a sense of responsibility to Parliament, with the strong assistance of a common political creed. Of their capacity and integrity I need scarcely assure Your Excellency I entertain a very high opinion.

With these colleagues I am now prepared to undertake the responsibilities of office,—carrying with me, as I have strong grounds for believing, the support of Parliament and the general confidence of the Colonists.

I trust that the importance of the occasion, and the circumstances I have glanced at in this Letter, will assure Your Excellency that no time has been lost in completing these arrangements as speedily as was consistent with due deliberation, and a proper regard for the requirements of the public service.

It only remains for me to say, that I have used every exertion to execute to the best of my ability, and, as I believe, for the advantage of the country, the honourable though onerous commission confided to me by Your Excellency.

Awaiting Your Excellency's reply to this communication,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant,

THOMAS GEORGE GREGSON.

Sir H. E. F. YOUNG, *Knt.*

*Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania.*

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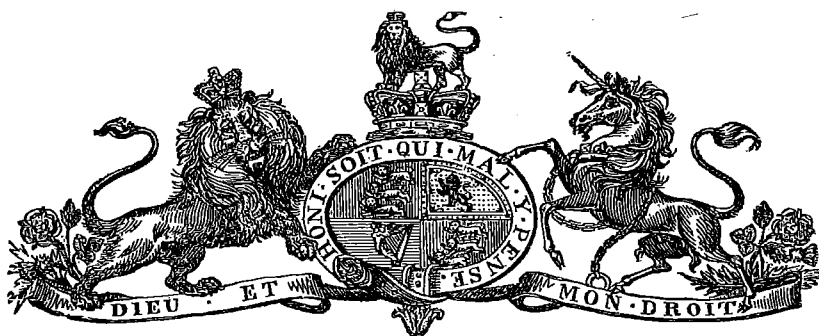
NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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Laid on the Table by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
7 April, 1857.







*STATEMENT of MEANS available for New GOVERNMENT HOUSE, estimated as per Plan submitted with Report of the 18th July, 1855, relating to Wharfs and the disposition of the Land adjoining.*

Value of Land proposed to be sold on the Site of the present Government House, as follows:—

	£	
66 feet frontage on Macquarie-street, at £25.....	1650	
330 feet frontage on ditto, at £20 .....	6600	
156 feet frontage on Argyle-street, at £20 .....	3120	
321 feet frontage on ditto, at £15.....	4815	
290 feet frontage on Elizabeth-street, at £20 .....	5800	
225 feet frontage on Davey-street, at £15 .....	3375	
93 feet frontage on ditto, at £20.....	1860	
		£27,220 0 0

Value of Land proposed to be sold on the Franklin Wharf, and the Proceeds to be expended on New Government House, as follows:—

	£	
391 feet frontage on Davey-street, at £10 .....	3910	
178 feet frontage on ditto, at £25 .....	4450	
123 feet frontage on Murray-street, at £25 .....	3075	
46 feet frontage on Elizabeth-street, at £10 .....	460	
80 feet frontage on Morrison-street, at £25 .....	2000	
132 feet frontage on New-street, at £20 .....	2640	
59 feet frontage on ditto, at £10.....	590	
110 feet frontage on Franklin Wharf, at £30.....	3300	
		£20,425 0 0
Amount already realised by Sale of Land on Franklin Wharf.		£20,222 17 11
Value of Land proposed to be reserved for Public Buildings, Squares, &c. &c. ....		£30,000 0 0
		£97,867 17 11

*STATEMENT of MONIES already expended, and estimated Cost of completing the Building; with the probable Period.*

Amount expended up to 31st December, 1856.....	£28,150	13	2
Expenditure for January, 1857 (wages) .....	769	17	0
Amount required entirely to complete the Building, including laying out of Grounds, &c. &c., as per Estimate submitted, July, 1855 .....	30,531	10	1
	£59,452	0	3

MEMORANDUM.—In addition to the Valuation of the Land may be taken at least £3000 for the amount produced by the Sale of the Materials of the present House. I believe that double that sum will be realised, but I would rather keep the Estimate at that lower amount.

The period by which the Building may be expected to be entirely completed will, I have no doubt, be by the end of 1858; but a portion of the House will be ready for His Excellency to occupy it in about five months.

16th February, 1857.

WM. P. KAY.

NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

*Ordered to be printed, 7 April, 1867.*

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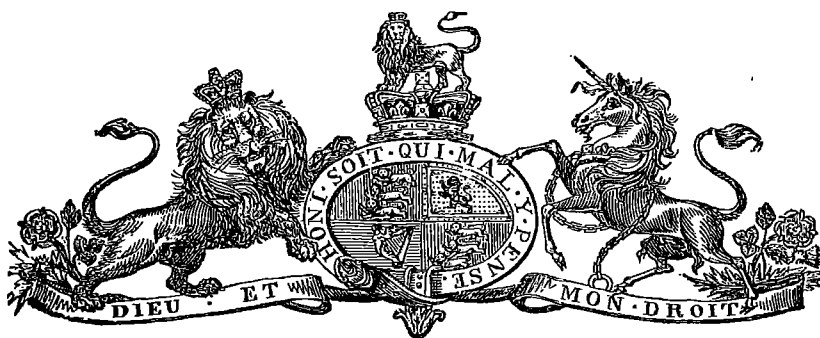
STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF THE  
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### Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council. [*Approved 30 April, 1857.*]

#### GENERAL CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

**1** In all cases not specially provided for hereinafter, or by Sessional or other Orders, resort shall be had to the Rules, Forms, and Usages of the Commons House of the Imperial Parliament, which shall be followed so far as the same can apply to the Members of the Council.

**2** The President shall take the Chair within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting of the Council; and, if at the expiration of such half-hour there be not a Quorum of Members present, shall adjourn the Council to the next sitting day.

**3** The Member presiding in the Chair in the absence of the President shall exercise the same authority and perform the same duties as the President; but shall give place to the President on his arrival in the Council.

**4** If at any time after the commencement of the Business of the Day notice be taken that there is not a Quorum of Members present, the President shall count the House; and if there be not a Quorum present, shall, by his own authority, adjourn the Council to the next day of meeting, or to such shorter period as he may deem fit.

**5** No Order for a Call of the House shall be made for any earlier period than Seven days from the date of such Order.

**6** Whenever a Division is demanded, the Members present shall take their Seats, the Ayes on the right and the Noes on the left of the Chair, and the President shall appoint Tellers, one from each side, and shall declare which has the Majority, from Lists of the Members voting to be handed to him by the Tellers.

**7** Before any Division, Strangers shall withdraw from the body of the House within the Bar of the House; but may remain below the Bar, or in the Gallery, unless otherwise ordered.

**8** An entry of the Division Lists shall be made in the Journals.

**9** No Member (except in Committees of the whole Council) shall speak twice on the same Question, unless in explanation on some material point on which he has been misquoted or misunderstood: Provided that the Mover of any Question shall be allowed the liberty of Reply.

**10** No Member shall digress from the subject matter of any Question under discussion, or comment upon the expressions used by any other Member in a previous Debate; and all imputations of improper motives, and all personal reflections on Members, shall be considered highly disorderly.

**11** When no Question is before the Council, no Member shall be at liberty to speak unless he intends to conclude by making a Motion.

**12** No Question shall be put to any Member without previous notice unless with his consent, and no discussion shall then take place on the subject.

**13** All Questions of Order, and Matters of Privilege, at any time arising, shall, until decided, suspend the consideration and decision of every other Question.

**14** On Days fixed for the consideration of Government Business, Matters relating thereto shall take precedence of all other Business.

**15** Whenever the Previous Question shall be proposed upon any Question consisting of a series of Resolutions, which have been brought under Discussion or Debate as one Motion, with the understanding that the Question be put on such Resolutions *seriatim*, the decision of the previous Question before putting the Question on the first of such Resolutions shall be conclusive, whether in the affirmative or negative, as regards the whole of such Resolutions.

**16** All Orders for Papers made by this Council shall be communicated to the Colonial Secretary by the Clerk.

**17** At the commencement of every Session a Select Committee on Printing shall be appointed, and to this Committee shall be referred all Petitions received and also all Papers in answer to Addresses, or in return to Orders of this Council, which shall not have been ordered to be printed on the Motion of the Member who shall have laid them on the Table; and it shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Petitions and Papers referred to them ought in their opinion to be printed, and no other Petitions or Papers shall be printed unless on Special Motion upon Notice, in exception to the general operation of this Rule.

**18** The Clerk of the Council shall transmit to the Clerk of the House of Assembly a sufficient number of all Papers printed by order of this Council for distribution to the Members of the House of Assembly.

**19** The printed Votes and Proceedings shall constitute and be taken to be also the Journals of this Council.

**20** The custody of the Minutes and Records, and of all Papers and Accounts whatsoever, so presented to this Council shall be in the Clerk, who shall neither take nor permit to be taken any of such Minutes, Records, or Accounts from the Chamber or Offices without the express leave of the Council.

**21** Every Member when speaking shall address the Chair standing, and uncovered.

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#### PETITIONS.

**22** No Petition shall be presented after the House has proceeded to the Order of the Day.

**23** No Petition shall be presented making reference to any Debate in this Council, or in the House of Assembly, or containing language disrespectful to any Member of the Legislature, or couched in offensive or intemperate language, or containing any prayer which it is not competent for the Council to entertain.

**24** Every Member presenting a Petition shall affix his name thereto at the beginning hereof

**25** Every Petition must be in writing, and not printed or lithographed, and in the English language, and be signed by the Petitioners themselves, and no one else, except in cases of incapacity or sickness.

**26** Every Petition must contain at the end the prayer thereof, and must be signed by at least one person on the skin or sheet on which it is written.

**27** It shall be incumbent on every Member presenting a Petition to acquaint himself previously with its contents, and ascertain that they are not in any respect in violation of the Standing Orders.

**28** No letter, affidavit, or other document shall be attached to a Petition, unless such Petition relates to a Private Bill.

**29** Every Member presenting a Petition (not being one relating to a Private Bill) shall state merely from what party it comes,—how many signatures are attached to it,—what are its material allegations,—and what is its Prayer.

**30** The only Question entertained by the Council on the presentation of a Petition shall be—"That the Petition be received," and no discussion shall take place in reference to such Petition, but it may be read by the Clerk if required.

**31** In the case of a Petition complaining of some present personal grievance for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such Petition may be brought into discussion on presentation thereof.

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### MOTIONS.

**32** No Notice shall be taken of any Motion unless seconded. Provided that any Member may without Motion require any Order of the Council to be enforced.

**33** Every Member making a Motion shall put it into writing, and deliver it to the President, who shall propose it, when seconded, to the Council.

**34** No Member shall make any Motion, initiating a subject for discussion, except in pursuance of Notice, openly given in writing at a previous sitting of the Council, and duly entered on the Notice Paper.

**35** No discussion shall take place on a Notice of Motion except with reference to the day on which the Motion shall be made.

**36** No Notice of Motion shall be received after the Council has proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

**37** An unopposed Motion may be brought on by consent of the Council without previous notice; but if any Member object thereto it shall not be proceeded with.

**38** It shall be in order, on the presentation of any document (except a Petition), to move without notice, that it be printed, and to appoint a day for its consideration.

**39** Motions shall take precedence of Orders of the Day, and be moved in the order in which they stand on the Notice Paper; and every Motion not then made, unless postponed by leave of the Council, shall be expunged therefrom.

**40** A Debate may be adjourned, on Motion, either to a later hour on the same day or to any other day, to be specified therein.

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### PREVIOUS QUESTION.

**41** The Previous Question, until decided, shall preclude any amendment of the Main Question, and shall be in the following words—"Shall the Question be now entertained?"

**42** If it be resolved that such Question shall be entertained, any amendment on the Main Question may then be moved.

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### LAPSED QUESTION.

**43** If a Debate on any Motion or Order of the Day be interrupted by the Council being counted out, such Debate may, on Motion upon Notice, be resumed at the point where it was interrupted; and all Proceedings relating thereto be restored to the state in which they stood at the time of such interruption.

**44** If the discussion of any Question in a Committee of the whole Council be interrupted, and the Council be thereupon adjourned for want of a Quorum, the Council may, on Motion upon Notice, order the resumption of such Committee; and the discussion of such Question shall be resumed at, and all other Proceedings restored to, the point at which they were interrupted.

**45** No Notice of Motion or Order of the Day shall lapse by an adjournment of the Council from whatever cause, but the same respectively shall stand for the day of adjournment: Provided that all Notices and Orders specifically for that day shall have precedence.

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### COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

**46** In Committees of the whole Council the same number of Members (exclusive of the Chairman) shall be necessary to form a Quorum as is required in the Council, exclusive of the President.

**47** A motion in Committee for its adjournment shall be to the following effect:—"That the Chairman do leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again at a future time." If a Motion to that effect be carried, the Chairman shall report to the Council, and ask leave accordingly.

**48** If during the progress of business notice be taken that there is not a Quorum, the Chairman shall leave the Chair, and the President resume the Chair of the Council for the purpose of adjournment.

**49** The President having so resumed the Chair, the Chairman of Committees shall inform the President of the cause of his having left the Chair, but shall make no further Report.

**50** The Rules of the Council shall be observed in Committees of the whole Council, except that Members may speak more than once on the same Question.

**51** The Chairman of Committees shall, for the preservation of Order, have the same authority in Committee as the President has in the Council, and shall have a casting vote only.

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### SELECT COMMITTEES.

**52** It shall not be compulsory on the President to serve on any Select Committee.

**53** No Select Committee shall consist of less than Three or more than Seven Members unless the Council shall otherwise order.

**54** Every Notice of Motion for the appointment of a Select Committee shall specify the Names of such Committee, the Mover being one.

**55** If upon such Motion any one Member so require, the Committee shall be formed as follows:—Each Member shall give to the Clerk a List of the Members whom he desires to serve on such Committee, not exceeding the number proposed; and the Members who shall have the greatest number of votes, as reported by the Clerk, shall be declared by the President to be the Members of such Committee.

**56** If any such List contain more than the proper number of Names, it shall be rejected: and if Two or more Members on any such List have an equality of Votes, the President shall determine which shall serve on the Committee.

**57** Every Notice of Motion for discharging, adding, or substituting Members of a Select Committee shall contain the Names of such Committee.

**58** In all Select Committees Three shall form a Quorum, unless otherwise specially ordered.

**59** Every Select Committee before the commencement of business shall elect its own Chairman. In his absence the Members present shall elect another to act *pro tempore*.

**60** Select Committees may meet for the dispatch of business on any day, except Sunday, during any adjournment of this Council which shall not exceed seven days.

**61** Every Report of a Select Committee shall be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.



**62** Lists of the Members serving on such Select Committee shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place in the Clerk's Office, and in the Lobby of the House.

**63** At the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, the Chairman of any Select Committee shall order the withdrawal of Strangers at any time.

**64** Any Member of this Council shall be at liberty to be present at any Select Committee, but shall not be allowed to speak, or in any way interfere in the proceedings of the Committee.

**65** The Chairman of a Select Committee may summon, or direct the Clerk of the Council to summon, the Witnesses to be examined before such Committee.

**66** Every Select Committee shall have power to award payment to any professional or other Witnesses they may deem it necessary to summon, or to any professional or other assistance they may be authorised to employ in furtherance of the enquiry with which the Committee is charged; and the production of the Chairman's Certificate by any such Witness, with a copy of such award signed by the Clerk of Select Committees, shall entitle him to the President's written order to the Clerk for payment of such sum as may be therein stated to be due to him for the special service to be therein named; and such Order, with the Chairman's Certificate, and the copy of the award thereto appended, shall be sufficient authority and discharge to the Clerk for making such payment out of any public moneys in his hands, or by the ordinary course of public payments through the Colonial Treasury; and every such award, with the sum awarded, the particulars of the service rendered, and the name of the party in whose favour made, shall be entered on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee.

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#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

**67** Whenever a Message from the Governor is announced, the business before the Council shall be suspended, and the bearer of the Message be introduced.

**68** The President shall immediately read the Message to the Council, and, if necessary, the Council shall fix a future day for taking, or forthwith take, the same into consideration.

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#### MESSAGES FROM THE TWO HOUSES.

**69** Communications with the Assembly may be by Message, by Conference, by a Joint Committee, or by Select Committees conferring with each other.

**70** Every Message from this Council to the Assembly shall be in writing, signed by the President, and entered upon the Journals, and delivered to the Speaker by Two or more Members named by the President.

**71** Every Message from the Assembly to this Council, if conveyed by Members of that House, shall be received by the President at the Bar, and the business before the Council shall be suspended. The President shall then read the Message to the Council; and, if necessary, the Council shall fix a future day for taking, or forthwith take, the same into consideration.

**72** This Council will receive from the House of Assembly, in one Message, all Bills first communicated, all Bills returned without amendment, and all Bills with the amendments of this Council agreed to without amendment; a List of such Bills, with a statement of the Assent of the House of Assembly thereto, being delivered together with such Message and Bills.

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#### CONFERENCES.

**73** Conferences desired by this Council with the Assembly shall in all cases be requested by Message.

**74** During any Conference between the Two Houses the business of the Council shall be suspended.

**75** Every Notice of Motion requesting any Conference between the Houses shall contain the names of the Members proposed by the Mover to be Managers of such Conference for the Council.

**76** If upon such Motion any one Member shall so require, the Managers for the Council shall be selected in the same manner as the Members of a Select Committee.

**77** In requesting any Conference, the Message from this Council shall state, in general terms, the object for which the Conference is desired, and the number of Managers proposed to serve thereon.

**78** The Managers to represent this Council at any Conference required by the House of Assembly shall consist of at least one-third of the number of those of the Assembly.

**79** Conference is to be required by that House which, at the time of the Conference demanded, shall be possessed of the Bill, and not of the other House.

**80** In cases in which the House of Assembly disagree to any Amendments made by the Legislative Council, or insist upon any Amendments to which the Legislative Council have disagreed, the Legislative Council are willing to receive the reasons of the House of Assembly in writing for their disagreeing or insisting (as the case may be) by Message, without a Conference, unless at any time the House of Assembly should desire to communicate the same at a Conference.

**81** When a Conference is agreed to, such agreement is communicated by Message.

**82** In respect of any Conference requested by the Assembly, the time and place for holding the same shall be appointed by this Council; and when the Council requests a Conference, this Council will agree to its being held at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Assembly.

**83** At all Conferences requested by the Assembly, the Managers for this Council shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and receive the Managers of the Assembly.

**84** At all ordinary Conferences, the matter to be communicated by the Managers for this Council shall be in writing; and the Managers for the Council shall not receive any communication from the Managers of the Assembly unless the same be in writing.

**85** At all ordinary Conferences, the duty of the Managers for this Council shall be confined to the reading of the Reasons or Resolutions to be communicated by them, and delivering the same to the Managers for the Assembly; and to hearing read by, and receiving from, the Managers for the Assembly the Reasons or Resolutions communicated by the latter.

**86** If either House should not insist upon its Amendments, or its disagreement to Amendments to any Bill, after a Conference, such Resolution is communicated by a Message.

**87** After two Conferences a free Conference may be desired, at which the differences between the two Houses may be discussed.

**88** The time for holding a Conference being come, the names of the Managers are called over, and they repair to the Conference Chamber.

**89** At all free Conferences, the Managers for this Council shall be at liberty to confer freely, by word of mouth, with the Managers for the Assembly.

**90** In all cases of Conference, the Managers for the Council shall, when the Conference has terminated, return to this House and report their Proceedings.

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#### COMMITTEES.

**91** No Select Committee of this Council shall confer with a Select Committee of the Assembly without an Order of this Council made on Motion.

**92** When any such Order has been made, it shall be communicated by Message to the Assembly, with a request that leave may be given to the Select Committee of that House to confer with the Select Committee of the Council.

**93** Every Select Committee of this Council directed to confer with any Select Committee of the Assembly may confer freely by word of mouth, unless this Council shall otherwise order.

**94** The proceedings of every Conference between a Select Committee of this Council and a Select Committee of the Assembly shall be reported in writing to this Council by its own Committee.

**95** Where the proposal for the appointment of a Joint Committee originates in this Council, a Motion shall be made that the Assembly be requested to agree thereto; which Motion shall state, in general terms, the object for which the Committee is desired, and the number of Members proposed to serve thereon.

**96** If that Motion be carried, the same shall be communicated by Message to the Assembly, with a request that they will agree to the appointment of such Joint Committee: upon being informed of such agreement, this Council will appoint the Members to serve on such Committee.

**97** This Council, where it agrees to the appointment of any Joint Committee propose by the Assembly, will forthwith name the Members of this Council to serve on such Committee.

**98** The Members of this Council to serve on any such Committee shall, in every case, be the same in number as those appointed by the Assembly.

**99** When the proposal for the Committee originates in the Assembly, the time and place for holding the first Meeting shall be appointed by this Council; and when the proposal originates in this Council, this Council will agree that the first Meeting shall be held at a time and place appointed by the Assembly.

**100** The presence of at least three of the Members appointed by this Council to serve on a Joint Committee shall be necessary at every Meeting of such Committee.

**101** The Chairman of every Joint Committee may be appointed by the majority of the Members present at any Meeting thereof.

**102** When the Committee has concluded its Sittings, the Members of this Council serving thereon shall report in writing to this Council the proceedings of such Committee.

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### PUBLIC BILLS.

**103** Every Public Bill initiated in the Council shall be introduced either by a Motion for leave to bring in the Bill, specifying its general objects, or by a Motion for a Committee of not less than Two Members to prepare and bring it in, or by an Order of the House on the Report of a Select Committee.

**104** The Member having leave, or the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, shall prepare a Draft of such Bill, with the necessary blanks to be filled up in Committee of the whole House, and shall present a fair copy thereof to the Council on an early day.

**105** No Clause shall be inserted in any such Draft foreign to the Title of the Bill; and if any such Clause be afterwards introduced the Title shall be altered accordingly.

**106** Matters which have no proper relation to each other shall not be intermixed in one and the same Bill.

**107** No perpetual Clause shall be inserted in any Bill the main provisions of which are temporary; and the temporary character of every Bill shall be declared in the Title, and its precise duration mentioned in a distinct clause at the end.

**108** On every Order for the reading of a Bill the Title only shall be read.

**109** Every Bill read a first time shall, on leave obtained, be printed with as little delay as possible, and a copy provided for each Member by the Clerk.

**110** After the first reading of a Bill, a future day shall be fixed, on Motion, for its second reading.

**111** After the second reading, unless the Bill, on Motion for that purpose, be previously referred to a Select Committee, the Council shall (either then or at a future time) resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Bill in detail.

**112** In a Committee of the whole Council, the Question shall be put on each clause of the Bill separately, leaving the Preamble to be last considered.

**113** When the Bill has been settled in Committee, it shall be reported by the Chairman to the Council, with or without amendments, as the case may be.

**114** When the Bill has been so reported the adoption of the Report may, if without Amendments, be immediately moved, but if with Amendments, such Motion shall be fixed for a future day.

**115** If the Report be adopted, a future day shall be fixed, on Motion, for the third reading, and the Bill as reported shall in the mean time be printed.

**116** On the Motion for adoption of the Report, or on the Order for the third reading being called or moved, the whole Bill, or any clause therein, may on Motion be re-committed; but in either case a subsequent day shall be appointed for the Third Reading.

**117** Clerical and typographical errors may be corrected in any part of a Bill by the Chairman of Committees before it is sent to the House of Assembly for its concurrence.

**118** Before the third reading, the Chairman of Committees shall certify in writing that the Bill as printed is in accordance with the Bill as reported, and the President shall announce that the Chairman has so certified.

**119** No Amendment shall be made in any Bill on the Third Reading unless Notice thereof have been previously given, but any Amendment, or the addition of any Clause, of which Notice has been given, may be then moved.

**120** After the Third Reading, the President shall put the Question, "That this Bill do pass."

**121** If the Bill be passed, its Title shall be settled, and the Clerk shall certify at the top of the first Page the date of its passing; and the Bill shall be sent to the Assembly, with a Message requesting their concurrence therein.

**122** When any Bill is returned to this Council with Amendments, such Amendments shall be considered in Committee of the whole Council.

**123** Public Bills coming to this Council for the first time from the House of Assembly may, on motion, be forthwith read a first time, and shall afterwards be severally proceeded with in all respects as similar Bills presented in pursuance of Orders of this House: but the Clerk shall certify at the top of the first page of every such Bill as shall pass without Amendment, that "The Legislative Council has this day agreed to this Bill;" and at the top of every such Bill as shall pass with Amendments, that "The Legislative Council has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments."

**124** If any such Bill be amended, it shall be returned to the Assembly with the Amendments, and a Message requesting their concurrence therein.

**125** The final passing by this Council of every Bill initiated in the Assembly shall be communicated to that House by Message.

**126** Acts assented to on behalf of Her Majesty, and Bills reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, shall be numbered by the Clerk of this Council immediately before the Title, in the order of such Assent or Reservation, with the date of such Assent or Reservation added next after the Title, commencing a new series of numbers with each year of Her Majesty's reign.

**127** Every Act, after having been so numbered, shall be forthwith transmitted by such Clerk to the proper officer, to be by him enrolled or otherwise dealt with according to Law.

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#### PRIVATE BILLS.

**128** No Private Bill shall be initiated in the Council except upon a Petition first presented, with a printed copy of the proposed Bill annexed; which Petition shall be signed by one or more of the parties applying, and shall state that the Bill does not involve the creation of any new Rate, Tax, or Impost.

**129** All such Petitions shall be presented within Thirty Days after the commencement of the Session.

**130** Notice of the intention to apply for every Private Bill shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the *Government Gazette*, and in one or more Public

Newspapers published in Hobart Town and in Launceston; which Notice shall contain a true statement of the general objects of the Bill, and what private interests will generally be affected by such Bill.

**131** Every such Petition shall state in the commencement that such Notice has been so given, and shall contain a copy thereof; and the production of the numbers of such *Gazette* and Newspapers respectively, to be filed with the Clerk of the Council, shall be sufficient proof of the giving of such Notice.

**132** When such Petition has been received, and the requisite Publications proved, Notice of Motion for leave to bring in the Bill may be given as in the case of Public Bills.

**133** When leave to bring in the Bill has been obtained, and before it be read a first time, a sufficient number of copies, printed at the expense of the parties applying in the same form as a Public Bill, shall be delivered to the Clerk for the use of the Council.

**134** Before any Private Bill initiated in this Council shall be read a first time, the sum of Twenty-five Pounds shall be paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the use of the Colony, to meet the expenses attendant on such Bill; and a Certificate of that sum having been paid, to be filed with the Clerk, shall be produced by the Member having charge of the Bill.

**135** Every such Bill shall contain a Preamble reciting the circumstances on which the Bill is founded, and the matters in reference to or by reason of which the legislation sought for has become necessary.

**136** When the Bill has been read a first time, it shall be referred to a Select Committee to be appointed in the usual manner upon notice, which Committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the Preamble.

**137** If it shall appear to such Committee that the Notice given in conformity with these Orders is insufficient, the Committee may direct any further Notice which the justice of the case shall require to be specially given before the Bill is reported on.

**138** The Committee shall hear the parties in person, or by Counsel or Attorney if it be desired, and may take such oral or other evidence as they think requisite, and decide on all matters in issue between the persons proposing and opposing the Bill; after which the Question shall be put from the Chair—"That this Preamble stand part of the Bill."

**139** If the Committee be of opinion that the Preamble has not been proved, they shall report to that effect, which shall be fatal to the Bill: but if it be carried that the Preamble stand part of the Bill, the several clauses shall be proceeded with, and all amendments, if any, carefully noted for report to the Council, care being taken that no clause be inserted or amendment made foreign to the import of the notice given.

**140** Upon the Bill being brought up and reported by the Select Committee, it shall be proceeded with as in the case of Public Bills; a future day being appointed for the Second Reading.

**141** Every Private Bill sent up from the Assembly, if accompanied by a printed Copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House to which it shall have been referred, shall be dealt with in the same manner as a Public Bill, and shall not be referred to a Select Committee of this Council, unless on a Motion for such reference.

**142** Private Bills shall be presented to the Governor, and otherwise afterwards dealt with, as in the case of Public Bills, except that they shall not be numbered.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS.

**143** All Bills which have passed both Houses of Legislature shall be printed on vellum; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Legislative Council to receive and keep such Bills until required by the President for presentation.

**144** All Bills shall be presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent by the President of the Legislative Council, except Bills for the Appropriation of any part of the Revenue.

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STRANGERS.

**145** The President only shall have the privilege of admitting Strangers to the Body of the Council Chamber; but every Member may admit Three Strangers each day, by Order under his hand, to the Gallery.

**146** At the request of any Member, or in his own discretion at any time, the President shall order all or any Strangers to withdraw, and they shall immediately withdraw accordingly.

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CONTEMPT.

**147** Any Member not attending in compliance with an Order for a Call of the House, and having no reasonable excuse for his absence, shall be held guilty of Contempt.

**148** No Member shall absent himself during the Session for more than seven days at a time without the express leave of the Council; and any Member wilfully infringing this Order shall be held guilty of Contempt.

**149** Any Member who shall wilfully disobey any Order of this Council, or who shall vexatiously interrupt the orderly conduct of its business, shall be held guilty of Contempt.

**150** Any Member adjudged by the Council to be guilty of Contempt shall be fined at the discretion of the House in a penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and in default of immediate payment, be committed by order of the President, for a period not exceeding Fourteen Days, to the custody of the Usher of the Black Rod, who shall detain the Member in custody for the period directed, unless sooner discharged by order of the Council, or the Fine be sooner paid, together with a fee of Two Pounds to the Usher of the Black Rod for every day he shall have been so detained.

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SUSPENSION OF ORDERS.

**151** In cases of pressing necessity, any Sessional or Standing Order may be suspended by leave of the Council; but no Motion for that purpose shall be made without due Notice, except on grounds of extreme urgency.

*Adopted, and ordered to be printed, 24 Apr*

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(No. 20.)



1856.

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## MEMORANDUM.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND VIEWS OF THE MINISTRY.

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
26 May, 1857.







25 May, 1857.

## MEMORANDUM.

It is not the usual practice for a Ministry immediately after accepting office, during a current Session of Parliament, to offer a detailed exposition of its policy, but to reserve such statement till after the leisure of a recess has enabled it to mature its measures; and the present Ministry does not desire to sanction an inconvenient departure from this course. But, at this juncture in the affairs of the Colony, it deems it expedient that Parliament should, without any delay, be made acquainted with the general principles and views on the most prominent questions of immediate public interest on which it has agreed.

1. Adverting to the causes which led to the last change of Ministry, the Administration will hold itself bound to maintain unimpaired and undiminished the powers, the privileges, and the dignity of the Legislature as representing the whole Colony.

2. The Ministry recognizes the necessity of a thorough and rigorous Retrenchment in the Public Expenditure, and is prepared to adopt measures with that view at once. From information afforded by the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Ministry of Mr. Champ for the southern side of the Island it has already derived very valuable suggestions, to some of which there will be no delay in giving practical effect; and, without compromising its own discretion, relieving itself of the obligation of independent enquiry, or in any manner evading its own proper responsibility, the Ministry is prepared to render to the recommendations of the gentlemen who have devoted themselves with so much zeal and assiduity to the task of investigation the deference and consideration which they may justly claim.

3. The principal portion of the debt of the Colony was contracted for purposes for which the Public Lands have always been held liable. Those lands are now the security of English and Colonial creditors for the liquidation of that debt, and by their sale its extinction has ever been contemplated. But when the debt was contracted, or augmented to its present amount, a large, and probably the most valuable, portion of the Public Lands was occupied under Pastoral Licences, rendering them not at once available for sale. Those licences expiring at an early date, it was hoped that before it arrived the Legislature would have passed a Lands Bill, determining the conditions on which the lands generally of the Colony should be sold; but that it has not yet done, and no lands are now properly disposable without the condition set forth in the *Imperial Waste Lands Act* being first complied with,—of the lots being surveyed. To prevent, however, delay from that cause, and consequent prejudice to the Revenue, it is proposed, under the circumstances of the case, to submit to Parliament at this Sitting a short enabling Bill, dispensing for the present with the condition of *previous* survey, and immediately thereafter to advertise for sale such lands as, it may be reasonably hoped, will materially assist to meet the liabilities becoming due in February next, and in respect to which lands a previous survey is not imperatively required.

4. In the reduction and consolidation of Departments of the Public Service the principle of Compensation has been hitherto recognized; and the Ministry will be prepared to give to any rule sanctioned by Parliament for carrying it out that inflexible application to Officers whose services may be dispensed with, which will avert all imputation or suspicion of unfair distinction on its part in the performance of an invidious but imperative duty, and also prevent those importunities of interest and friendship by which a Government is often embarrassed in such circumstances.

5. Retrenchment cannot be completed at once, and so as to relieve the Finances of the Colony immediately: indeed, just in proportion as it is thorough and extensive, it may entail an augmentation of disbursements aggravating the occasion of a resort to Taxation, which, the Ministry is unanimously and decisively of opinion, should fall principally on the great property classes of the Colony. It is deeply sensible of the inexpediency, more especially at the present crisis, of adding, in any way which can be fairly and consistently avoided, to the burdens which fall on the poorer classes: it is impressed with the necessity of attracting such classes to the Colony, rather than diminishing their inducements to remain in it; and it relies upon the sound sense and the equitable principles of the wealthier portion of the community for a cheerful acquiescence in such burdens as it may be found, after exhausting the modes of economy, absolutely necessary to call on them to bear.

6. The importance of adopting a sound and *fixed* system in the disposal of the Public Lands, and a consideration of the various interests and conflicting opinions which require to be duly weighed and consulted in such a measure, led to the question being remitted to a Committee of the Assembly by which the main features of a scheme have been suggested. The Ministry, in accepting the Report of the Committee as a basis of legislation, is not prepared to affirm all its details; and its attention will be devoted in the ensuing recess to devise means by which the Public Lands may, on the most favourable conditions, be made eligible for settlement, so as to encourage the growth of a small proprietary class in the country.

7. The Ministry is cordially united in opinion as to the expediency of augmenting the powers of existing Municipalities, and extending, wherever the requisite elements for working it out can be found, the principle of Local Self-government. In the evidence which the proceedings of Parliament have already furnished of the difficulties by which the disposal of questions not of a general character is beset; in the tendency those proceedings have sometimes exhibited to a competition by Representatives for special advantages to particular localities,—thus leading to an unequal apportionment of the General Revenue, as well as to a perverted estimate of what are the proper duties of a Representative; and in the inevitable ignorance with which Parliament must, on most occasions, deliberate on purely local claims, the Ministry has discovered new reasons for delegating local interests and affairs, more and more, to local bodies,—and with that view its measures will be systematically devised.

8. The system of Education established in the Colony is in harmony with its Ecclesiastical polity, which recognizes no paramount religious communion; it is adapted to the wants of a population divided in its religious opinions; it is free from all liability to perversion as an instrument of proselytism; it interposes no impediment to the religious instruction of youth; it is believed to be in accordance with the sentiments of the great majority of the people; and the Ministry will lend an earnest support to every means for extending education in conformity with its principles: but it trusts that the period is not remote when the various Districts of the Colony will be in a situation to take this interest, as well as others, to a great extent out of the custody of the Central Government, not only without any prejudice, but with advantage, to the objects contemplated,—a result which the Ministry is prepared, with due precautions, in every way to facilitate.

9. In Law Reform an ample field is opened by the changing circumstances of the Colony, and the new wants thus called into existence. (1.) The present *Masters and Servants Act* it is contemplated to amend, so as to assimilate the law more nearly than at present to that of England. (2.) *The Licensed Victuallers Act* contains some harsh and needlessly stringent provisions which generally defeat their own design, but which likewise are sometimes employed as a means of capricious annoyance; and its amendment will be proceeded with. (3.) A measure to facilitate the recovery of Small Debts by an easy and inexpensive process was adverted to in the Speech of the Governor on opening Parliament. The recess will be taken advantage of to mature it.

But the Ministry will not limit its attention to the Acts enumerated; there are others, in which experience has disclosed the expediency or the necessity of amendment, which will not be overlooked.

10. The Legislative Council has passed the Appropriation Act for nine months only, which expire in September next; and the work which the Ministry requires to perform before Parliament re-assembles is weighty and difficult: it will demand undivided attention, anxious deliberation, most assiduous application. The Ministry has no desire to exaggerate it, but it is due to itself that its magnitude should be distinctly set forth, and the brief period left for its performance; but it hopes to accomplish it—if no unnecessary delay be interposed to the prorogation of Parliament, after a Session which has extended greatly beyond the period contemplated when it began, thus most unduly taxing all the Members of the Legislature, but especially those whose homes and avocations lie at a distance—without seeking an extended vote, or any other provision for carrying on the Government than that which Parliament has already made.

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PETITION.

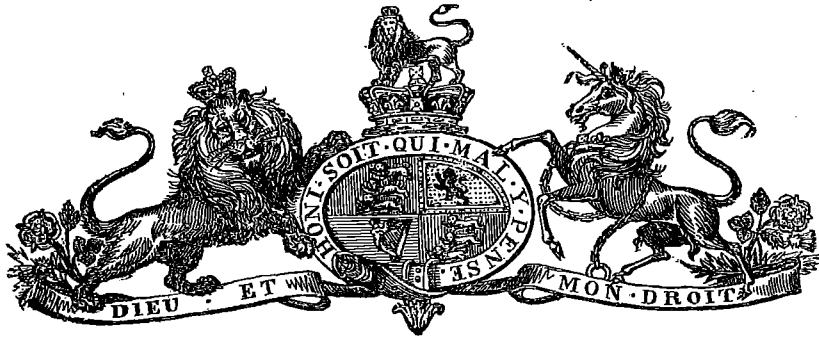
GOVERNMENT DOMAIN.

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Presented by Mr. Bedford, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
29 May, 1857.



(No. 21.)



*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the City of Hobart Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT, in the opinion of your Petitioners, it is highly desirable that places and means of recreation, amusement, and healthful exercise should be provided for the Inhabitants of Hobart Town generally, and more especially for the Working Classes.

That your Petitioners believe that the Government Domain is suitable to such purposes ; and your Petitioners are therefore desirous that the same may be secured in such manner as may effect the object of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to recommend that the Government Domain may be vested in the City Corporation exclusively and inalienably for the use, recreation, amusement, and healthful exercise of the Inhabitants of Hobart Town.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 814 Signatures.]

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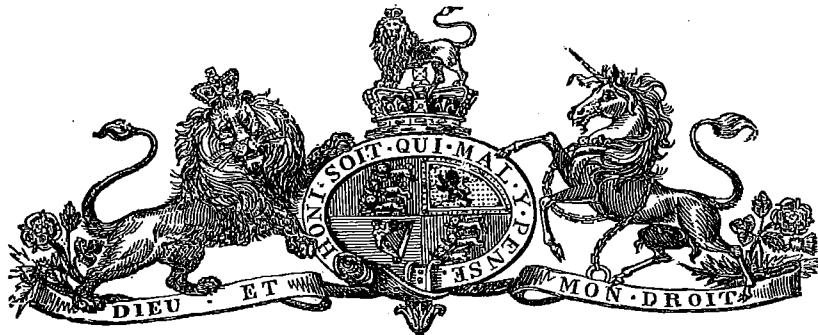
GRAND JURY.

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Presented by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 29 May, 1857.







*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania,  
in Parliament assembled.*

The Memorial of JOHN MORGAN, an Elector for both Houses of the Colonial Parliament.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Memorialist had reason to expect and hope that one of the first measures introduced for the consideration of the Legislature would have been an Act "to remove from the office of Attorney-General the *sole* power of finding or of ignoring Bills in this Colony;" a power which, your Memorialist respectfully submits, should no longer be vested in one person holding political office, however great his legal acquirements or unimpeachable his individual character.

That, when the principles of Representation by Election and Responsible Government in Tasmania were acknowledged by an Act of the British Parliament, it was hoped by your Memorialist and others, who appreciate the value of the Institutions of the Parent State, that they would be carried out in this Colony, not partially, but in their entirety.

That he, therefore, deeply deplores the omission of any declared intention on the part of the Executive Government in furtherance of such purpose; and, without intruding upon your Honourable House by this Memorial detailed reasons in its support (as they are, he presumes, known to each Honourable Member), he respectfully prays that such means as are requisite may be immediately taken to secure to individuals in this Colony, who may be charged with offences against the Laws, that protection which they would receive in other portions of the British Dominions, but of which protection they are at present deprived; a deprivation which your Memorialist considers inconsistent with the fundamental principles of civil liberty as secured by Acts of the British Legislature.

JOHN MORGAN.

190, Macquarie-street, May 28th, 1857.

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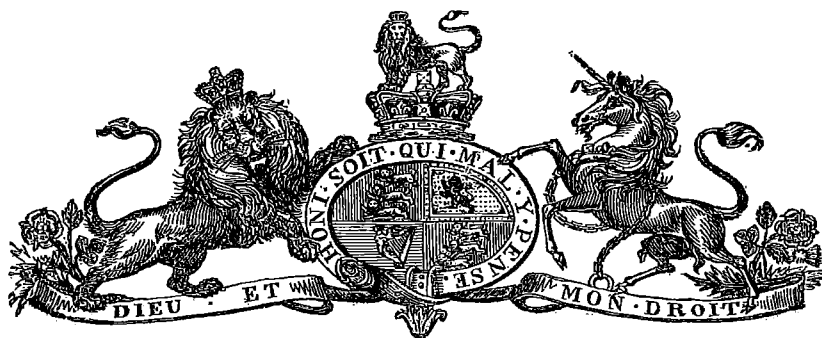
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WATER—BOTHWELL.

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Presented by Capt. Langdon, and ordered by the House to be printed, 1 June, 1857.





*To the Honourable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Landholders, Householders, and Tradesmen of  
the District of Bothwell,

PRAYETH :

THAT your Honourable House will be pleased to pass into law the Bill which has been  
laid before your House to secure a Water-supply to the Inhabitants of this and the  
adjoining District of Hamilton, by means of a Dam at the Lake Crescent ; and to make  
the law permanent.

William Hesketh, Clerk.  
John Robertson.  
Hugh M. Hull, P.M.  
C. O. Parsons.  
W. E. Strong, J.P.  
Alexander Reid, Jun.  
John M'Waide.  
Matthew Robinson.  
G. W. Ife.  
William Moyes.

Edward Arnett.  
Richard Allen.  
John M'Ginnes.  
Jonathan Denholm.  
William Hughes.  
James Merry.  
Edward Bowden.  
Robert Whiteway.  
J. White.  
Simon Arnett.

Joseph Shaw.  
James Lemon.  
David Norton.  
John B. Park.  
William North.  
John Stevens.  
John Merry, Jun.  
Daniel Hunt.  
Thomas Anderson.  
William Horne.

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FROM LICENSED VICTUALLERS, TRADESMEN, AND OTHERS OF  
THE CITY OF HOBART TOWN.

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Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
4 June, 1857.







*To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Licensed Victuallers, Tradesmen, and others of the City of Hobart Town.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

THAT your Petitioners have had their attention directed to a measure now before Parliament, intituled the "Penalties' Distribution Bill," by which one moiety of all fines inflicted by the Magistrates of the Territory is enacted to be paid to the Crown, and the other moiety, or a portion thereof, to be paid to the Informer; the actual amount of such last-mentioned moiety so to be paid or distributed to be left entirely to the discretion of the convicting Justice or Justices.

That your Petitioners view with considerable alarm the objects of the said Bill, believing that the principle upon which penalties imposed under the summary jurisdiction of Justices is thereby sought to be distributed to be most unfair to the public at large, unjust in itself, totally unnecessary, tantamount to a premium upon vexatious and inquisitorial Police interference, as well as the endowing of the Magistrates of the Colony with a most dangerous power which they may wield to the lasting injury of honest industry.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that another mischievous effect of the injudicious Bill in question will tend to establish a system of official favouritism between the Magistracy, both paid and unpaid, and the Police Constables, directly calculated to be subversive of the independence of the Bench, and fraught with terrible evils to the whole Constabulary of the Colony.

That your Petitioners are persuaded, and firmly believe, that the public opinion of Tasmania is absolutely opposed to moieties of penalties being awarded to informers and complainants, inasmuch as past experience has demonstrated that harassing, vindictive, and capricious complaints have been made, and informations laid, against Licensed Victuallers and other tradesmen, not for the purpose of vindicating the majesty of the Law, but merely for the sake of reaping the pecuniary advantage to be derived by such informers upon conviction taking place.

That your Petitioners would respectfully suggest that, instead of moieties of fines being made payable to informers, such moieties should be devoted to the formation of a fund to be appropriated to the assistance of deserving, needy, or decayed Constables and their families, or to meet their necessities in cases of accident, sickness, or otherwise.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your Honourable Council to take the premises into consideration, and for the reasons alleged not to pass the aforesaid "Penalties' Distribution Bill" into a Law in its present form.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow Three hundred and sixty-nine Signatures.]*

P E T I T I O N .

*Ordered to be printed, 4 June, 1867.*

JAMES BARNARD,  
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.

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L I B R A R Y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Brought up by Mr. Nairn, and ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed,  
4 June, 1857.





*THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE of the Legislative Council, appointed on the 9th December, 1856, have agreed to the following*

## R E P O R T.

Your Committee having, in accordance with the instructions received from your Honorable House, met on several occasions the Members of the Library Committee of the Honorable the House of Assembly, have, with their concurrence, agreed to recommend,—

1. That the Legislative Council and House of Assembly should possess one common Library, to be called the "Parliamentary Library of Tasmania."

2. That, for the management of the Library, a Joint Committee should be appointed at the commencement of each Session, to consist of five Members of each House.

4. That the following Works should be purchased and added to the Library :—

Adamson's Acts of Council of the Colony of Victoria.  
 American Catalogue of Works, or English Guide to American Literature.  
 Annals of British Legislation, by Professor Leone Levi (a serial).  
 Annual Register, from its commencement, and to be continued.  
 Austin's Province of Jurisprudence determined.  
 Bacon's Works, by Robert L. Ellis, J. Spedding, and D. D. Heath.  
 Blackstone's English Charters.  
 Bohn's large Catalogue.  
 British Commonwealth, by Homersham Cox.  
 Broome's Law Maxims.  
 Clarendon's History of the Great Rebellion.  
 Classified Index to the London Catalogue (latest edition).  
 Code Napoleon.  
 Constitutional History of the United States of America, by George W. Curtis.  
 De Quincey's Logic of Political Economy.  
 Edinburgh Review, from the commencement (bound).  
 Gilbert's History of Banking.  
 Gilbert's Practical System of Banking.  
 Guicciardini's History of Italy (translation, an old edition).  
 Guizot's Commonwealth.  
 Guizot's Cromwell.  
 Guizot's Cromwell (Richard).  
 Guizot's Representative Government.  
 Hamilton's (Sir W.) Contributions to the *Edinburgh Review*.  
 Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, from vol. 129, and to be continued.  
 Heldreth's History of the United States.  
 Hume's Essays (the complete edition).  
 Johnson's English Dictionary (folio).  
 Lefevre (Mr. Speaker), Decisions of.  
 Lieber's Representative Government.  
 Lowndes' Bookbuyer's Catalogue.  
 M'Culloch's Discourses on Political Economy.  
 M'Culloch's Literature of Political Economy.  
 M'Culloch's Principles of Political Economy.  
 M'Culloch's Succession to Property vacant by Death.  
 Machiavelli's Discourses on Livy (Bohn's edition).  
 Manual of Educational Requirements for the Civil Service, by R. Dawes, M.A.

Marlborough Despatches, The.  
 Marshall's (Chief Justice) Decisions on Constitutional Law.  
 Martin's Colonies (complete), if cheap.  
 Memoirs of Sir R. Peel, by Lord Stanhope.  
 Merivale's History of the Roman Commonwealth.  
 Metcalfe (Sir W.), Life of.  
 Millar on the English Constitution.  
 Milton's Prose Works.  
 Motley's Rise of the Dutch Republics (Chapman & Hall.)  
 Natural Elements of Political Economy, by Richard Jennings, M.A.  
 Nelson Papers.  
 New York Code, and the Report of the New York Commissioners.  
 Quarterly Review, complete from the commencement to the end of 1855, including all the Indexes, 97 Vols., half bound, fresh Russia, £11 11s.  
 Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.  
 Printed by order of the Legislature, by R. B. Shustleff.  
 Romilly, Life of Sir Samuel.  
 Sismondi's History of the Italian Republics. (Translated, complete edition.)  
 Sismondi's Miscellaneous Works.  
 Story's (Judge) Life and Correspondence.  
 Thornton's Plea for Peasant Proprietors.  
 Use and Abuse of some Political Terms, by Sir G. C. Lewis. (J. W. Parker, Publisher.)  
 Walpole, Coxe's, (if cheap.)  
 Walpole's (Horace) Correspondence. (Bentley, Publisher.)  
 Washington's Life and Correspondence, by Sparks.  
 Webster's complete English Dictionary and Supplement. (Quarto).  
 Wellesley's Despatches (Marquis of).  
 Wellington Despatches (Selection by Gurwood).  
 Whateley's Synonyms.  
 Whealin's International Law.  
 Wyndham's Speeches.  
 Also the Volumes necessary to perfect any incomplete Works now in the Library.

5. That, as favourable opportunities may frequently present themselves during the Recess for procuring additional Works at Sales by Auction or otherwise, the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly should be authorised to purchase such as they may consider desirable for the Library, on the condition that the sum thus expended shall not exceed £20, and shall be within the limit of the provision voted by Parliament for the maintenance of the Library.

6. Your Committee have had under consideration the question of the expediency of effecting an exchange of the Parliamentary Papers of this Colony for those of other British Possessions; and they are of opinion that, considering the small amount of accommodation now set apart for the Library, such an arrangement should be limited to the neighbouring Colonies of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and to Canada; in which last Responsible Government has been most successfully carried out. With the three first named these Papers are already regularly interchanged; and it only remains therefore for your Committee to recommend that the necessary steps should be taken in the case of Canada.

7. Your Committee would repeat the recommendation made by the Library Committee which sat during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, but which does not appear yet to have been acted upon,—that an application should be made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting that all Papers of the Imperial Parliament for the last five years may be sent to the Colony without delay, and that for the future these Papers may be forwarded as they are published; and, in addition, they would propose that a set of the Lords' and Commons' Journals, complete as far as practicable up to the present time, should be obtained,—to be continued at the termination of each Session of Parliament.

8. And, finally, your Committee would recommend that the Librarian should be instructed, under the direction of the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Assembly, to adopt the necessary steps to obtain the Works and Papers recommended in this Report.

W. NAIRN, *Chairman of Library Committee.*

4 June, 1857.



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