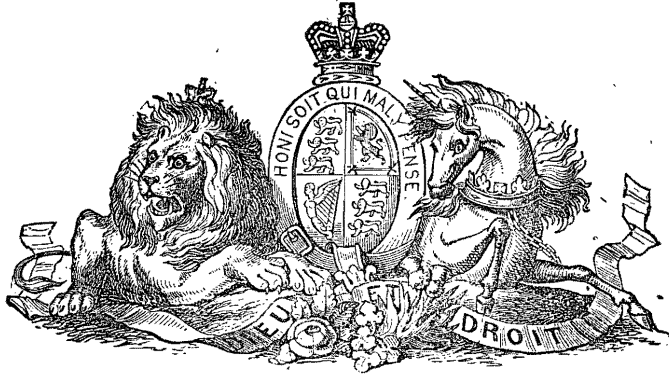




VICTORIA.



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

DURING THE SESSION

1868,

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1868.

RETURN OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 13TH MARCH, 1868, AT THE OPENING OF THE
FIFTEENTH SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

Names arranged in the Order of Retirement, commencing with the lowest Name in each Province.	Elected at—		Remarks.
	Nomination.	Polling.	
CENTRAL PROVINCE :			
James Graham	20th Sept., 1866.		
John Pascoe Fawkner	20th Sept., 1864.		
John O'Shanassy	26th Feb., 1868	... ..	Elected in place of the Honorable T. H. Fellows, resigned.
George Ward Cole	20th Sept., 1860.		
Thomas Turner a'Beckett ... ..	... ..	21st Sept., 1858.	
SOUTH PROVINCE :			
John Sherwin ... ..	... ..	3rd Oct., 1866.	
William Henry Pettett ... ..	... ..	3rd Oct., 1864.	
W. J. T. Clarke ... ..	... ..	29th Sept., 1862.	
William Degraives	18th Sept., 1860.		
John Pinney Bear ... ..	... ..	1st June, 1863.	
SOUTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Thomas Learmonth ... ..	... ..	11th Oct., 1866.	
Robert Culbertson Hope ... ..	... ..	23rd April, 1867.	
James Henty	27th Sept., 1862.		
John McCrae ... ..	... ..	8th Oct., 1860.	
Caleb Joshua Jenner ... ..	... ..	17th Mar., 1863.	
WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Stephen George Henty	6th Oct., 1866.		
James Ford Strachan ... ..	... ..	8th Aug., 1866.	
Neil Black	6th Oct., 1862.		
Sir James Frederick Palmer	5th Oct., 1860.		
Charles Sladen	11th July, 1864.		
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Alexander Fraser	19th Oct., 1866.		
Nicholas Fitzgerald ... ..	... ..	2nd Nov., 1864.	
William Campbell ... ..	... ..	1st Nov., 1862.	
William Henry Fancourt Mitchell	13th Jan., 1862.		
David Elliot Wilkie ... ..	... ..	1st Nov., 1858.	
EASTERN PROVINCE .			
Robert Stirling Anderson	10th Oct., 1866.		
Henry Morgan Murphy ... ..	... ..	24th Oct., 1864.	
Robert Turnbull	14th Dec., 1863.		
William Highett	5th Oct., 1860.		
Benjamin Williams	25th Oct., 1858.	



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VICTORIA.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION 1868.

No.	Short Titles of Bills.	By whom and when initiated.	PROGRESS.																Number of Act.	Remarks.		
			First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Re-committal.	Report after Re-committal.	Adoption of Report.	Third Reading.	Passing.	Sent to Legislative Assembly.	Returned from Legislative Assembly.		Amendments Considered.	Re-transmitted to Legislative Assembly.	Assent.	Publication in the Government Gazette.				
													Without Amendments.	With Amendments.								
1	Constitution Act Amendment Bill	Hon. H. M. Murphy ..	1868. May 29	1868. May 29	1868. Sept. 15	1868. Sept. 15	1868. Sept. 17	1868. Sept. 22	1868. Sept. 24	1868. Sept. 24	1868. Sept. 24	1868. Sept. 24	1868. Sept. 29	1868. ..	1868. ..	1868. ..	1868. Sept. 29	1868. Oct. 2	CCCXXXIV	Referred to Select Committee, 30th June, 1868; report brought up 26th August; referred back to Select Committee 1st September; further report brought up 8th September, and adopted on the 15th September, on motion of Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, Chairman of the Select Committee.		
2	Friendly Societies Statute Amendment Bill	Hon. C. Sladen ..	July 1	July 1	July 2	July 2	July 2	..	..	July 2	July 2	July 2	July 2	..	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXXIX.
3	Continuation of an Expiring Law	Hon. C. Sladen ..	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	..	..	July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1	Sept. 15	..	..	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXVIII.
4	Consolidated Revenue Bill (1)	Message from Legislative Assembly	July 13	July 13	July 13	July 13	July 13	..	..	July 13	July 13	July 13	..	..	..	..	..	July 13	July 14		CCCXXVII.
5	British Pharmacopœia Bill	Hon. Dr. Wilkie ..	Aug. 19	Aug. 19	Aug. 25	Aug. 25	Aug. 26	..	..	Aug. 26	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 1	..	Sept. 28	Sept. 28	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXXIII.
6	Melbourne and Essendon Railway Vesting Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	..	..	..	..	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXX.
7	Railways Loan Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 23
8	Public Works Loan Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	..	..	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	..	..	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXXII.
9	Appropriation Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	Sept. 22	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	..	..	..	..	..	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXXV.
10	Railways Loan Bill (2) ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 29	Oct. 2		CCCXXXI.	

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1868.

Pursuant to Proclamation the Council met.

At Twelve o'clock the Clerk of the Council read the Proclamation convening the Parliament:—

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency The Honorable SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by the Constitution Act, it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria, and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he may think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by proclamation or otherwise, whenever he shall deem it expedient: And whereas it is expedient to fix the time for holding the next Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria." Now, therefore, I, the Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation fix Friday, the 13th day of March instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, for the dispatch of business, at Twelve o'clock noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament Place, Spring Street, in the City of Melbourne; and the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. McCULLOCH,
 Chief Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Commissioners from His Excellency the Governor, appointed to open the Parliament, having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher, the Senior Commissioner desired the Usher to request the presence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to hear the Commission read for opening and holding this present Session of Parliament.

The Assembly having presented themselves, the Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

GREETING:—

WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the second day of March instant, by His Excellency the Honorable SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of Victoria, the said SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON did fix that the next Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony, now called "THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA," should commence and be holden on Friday, the thirteenth day of March instant, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situated in Parliament Place, Spring Street, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE that We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved SIR WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, Knight, Our Chief Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, and SIR REDMOND BARRY, Knight, a Justice of Our said Court, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you, the said SIR WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL and SIR REDMOND BARRY, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents, all whom it may concern, to meet Our said Parliament, that to the said SIR WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL and SIR REDMOND BARRY, or either of them, they diligently attend

in the premises and form aforesaid. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this eleventh day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and in the thirty-first year of Our Reign.

(L.S.)

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. McCULLOCH.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 13, Pages 181-182, this twelfth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

J. MOORE.

The Senior Commissioner informed the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly that His Excellency the Governor would, in person, declare the causes of his calling the Parliament, at Two of the clock on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth instant, in the Legislative Council Chamber, and requested the Members of the Assembly in the meantime to proceed to the choice of a Speaker.

The Assembly withdrew:

The Commissioners withdrew.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS.—The President announced that, in virtue of the Commission hereunder set forth, he would be prepared to swear in any new Members who might be introduced.

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

To the Honorable SIR JAMES FREDERICK PALMER, Knight, President of the Legislative Council of Our Colony of Victoria.

WHEREAS, by the Bill contained in the Schedule to a Statute passed in the Session of Our Imperial Parliament, holden in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Our reign, intituled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of Victoria to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria,*" it is enacted, that no Member, either of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly, shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he shall have taken and subscribed before the Governor, or before some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the oath in the said Bill mentioned: WE DO THEREFORE by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said oath to such Members of the said Legislative Council as have not already taken and subscribed the same. IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused the Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir HENRY BARKLY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Our Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Melbourne, this sixth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and in the twenty-sixth year of Our reign.

(L.S.)

HENRY BARKLY.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. MOORE.

Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents, Book 12, Page 90, this sixth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

J. MOORE.

WRIT, ISSUE OF.—The President announced that a letter had been received from the Private Secretary, reporting, for the information of the President of the Council, that His Excellency had received the resignation of the Honorable Thomas Howard Fellows of his seat in the Council for the Central Province, and that a Writ was issued, returnable on the 16th March, for a new member.

NEW MEMBER.—The President announced that a Writ had been received from His Excellency's Private Secretary, showing, on the authority of David E. Wilkie, Esquire, the Returning Officer, that the Honorable John O'Shanassy was duly elected to the vacant seat for the Central Province.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable John O'Shanassy being introduced, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance provided for by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Constitution Act, as hereunder set forth:—

"I, JOHN O'SHANASSY, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Five thousand pounds sterling money above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of North Melbourne and Boroondara, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the descriptions of which lands and tenements are as follow: (1.) Three quarters of an acre of land in the City of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, being allotments Number 16, 19, 20, section 38; and (2.) Forty-six acres and 36 perches of land, being portion 117, parish of Boroondara, and the tenements erected thereon in each parish aforesaid: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"JOHN O'SHANASSY."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The President announced to the Council, That the Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, adopted by the Council on the 25th November, 1867, had been presented on that day, and that His Royal Highness had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,

No answer that I can return to your Address will sufficiently convey my thanks to you, or express the pleasure which I have derived from the manifestations of loyalty and affection to the Queen, my Mother, by which I have been met upon my arrival in this province.

I shall never cease to rejoice that I have been enabled to visit this distant portion of the empire and to become acquainted with a people, of which I shall carry back with me most pleasing recollections.

It will be most welcome to Her Majesty to hear that this country is so prosperous and happy; and I shall not fail to convey to Her Majesty the expressions of your loyalty and devotion.

I thank you heartily for the good wishes with which you speed me on my way through this province.

ALFRED.

To the President and Honorable Members
of the Legislative Council of Victoria.

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That a Committee be appointed to prepare immediately an Address of sympathy with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the atrocious attack made upon him on the 12th instant, in Sydney; such Committee to consist of the Honorables G. W. Cole, W. Highett, J. McCrae, J. P. Fawkner, J. P. Bear, J. Graham, A. Fraser, J. F. Strachan, R. Turnbull, S. G. Henty, W. Campbell, H. M. Murphy, Dr. Wilkie, B. Williams, R. S. Anderson, John O'Shanassy, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell brought up the Address prepared by the Committee and read the same as follows:—

*To His Royal Highness PRINCE ALFRED ERNEST ALBERT, Duke of Edinburgh,
Knight of the Most Honorable Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.*

We, the Legislative Council of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, having this day heard of the atrocious attack made upon Your Royal Highness in Sydney, desire to express our abhorrence and detestation of the crime which has thus been committed.

We tender to Your Royal Highness our deepest sympathy, and assure you that we earnestly pray for your speedy recovery, and that the blessing of Divine Providence may attend you.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Address be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the President cause the Address to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, with a view to its being sent by telegram to His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, to be by him presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh at such time as may appear fitting.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 24th instant.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to one o'clock until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 24th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 2.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council do adjourn until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 31st instant.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes past two o'clock until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 31st instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 3.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1868.

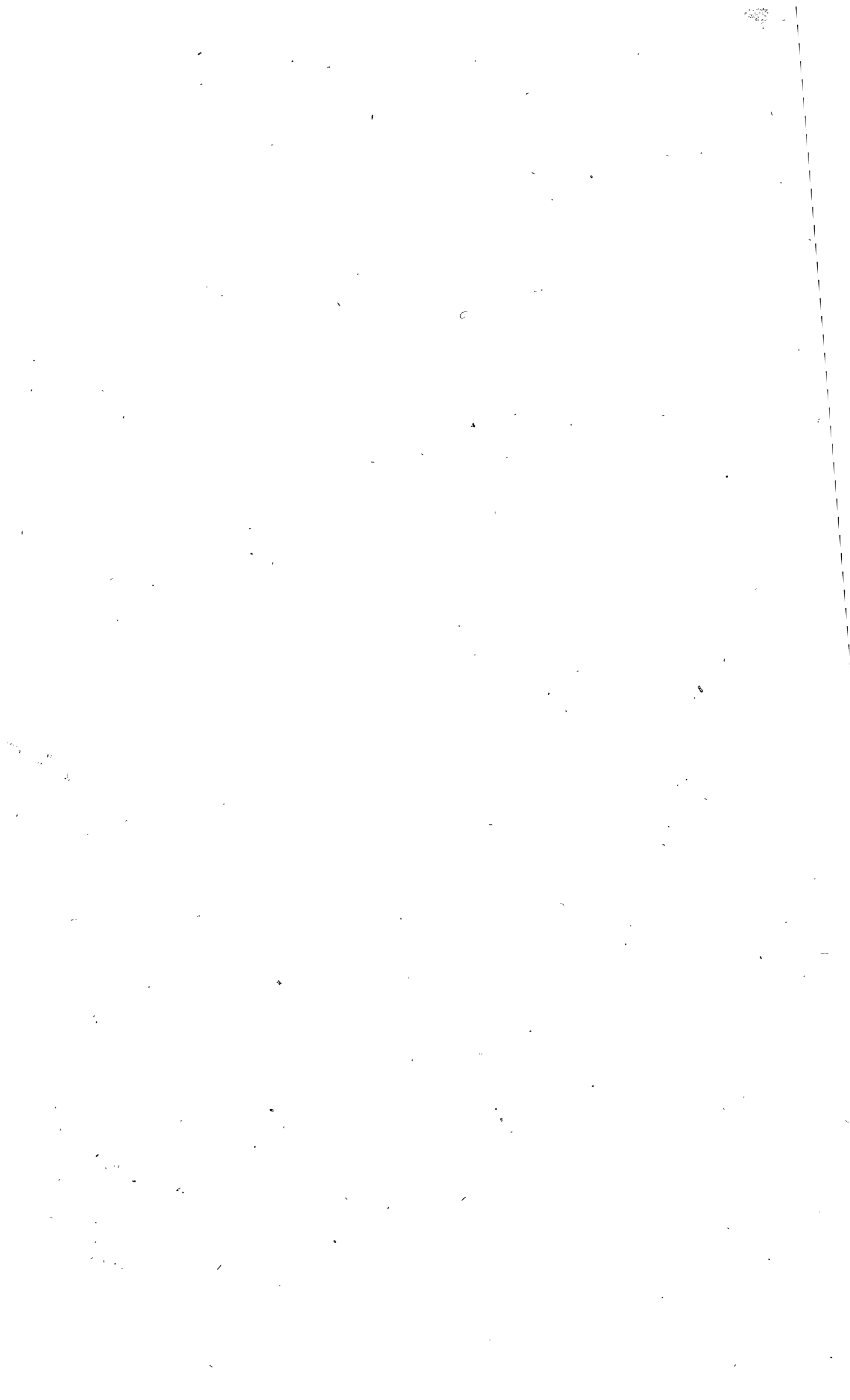
The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The Honorable G. W. Cole announced that he had been authorized by His Excellency the Governor to intimate that His Excellency was still in communication with a Member of Parliament respecting the formation of a new administration, and would be unable to open Parliament on the 31st March; but that His Excellency hopes to be in a position to open Parliament on Tuesday, the 7th April.

The Council accordingly adjourned until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 7th proximo.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.



VICTORIA.

No. 4.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

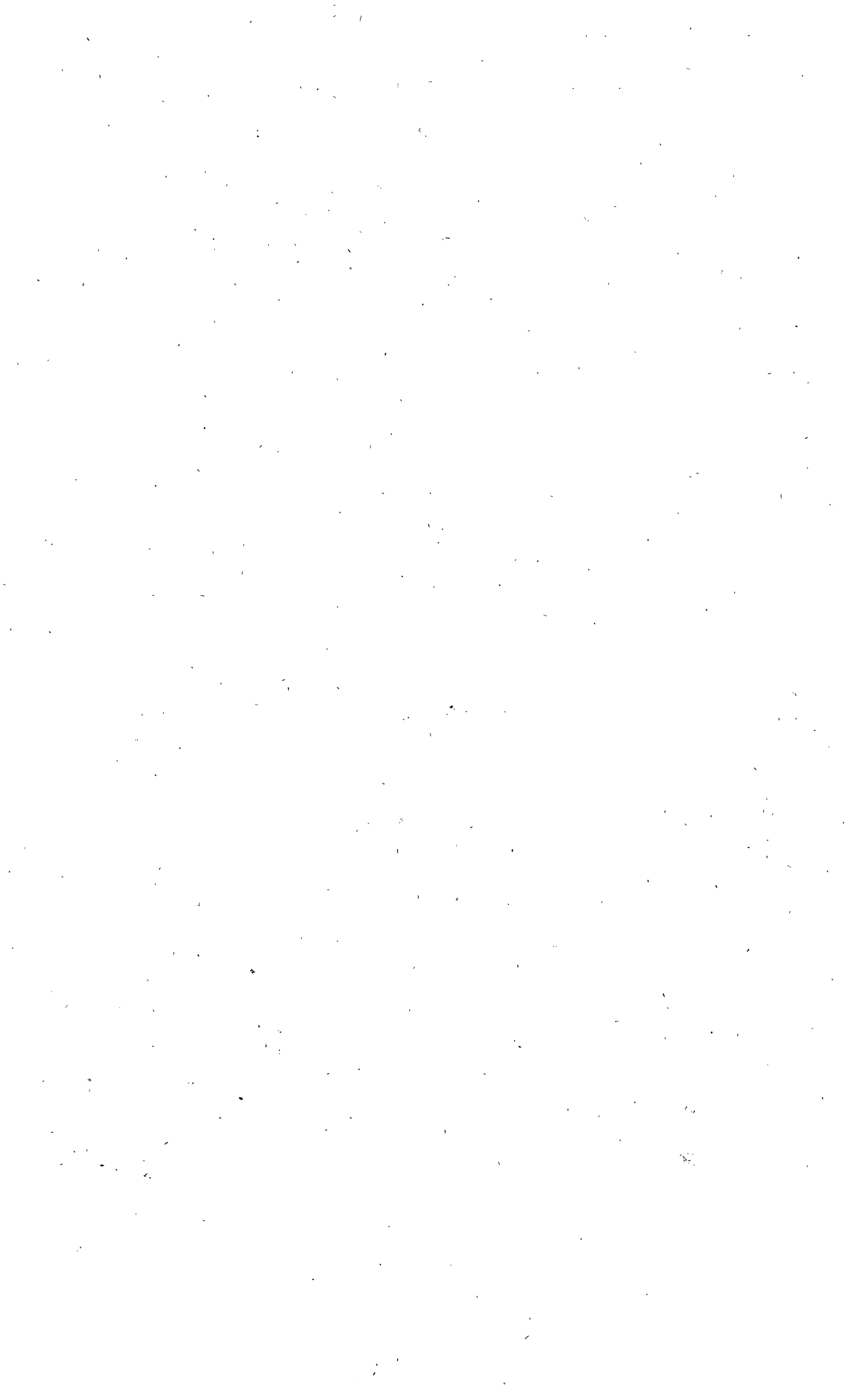
The Honorable G. W. Cole announced that he had been authorized to intimate that, the Member of Parliament with whom His Excellency was in communication on the 31st March having notified his inability to form an Administration, His Excellency is now in communication with another Member of Parliament, and will be unable to open Parliament before the 15th instant.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council do now adjourn until two o'clock on Wednesday, the 15th instant.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes past two o'clock until two o'clock on Wednesday, the 15th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.



VICTORIA.

No. 5.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair,

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole announced that he had been authorized to intimate that, the communications of His Excellency the Governor with the Member of Parliament with whom His Excellency was in communication on the 7th April having terminated without result, His Excellency has put himself in communication with another Member of Parliament, and will be unable to open Parliament for some days, but trusts that some definite arrangement will have been made by Tuesday, the 21st instant.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council do now adjourn until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 21st instant.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes past two o'clock until two o'clock on Tuesday, the 21st instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 6.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole announced that he had been authorized to intimate that His Excellency has failed after several attempts to form a Government and to relieve the Honorable Mr. McCulloch and his colleagues from the responsibilities of office, and that His Excellency is now in communication with the Honorable Mr. McCulloch, and does not expect to be able to open Parliament before Thursday next, at four o'clock.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council do now adjourn until four o'clock on Thursday next.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past two o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 23rd instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 7.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole announced that he had been authorized to intimate that, His Excellency the Governor having been unable to form an Administration up to this time, regrets that he is unable to open Parliament this day.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council, at its rising this day, adjourn until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 5th proximo.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 9.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until four o'clock to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 6th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 10.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Honorable J. F. Strachan announced that he had been authorized to state that a new Administration had been formed, and moved, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until two o'clock on the 28th instant.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past four o'clock until two o'clock on Thursday, the 28th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 28TH MAY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell announced that he was authorized to intimate that His Excellency would proceed to the Council Chamber, at two o'clock on Friday, the 29th instant, for the purpose of opening Parliament.

The Council accordingly adjourned until two o'clock on Friday, the 29th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 12.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

WRIT, ISSUE OF.—The President announced that a letter had been received from the Private Secretary, reporting, for the information of the President of the Council, that, the Honorable Charles Sladen having accepted an office of profit under the Crown, His Excellency issued a Writ, returnable on the 29th May, for the election of a member for the Western Province.

NEW MEMBER.—The President announced that a Writ had been received from His Excellency's Private Secretary, showing, on the authority of John Mason, Esquire, the Returning Officer, that the Honorable Charles Sladen was re-elected to a seat for the Western Province.

APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber, who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It has been a matter of deep regret that circumstances should have arisen to prevent me from meeting Parliament until the present time.

The attempt, in a neighboring colony, upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, has, I am aware, excited in your minds, and throughout the country, the deepest feelings of grief and indignation; and it must be to you matter for devout thankfulness to Almighty God that the life of His Royal Highness has been preserved, and his health restored.

Whilst lamenting the deplorable state of affairs that has resulted from the absence of the usual Appropriation Act for the service of the past year, I must express my high sense of the public spirit, patience, and self-denial which the community at large have exhibited under the privations to which they have for so long a period been subjected.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Under the circumstances of the present meeting I am desirous of asking of you only such supplies as may be necessary for defraying liabilities actually incurred by the Government for the service of the year 1867 and for the first half of the current year.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In the present state of public affairs I do not propose immediately to invite your attention to any measures of general legislation; but the completion of the Water Works already undertaken is a matter of urgent necessity.

Serious damage has already accrued from their suspension, and much more is to be apprehended if they be not speedily completed.

Your sanction, therefore, will be asked for the raising of a loan for that purpose.

I trust that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, your labors will conduce to the renewed and increasing prosperity of the whole community.

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

Melbourne, 29th May, 1868.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

The President took the Chair.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable H. M. Murphy, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Constitution Act of Victoria, and to reform the Legislative Council.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable H. M. Murphy, read a first time.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable Charles Sladen being introduced, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance provided for by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Constitution Act, as hereunder set forth:—

“I, CHARLES SLADEN, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria, of the full value of Five thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Whoorel and Yro, in the county or reputed county of Polwarth, the descriptions of which lands and tenements are as follow:—The property known as “Ripple Vale,” containing about five thousand acres: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“CHARLES SLADEN.”

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—In pursuance of the “*Electoral Act 1856*,” the President laid upon the Table the following Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Victoria Electoral Act, 1856, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Thomas Turner a'Beckett,
The Honorable Robert Stirling Anderson,
The Honorable Nicholas Fitzgerald,
The Honorable James Graham,
The Honorable William Highett,
The Honorable Robert Culbertson Hope,
The Honorable Robert Turnbull,

to be members of a Committee to be called “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

Given under my Hand this twenty-ninth day of May, 1868.

J. F. PALMER,

President of the Legislative Council.

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The President announced that a communication had been received from His Excellency's Private Secretary, to inform the President of the Council that His Excellency had great pleasure in transmitting, on the 19th March, to the Governor of New South Wales, for presentation to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Address adopted by the Legislative Council on the 13th March, to express the sympathy of the Council on the occasion of the atrocious attack made upon His Royal Highness in Sydney on the 12th March.

SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to the Council.

The Council adjourned until four o'clock.

At four o'clock the President resumed the Chair.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following Papers, viz.:—

1. Education, Board of.—Regulations (20th November, 1867; 6th January, 1868; 17th February, 1868).
2. Post Office Savings Banks.—Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1867.
3. Health Officer.—Report of, for year ending 31st December, 1867.
4. Industrial Schools.—Report of Inspector, for year 1867.
5. Diseases.—Return of, by Chief Medical Officer (1867).
6. Sanatory Station.—Report of Chief Medical Officer (to 31st December, 1867).
7. Electric Telegraph.—Report of General Superintendent, (to 31st December, 1867).
8. Statistics of Victoria.—Agricultural and Live Stock, for year ending 31st March, 1867.
9. Post Office Department.—Report for year 1867.
10. Mining Surveyors and Registrars.—Reports of, for quarter ending 31st December, 1867.
11. Mineral Statistics of Victoria for year ending 1867.
12. Accounts, Public.—Orders in Council (3rd March, 1868; 23rd March, 1868).
13. Volunteer Force.—Rules (10th February, 1868; 19th March, 1868; 19th March, 1868).
14. Friendly Societies, Registered.—Return of, 1867.
15. Blue Book of Victoria, 1867.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen laid on the Table the following Papers, viz.:—

1. Lands Sold and Leased, 1st July, 1866, to 31st December, 1866.
2. Lands Sold and Leased, 1st January, 1867, to 30th June, 1867.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 2nd proximo.

Question—put and passed.

SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable Dr. Hope moved, That this House do resolve that a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor expressive of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign.

Assuring His Excellency that we regret that circumstances have prevented His Excellency from meeting Parliament until the present time.

Assuring His Excellency that the attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has excited in our minds, and throughout the country, the deepest feelings of grief and indignation, and that it is to us matter for devout thankfulness to Almighty God that the life of His Royal Highness has been preserved and his health restored.

Assuring His Excellency that, whilst lamenting the deplorable state of affairs that has resulted from the absence of the usual Appropriation Act for the service of the past year, we concur with His Excellency in the expression by His Excellency of His Excellency's high sense of the public spirit, patience, and self-denial which the community at large have exhibited under the privations to which they have for so long a period been subjected.

Expressing our concurrence in His Excellency's announcement that, in the present state of public affairs, His Excellency does not propose immediately to invite our attention to any measures of general legislation.

Assuring His Excellency that we are fully sensible of the urgent necessity of completing the Water Works already undertaken.

Assuring His Excellency that we learn with regret that serious damage has already accrued from their suspension, and that much more is to be apprehended, if they be not speedily completed.

Assuring His Excellency that we will readily give our sanction to such measures as may be necessary for the raising of a loan for that purpose.

Expressing our trust that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, our labors will conduce to the renewed and increasing prosperity of the whole community.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable Dr. Hope moved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency upon the foregoing resolution, and that such Committee consist of the Honorables J. P. Bear, R. Turnbull, W. Degraes, A. Fraser, C. J. Jenner, H. M. Murphy, J. O'Shanassy, J. F. Strachan, C. Sladen, and the Mover, and that they do withdraw immediately to prepare the Address, and that His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

The Committee withdrew to prepare the Address.

The Honorable Dr. Hope brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, and moved that the same be read.

The Address was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable SIR JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Most Gracious Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyalty and affection to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

We assure Your Excellency that we regret that circumstances have prevented Your Excellency from meeting Parliament until the present time.

We assure Your Excellency that the attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has excited in our minds, and throughout the country, the deepest feelings of grief and indignation; and that it is to us matter for devout thankfulness to Almighty God that the life of His Royal Highness has been preserved, and his health restored.

We assure Your Excellency that, whilst lamenting the deplorable state of affairs that has resulted from the absence of the usual Appropriation Act for the service of the past year, we concur with Your Excellency in the expression by Your Excellency of Your Excellency's high sense of the public spirit, patience, and self-denial which the community at large have exhibited under the privations to which they have for so long a period been subjected.

We concur with Your Excellency's announcement that, in the present state of public affairs, Your Excellency does not propose immediately to invite our attention to any measures of general legislation.

We assure Your Excellency that we are fully sensible of the necessity of completing the Water Works already undertaken.

We learn with regret that serious damage has already accrued from their suspension, and much more is to be apprehended if they be not speedily completed.

We assure Your Excellency that we will readily give our sanction to such measures as may be necessary for the raising of a loan for that purpose.

We trust that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, our labors will conduce to the renewed and increasing prosperity of the whole community.

The Honorable Dr. Hope moved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to be presented to His Excellency.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable Dr. Hope moved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the President and Members of the House.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Honorable Charles Sladen laid on the Table the following Papers:—

1. Lands excepted from mining operations at Ballarat—Order in Council (11th November, 1867).
2. Castlemaine Mining District—Divisions of—Order in Council (4th December, 1867).
3. Polling Places, Castlemaine Mining District (4th December, 1867).
4. Steiglitz County Court—Appointment of—Order in Council (27th January, 1868).

The Council adjourned at six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the second proximo.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1868.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, on grounds of humanity and economy, to bring in a Bill to make provision, by special appropriation, for the charitable institutions of the colony.
2. The Hon. C. SLADEN: To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day, and that on Wednesday in each week the transaction of Government business take precedence of all other business.
3. The Hon. C. SLADEN: To move, That the Honorables the President, W. Campbell, T. T. a'Beckett, W. Highett, H. M. Murphy, and the Mover, be appointed a Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House.
4. The Hon. C. SLADEN: To move, That the Honorables J. O'Shanassy, R. C. Hope, T. Learmonth, J. P. Fawcner, W. H. F. Mitchell, and the Mover, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Library.
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That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the Address, such Committee to consist of the Honorables J. O'Shanassy, W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, R. C. Hope, and the Mover.
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10. The Hon. W. HIGHETT: To move, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable Neil Black during the remainder of the Session.

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 - (5.) Reciprocity in Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 13.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

REPLY OF GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS.—The President announced to the Council, That the Address to His Excellency the Governor, adopted on the 29th ultimo, had been presented, in accordance with the resolution of the House, to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—

I receive with pleasure your Address, and I thank you for the renewed expression of your loyalty to the Crown, and of your desire to promote the prosperity of the whole community.

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1868.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the second time, the Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable C. Sladen presented to the Council, by command of His Excellency, the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the accompanying copy of a Despatch received by him from the Secretary of State, in reply to that in which he forwarded, on the 28th November, 1867, to the Secretary of State the Address to Her Majesty adopted by the Legislative Council on the 5th November, 1867.

The Governor also transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of his Despatch (above-mentioned) of the 27th November, 1867.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1868.

(COPY.)

VICTORIA.

No. 9.

SIR,

Downing-street,
1st February, 1868.

I have received your Despatch, No. 152, of the 27th November, enclosing an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council of Victoria, in which they express the opinion that a proposed grant of £20,000 to Lady Darling is a departure from the Colonial Regulations which the Legislature of the Colony should not sanction until it should have been sanctioned by Her Majesty. I fully appreciate the feeling which has dictated this Address, and I do not doubt that the Regulation ought to be upheld in its full meaning, and that its breach will inevitably bear evil fruit, both to the Colonial service and to the colonies themselves.

In the present case, after full consideration of my predecessor's Despatch of the 8th December, 1866, of the terms of the Colonial Regulations, and of the relation which Sir Charles Darling now occupies towards Her Majesty's Government, I have arrived at the opinion, that the proposed grant, whatever opinion may be formed of its policy or propriety, is not so clear and unmistakable a violation of the existing rule as to call for the extreme measure of forbidding the Governor to be party, under the advice of his Responsible Ministers, to those formal acts which are necessary to bring the grant under the consideration of the local Parliament.

Her Majesty's Government deeply regret the conflict which has arisen between the two Houses of that Parliament—a conflict which might, perhaps, have been avoided if the vote, instead of being included in the Appropriation Bill, had been submitted as a separate measure to the

Legislative Council and Assembly. But be this as it may, the grant appears to have been approved by a large majority of the House of Assembly, and must be presumed to have been similarly acceptable to a large majority of the inhabitants of Victoria.

If the recent election shall have shown that this presumption is well founded, it is for the Legislative Council to decide, after full consideration, whether, in a case where it is possible to contend that no formal breach of regulation has occurred, it is desirable that the Council should continue to oppose itself to the ascertained wishes of the community.

I have, &c.,
BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

(Signed)

Governor
The Honorable Sir J. H. T. Manners Sutton, K.C.B.
&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA. (COPY.)

No. 152.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th November, 1867.

MY LORD DUKE,

I have the honor to forward to Your Grace, herein enclosed, an Address from the Legislative Council to Her Majesty, and to request that this Address may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Of those paragraphs in the Address in which the policy of the proposed grant to Lady Darling is questioned, I think that it is not necessary for me to offer any explanation, or to submit, on this occasion, respecting them, to Your Grace, the expression of any opinion.

Your Grace will, however, observe that the Legislative Council, before whom the Despatches referred to have been laid by me, entertain doubts as to the correctness of the interpretation given by me to those Despatches; and they are, it would appear, of opinion that I should have regarded those Despatches as precluding me from submitting, on the recommendation of my responsible advisers, to the Legislature the proposed grant to Lady Darling. But Your Grace is already in possession of full information, not only with respect to every step which I have taken in connection with this question, but also of the motives by which I have been guided in taking those steps; and if I should, unfortunately, have misconstrued the Despatches which I have received from Your Grace and your predecessor, or have otherwise committed any error, I shall, I doubt not, have received from Your Grace a notification that this is the case before an opportunity can be afforded for transmitting to me any reply to the Address of the Legislative Council.

I have, &c.,
J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

(Signed)

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.
&c., &c., &c.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

1. Mining Leases.—Rent and Labor Covenants.—Order in Council (16th March, 1868).
2. Mining Lease, Ballarat East, refused.—Order in Council (16th March, 1868).
3. Mineral Leases.—Order in Council (2nd March, 1868).
4. Mining Leases.—Regulations.—Order in Council (2nd March, 1868).
5. Mining Operations authorized, Castlemaine (20th December, 1867).
6. Mining on Reserved Land, Sandhurst, refused (27th January, 1868).
7. Mining District, Castlemaine Divisions.—Order in Council (4th December, 1867).
8. Mining Operations—Land excepted from—Ballarat.—Order in Council (11th November, 1867).
9. Mining District, Gippsland—Division of.—Order in Council (20th December, 1867).
10. Mining District, Gippsland.—Polling Place.—Order in Council (20th December, 1867).
11. Mining District, Ararat and Maryborough—Additional Polling Places.—Order in Council (10th February, 1868).
12. Mining District, Ballarat.—Polling Places.—Order in Council (10th February, 1868).
13. Mining District, Maryborough.—Polling Places.—Order in Council (27th January, 1868).
14. Mining District, Gippsland.—Polling Places.—Order in Council (13th January, 1868).
15. Mining District, Castlemaine.—Polling Place.—Order in Council (6th January, 1868).
16. Mining Districts—Polling Places for, altered.—Order in Council (24th February, 1868).
17. Mining District, Ararat—Polling Places.—Order in Council (27th January, 1868).
18. Mining Surveyors' and Registrars' Reports (Quarter ending 31st March, 1868).
19. Water Supply Department.—Report (31st December, 1867).
20. Geological Survey Report (31st December, 1867).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable H. M. Murphy, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That this Bill be printed; and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day, and that on Wednesday in each week the transaction of Government business take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and passed.

STANDING ORDERS SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Honorables the President, W. Campbell, T. T. a'Beckett, W. Highett, H. M. Murphy, and the Mover, be appointed a Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House.

Question—put and passed.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, in accordance with amended notice, moved, That the Honorables the President, J. O'Shanassy, R. C. Hope, J. P. Fawcner, and W. H. F. Mitchell, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Library.

Question—put and passed.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Honorables R. S. Anderson, A. Fraser, J. Henty, J. Graham, and J. McCrae, be appointed a Printing Committee, and that papers presented to the House be referred to the said Committee for report.

Question—put and passed.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Honorables J. P. Bear, R. Turnbull, C. J. Jenner, J. Sherwin, and B. Williams, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Refreshment Rooms and Stables.

Question—put and passed.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS SELECT COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Honorables the President, S. G. Henty, G. W. Cole, N. Fitzgerald, and W. Degraives, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and passed.

ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That a loyal and dutiful Address of congratulation be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the preservation and restoration to health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the Address; such Committee to consist of the Honorables J. O'Shanassy, W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, R. C. Hope, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved, That an Address of congratulation be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the preservation of his life, and his restoration to health.

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the Address; such Committee to consist of the Honorables R. S. Anderson, W. Campbell, H. M. Murphy, N. Fitzgerald, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Committees do now withdraw to prepare the Addresses.

Question—put and passed.

The Committees withdrew.

ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.—The Honorable C. Sladen brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the preservation and restoration to health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Address was read at the Table by the Clerk as follows:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, Your Majesty's faithful and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with feelings of loyalty, devotion, and attachment.

We assure Your Majesty that it was with sincere and deep grief and indignation that we heard of the atrocious attempt that was made upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

In humble thankfulness to Almighty God that it pleased Him mercifully to deliver His Royal Highness from the hands of an assassin, and to spare his life, we now desire to offer to Your Majesty our hearty congratulations for the preservation and the restoration to health of Your Majesty's son.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Address be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The Honorable C. Sladen brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the preservation of his life and his restoration to health.

The Address was read at the Table by the Clerk as follows:—

To His Royal Highness ALFRED ERNEST ALBERT, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to assure Your Royal Highness that we were deeply grieved on hearing of the cowardly attempt that had been made upon your life, and we now, on the re-assembling of Parliament, take this earliest opportunity of offering to you our hearty congratulations on your merciful preservation and restoration to health, and we pray that you may be spared in health and happiness for a long career of honorable service to your country.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Address be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Addresses be transmitted by the President to His Excellency the Governor with a view to their transmission to England.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following Paper :—

Imports and Exports—General Summary of (1867).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

ABSENCE, LEAVE OF, TO HON. N. BLACK.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice, moved, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable Neil Black during the remainder of the Session.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 9th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1868.

1. The Hon. C. J. JENNER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) When the Mint may be expected.
 - (2.) The amount sent home for the plant, and when, for the purchase of the plant. And—
 - (3.) If there is a suitable building for its reception.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, on grounds of humanity and economy, to bring in a Bill to make provision, by special appropriation, for the Charitable Institutions of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.

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1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—
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G. W. RUSDEN,

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following papers :—

1. Criminal Statistics.—Persons taken into Custody (1867).
2. Pilot Board—Accounts of (year ending 31st August 1866).
3. Statistics, Colony of Victoria.—Population. (Part I, 1867).

Ordered severally to lie upon the Table.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in pursuance of the Act 28 Victoria No. 266, laid on the Table the following paper :—

Richmond Rifle Corps.—Rule.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the third time, the Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

ABSENCE, LEAVE OF, TO HON. W. J. T. CLARKE.—The Honorable A. Fraser, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable W. J. T. Clarke, during the remainder of the session, in consequence of his ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, PROVISION FOR.—The Honorable J. O'Shanassy, in accordance with notice, moved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, on grounds of humanity and economy, to bring in a Bill to make provision, by special appropriation, for the Charitable Institutions of the colony.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved the previous question.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. O'Shanassy, with leave of the Council, amended the original question by striking out the word "Government," and substituting the word "Legislature," and by striking out the words "to bring in a Bill."

The motion for the previous question was withdrawn, with leave of the Council.

Question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Legislature, on grounds of humanity and economy, to make provision, by special appropriation, for the Charitable Institutions of the colony—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable H. M. Murphy moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

The Honorable H. M. Murphy moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Notice being taken that there was not a quorum present, the President counted the House, and, there being no quorum, adjourned the Council to the next sitting day.

The Council was adjourned at half-past six o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL : To move, That the Honorable Dr. Wilkie be Chairman of Committees of the Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Resumption of debate on second reading.
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TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. HIGHETT : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to inform this House whether the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, passed on the 5th day of November, 1867, had been laid at the foot of the Throne, in accordance with the prayer of the petition ; and, if not, whether any despatch had been received intimating why the usual course of practice had been departed from.
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1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—

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G. W. RUSDEN,

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Honorable Dr. Wilkie be Chairman of Committees of the Council.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of this Bill being read, the debate was resumed.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the debate be adjourned till Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be adjourned till Tuesday, the 23rd instant—put and passed..

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising, this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed

The Council adjourned at six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. HIGHETT: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to inform this House whether the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, passed on the 5th day of November, 1867, had been laid at the foot of the Throne, in accordance with the prayer of the petition; and, if not, whether any despatch had been received intimating why the usual course of practice had been departed from.

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Resumption of debate on second reading.

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY: To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—

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G. W. RUSDEN,
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TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY AND TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—The President announced to the Council that a communication had been received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, intimating that the Addresses of Congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, agreed to by the Legislative Council on the 2nd instant, will be forwarded to the Secretary of State by the outgoing mail, with the request that they may be presented to Her Majesty and to His Royal Highness.

PAPER.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following paper:—

Statistics of the Colony of Victoria, 1867.—Part 2. Accumulation.

PAPER.—The Honorable C. Sladen laid on the Table the following paper:—

Supreme Court.—Reg: Gen:; 30th May, 1868.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

ADDRESS OF THE COUNCIL OF 5TH NOVEMBER, 1867.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice moved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to inform this House whether the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, passed on the 5th day of November, 1867, had been laid at the foot of the Throne, in accordance with the prayer of the petition; and, if not, whether any despatch had been received intimating why the usual course of practice had been departed from.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Resumption of debate on second reading.

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY: To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads:—

- (1.) The Governor.
- (2.) The Responsible Ministers.
- (3.) The Judiciary.
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G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable W. Highett presented a Petition, signed by J. F. Palmer, styling himself President of the Corporation of the Melbourne Hospital, praying that the Council will take into consideration the case of that charity, and adopt such measures in mitigation of the present distress as in the wisdom of the Council shall seem meet.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

Petition received.

PETITION.—The Honorable J. P. Fawkner presented a Petition, signed by G. Harker, styling himself Chairman of Committee of the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, praying that the Legislature will adopt such measures as in their wisdom shall be deemed expedient to enable the committee to carry on that Charitable Institution.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

Petition received.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following papers:—

1. Lands Sold and Leased (Land Act 1862)—Return of (1st July to 31st December, 1867).

2. Equatorial Telescope.—Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Pasley, communicating opinion of the Royal Society in England.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill, being read, the debate was resumed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, substituted the word "Thursday" for the word "Tuesday" in the motion.

Question—That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Thursday next—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 25th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1868.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. G. W. COLE: To move, That the correspondence which had been submitted to the Assembly, on the assumption of office by the present Ministry, be laid on the Table of this House.
2. The Hon. J. P. FAWKNER: To move, That this House do resolve to adjourn, under existing circumstances, from day to day.

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To move, That the subject of altering and amending the Constitution of this House be referred to a Select Committee of ten members, with power to call for witnesses and papers, and that the Committee have power to sit during the adjournment of the House.

Contingent—

2. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To move, That such Committee consist of the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, J. F. Strachan, C. Sladen, A. Fraser, J. O'Shanassy, W. Degraives, J. P. Fawkner, H. M. Murphy, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—

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THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable J. P. Fawcner, in accordance with notice, moved, That this House do resolve to adjourn, under existing circumstances, from day to day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 30th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1868.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To move, That the subject of altering and amending the Constitution of this House be referred to a Select Committee of ten members, with power to call for witnesses and papers, and that the Committee have power to sit during the adjournment of the House.

Contingent—

2. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To move, That such Committee consist of the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, J. F. Strachan, C. Sladen, A. Fraser, J. O'Shanassy, W. Degraives, J. P. Fawcner, H. M. Murphy, W. Highett, and the Mover.
3. The Hon. W. HIGHETT: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of Ratepayers, and of persons qualified to vote as Ratepayers, in the City of Melbourne, the Town of Geelong, and in all Boroughs, Shires, and Road Districts in the Colony of Victoria; also a Return showing the Classification of Electors for the Provinces.
4. The Hon. T. T. A'BECKETT: To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that means be afforded of testing the opinions of the constituencies of the colony on the propriety of paying grants of money of an exceptional character, being in the nature of gratuity, compensation, or pension, that may happen to be included in an Appropriation Bill, and to which this House may be opposed, without throwing upon this House the responsibility of rejecting such Bill.
 - (2.) That grants of such a character, if protested against by *one fourth* of the members of the Legislative Assembly, when voted, shall be placed in a Schedule of the general Appropriation Bill, and the payment thereof shall be reserved until this House shall have considered such Bill.
 - (3.) That if a clear majority of the members of this House shall protest against the payment of such scheduled grant, the payment thereof shall be suspended until the opinions of the constituencies of the colony upon the subject thereof shall have been ascertained in the manner hereinafter mentioned.
 - (4.) That if six members of the Assembly shall request in writing the Speaker thereof to ascertain such opinion, he shall thereupon issue writs, directed to the returning officers of the different constituencies, requiring them to ascertain by a vote by ballot the opinions of such constituencies thereon.
 - (5.) That if a majority of all the votes taken in the different constituencies, when added together, be in favor of such grant, and such majority shall be equal in number to *one fourth* of the number of voters on all the electoral rolls, the fact shall be certified to, and afterwards by the Speaker, and thereupon such grant shall be legally payable out of the moneys appropriated by the general Appropriation Act; but if there shall not be such a majority, the said grant shall be deemed to have lapsed.

And, *contingent* upon the adoption of the foregoing propositions, that they be referred to the Select Committee that may be chosen to consider and report upon the Bill now before this House for the reform of the Council, with the view of their embodiment in such Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY: To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads:—
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TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with *amended* notice, moved, That the subject of altering and amending the Constitution be referred to a Select Committee of ten members, with power to call for witnesses and papers, and that the Committee have power to sit during the adjournment of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That such Committee consist of the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, J. F. Strachan, C. Sladen, A. Fraser, J. O'Shanassy, W. Degraives, J. P. Fawcner, H. M. Murphy, W. Highett, and the Mover.

Two members required that the Committee should be formed by ballot.

The Clerk having reported that the Honorables W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, J. P. Fawcner, C. Sladen, W. Highett, W. Degraives, J. O'Shanassy, J. F. Strachan, and the Honorable A. Fraser had received more votes than any other members had received—and that the Honorables H. M. Murphy and J. Sherwin had an equality of votes—the President declared the Honorables W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, J. P. Fawcner, C. Sladen, W. Highett, W. Degraives, J. O'Shanassy, J. F. Strachan, and the Honorable A. Fraser to be members of the Committee, and decided that the Honorable H. M. Murphy should serve on the Committee.

The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable the President be also a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

RATEPAYERS AND ELECTORS.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice, moved, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of Ratepayers and of Persons qualified to vote as Ratepayers in the city of Melbourne, the town of Geelong; and in all Boroughs, Shires, and Road districts in the colony of Victoria; also a Return showing the classification of Electors for the Provinces.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill being called on, the Honorable H. M. Murphy moved, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Constitution.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at six o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 1st proximo.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, Whether the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown has been taken as to the legality of the appointment by the late Ministry, of the Honorable Mr. Verdon to the position of Agent-General for Victoria in the United Kingdom, and if so, whether he will lay such opinion on the Table of this Honorable House.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. C. SLADEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to explain and amend the Friendly Societies Statute.
2. The Hon. C. SLADEN: To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Continuation of an expiring Law.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. H. M. MURPHY : To move, That a dutiful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of despatches from himself to the Duke of Buckingham to which his Grace's despatch of the first of January replies.

THURSDAY, 2ND, JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. C. J. JENNER : To move, That, in the public interest, and with the view of bringing existing difficulties to a satisfactory and honorable termination, and thus ending the embarrassment and suffering to which a large portion of the community is now subjected, this House would express its willingness to concur in the proposed Grant to Lady Darling if presented in a form that will admit of its separate consideration.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—
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 - (1.) Defence.
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 - (3.) Immigration.
 - (4.) Customs, or Tariffs.
 - (5.) Reciprocity in Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.

G. W. RUSDEN,

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the Friendly Societies Statute.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and on the motion of the Honorable C. Sladen read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

CONTINUATION OF AN EXPIRING LAW.—The Honorable C. Sladen, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the continuation of an Expiring Law.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable C. Sladen, read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable C. Sladen, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act for the continuation of an Expiring Law.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therewith.

DESPATCHES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.—The Honorable H. M. Murphy, in accordance with notice, moved, That a dutiful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to lay upon the Table of this House copies of Despatches from himself to the Duke of Buckingham, to which His Grace's Despatch of the first of January replies.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to five o'clock, until four o'clock on Thursday the 2nd instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. C. J. JENNER : To move, That, in the public interest, and with the view of bringing existing difficulties to a satisfactory and honorable termination, and thus ending the embarrassment and suffering to which a large portion of the community is now subjected, this House would express its willingness to concur in the proposed Grant to Lady Darling if presented in a form that will admit of its separate consideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be read a second time.

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary the amount of remuneration paid to Major Pasley as Agent-General of this Colony, and the duties incumbent upon him as Agent-General.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads:—
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THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable C. Sladen presented to the Council, by command, the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

The Governor feels gratification in transmitting to the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch which he has this day received from the Secretary of State, relating to the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to this part of Her Majesty's Dominions.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1868.

SIR,

Downing Street, 23rd April, 1868.

VICTORIA.
No. 30.

I have received and laid before the Queen your Despatches, of the numbers and dates stated in the margin, relating to the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to Victoria, in command of Her Majesty's ship *Galatea*, and describing the proceedings which took place on the occasion of His Royal Highness's visit.

No. 153.—27 Nov., '67.
No. 160.—27 Dec., "
No. 16.—4 Feb., '68. "
No. 31.—3 March, '68.
No. 33.— "

The Queen has had much satisfaction in directing that a member of her family should visit her distant possessions in one of her ships of war, and Her Majesty has a further satisfaction in acknowledging as personally grateful to herself those demonstrations of loyal enthusiasm with which His Royal Highness has been received in every British community which he has visited.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Governor the Hon. Sir J. H. T. Manners Sutton,
&c., &c., &c.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with an amendment.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the Bill as certified was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable C. Sladen, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to explain and amend the Friendly Societies Statute 1865.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therewith.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until four o'clock to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Friday, the 3rd instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary the amount of remuneration paid to Major Pasley as Agent-General of this Colony, and the duties incumbent upon him as Agent-General.
2. The Hon. W. HIGHETT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate and Warden for the district of Wangaratta ; and if so, when ?

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. C. J. JENNER : To move, That, in the public interest, and with the view of bringing existing difficulties to a satisfactory and honorable termination, and thus ending the embarrassment and suffering to which a large portion of the community is now subjected, this House would express its willingness to concur in the proposed Grant to Lady Darling if presented in a form that will admit of its separate consideration.

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FRIDAY, 3RD JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable A. Fraser presented a Petition, signed by A. Lewers and others, styling themselves President and Members of the Corporation of the Creswick Hospital, praying that the Council will take into their consideration the case of that charity, and adopt such measures in mitigation of the present distress as in the wisdom of the Council may seem meet.

Petition received.

The Council adjourned at twenty-six minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 7th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary the amount of remuneration paid to Major Pasley as Agent-General of this Colony, and the duties incumbent upon him as Agent-General.
2. The Hon. W. HIGGETT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate and Warden for the district of Wangaratta ; and if so, when ?

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. C. J. JENNER : To move, That, in the public interest, and with the view of bringing existing difficulties to a satisfactory and honorable termination, and thus ending the embarrassment and suffering to which a large portion of the community is now subjected, this House would express its willingness to concur in the proposed Grant to Lady Darling if presented in a form that will admit of its separate consideration.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move (*on an early day*), That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it becomes the duty of Parliament to review the Constitution of Victoria as it exists, with the view of amending its proved defects, enlarging its scope and powers, and defining accurately the functions to be performed under it, more especially in relation to the following chief heads :—
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TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable C. Sladen presented to the Council, by command of His Excellency, the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch this day received by him from the Secretary of State. The Governor also acquaints the Legislative Council that he has been informed by a telegraphic communication dated the 28th May last, from the Secretary of State, that since his Despatch of the 22nd May, Sir Charles Darling has written to declare his inability, under the circumstances, to accept the proposed grant, either himself or by Lady Darling.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 7th July, 1868.

The Despatch and enclosures were read at the Table by the Clerk.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the Message with its enclosures be printed.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. W. HIGHETT: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate and Warden for the district of Wangaratta; and, if so, when.
2. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, What amount of payment, whether by salary or otherwise, the Crown Agent receives for services performed for the colony.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING
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Tuesday, 14th July.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 9th instant.

THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To ask, What amount of monies belonging to this colony has been expended through our Agents in England, during the years 1865, 1866, and 1867, specifying the services for which such monies have been disbursed, and the amount received by each Agent employed; also, copies of all despatches and papers relating to the appointment of any Agent or Agents for the colony.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING

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SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th July.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

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The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

AGENTS FOR THE COLONY—MONEY EXPENDED BY, ETC.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with *amended* notice, moved, That a Return be laid on the Table of the House, showing what amount of monies belonging to this colony has been expended through our Agents in England, during the years 1865, 1866, and 1867, specifying the services for which such monies have been disbursed; and the amount received by each Agent employed; also, copies of all papers relating to the appointment of any Agent or Agents for the colony.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. Sladen, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until five o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Honorable C. Sladen laid on the Table the following Papers:—

1. Education—Board of.—General Regulations (15th June, 1868).
2. Education—Board of.—General Regulation (22nd June, 1868).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past five o'clock until five o'clock on Friday, the 10th instant.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING
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SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th July.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,
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FRIDAY, 10TH JULY, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with the leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Monday next, at four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Amendment moved by the Honorable R. S. Anderson, That the word "four" be omitted, with a view to insert the words "half-past seven" instead thereof.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Monday next, at half-past seven o'clock—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until half-past seven o'clock on Monday, the 13th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

MONDAY, 13TH JULY, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Hon. B. WILLIAMS: To move for complete returns up to the 1st July, of all Electoral Registrars and Deputy Electoral Registrars in and for the colony, showing their various divisions of provinces and Electoral districts in which they respectively act, as also address of their various offices, together with their trades, professions, &c.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable Member representing the Government, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING

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SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th July.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

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The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer:

ELECTORAL REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRARS.—The Honorable B. Williams, in accordance with notice, moved, That there be laid on the Table of the House complete Returns, up to the 1st July, of all Electoral Registrars and Deputy Electoral Registrars in and for the colony, showing their various divisions of Provinces and Electoral Districts in which they respectively act; as also the address of their various offices, together with their trades, professions, &c.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply the sum of One million nine hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the Years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight,*" to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 13th July, 1868.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL.—The Honorable A. Fraser moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable A. Fraser moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Amendment moved by the Honorable C. Sladen, That the following words be inserted in the question after the word Bill—"notwithstanding its Preamble, against which this House protests on the ground that it is not in accordance with the Form of Preamble settled and agreed upon by and between Committees of the two Houses met in conference in April, 1866, on the subject of the differences between the two Houses with reference to a Bill then before the Legislative Council intituled '*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for altering certain other Duties,*' and subsequently confirmed by both Houses—"

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill, notwithstanding its Preamble, against which this House protests on the ground that it is not in accordance with the Form of Preamble settled and agreed upon by and between Committees of the two Houses met in conference in April, 1866, on the subject of the differences between the two Houses with reference to a Bill then before the Legislative Council intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for altering certain other Duties,*" and subsequently confirmed by both Houses, be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable A. Fraser moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable A. Fraser moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable A. Fraser, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable A. Fraser moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply the sum of One million nine hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the Years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill, viz. :—

"An Act to apply the sum of One million nine hundred and fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the Years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight."

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

"In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

"J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
"Governor."

The Clerk of the Parliaments delivered to Mr. Speaker a Schedule of the Bill assented to.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Fraser, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until four o'clock on Friday, the 7th August.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock on Friday, the 7th proximo.

FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable Member representing the Government, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th July.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following papers :—

1. Mining Operations on Reserved Lands at Taradale authorized.—Order in Council (29th June, 1868).
2. Mill Site within Public Reservoir Reserve, Yackandandah, authorized.—Order in Council (20th July, 1868).
3. Mining Surveyors' and Registrars' Reports for Quarter ending 30th June, 1868.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 12th instant.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable Member representing the Government, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 12th August.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1868.

The President took the Chair at the expiration of half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Council, and, a quorum not being present, adjourned the Council, without question put, to the next sitting day, Thursday, the 13th instant.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable Member representing the Government, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

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THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable R. S. Anderson be a member of the Joint Refreshment Rooms Committee in room of the Honorable J. Sherwin, deceased.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Wednesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 19th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1868.

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable Member representing the Government, What are the duties contemplated by the Government as in future devolving on the Agent-General on behalf of this colony, now that the railway works, purchase of guns, and construction of the equatorial telescope, are concluded.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. DR. WILKIE: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt the British Pharmacopœia.

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Wednesday, 19th August.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable Dr. Hope presented a Petition signed by J. H. Trathan and others, styling themselves teachers of Common Schools, praying that the Council will take such steps as may be deemed advisable to prevent certain rules from being brought into operation by the Board of Education. Petition received.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—PROGRESS REPORT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed on the 30th June, to which Committee was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, brought up a Progress Report from the Committee.

The Report was read at the Table as follows :—

The Select Committee of your Honorable House, appointed on the 30th June, to whom was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, inform your Honorable House that they have agreed to the following resolution :

That it is deemed desirable by this Committee to ask for the co-operation of the Legislative Assembly in altering and amending the Constitution by the action of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—The Honorable Dr. Wilkie, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt the British Pharmacopœia.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable Dr. Wilkie, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

ELECTORAL REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRARS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table a Return to an Order of the Council made on the 13th July.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole presented to the Council the following paper—
Instructions as to Duties of Agent-General (4th August, 1868).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 20th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL : To move, That the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the amendment of the Constitution be now taken into consideration, and that a Message embodying the resolution reported from the Select Committee be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, recommending that a Joint Committee be appointed for the objects named in such resolution ; such Committee to consist of seven members from each House, nine of whom shall form a quorum.

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—To be read a second time.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 20th August.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 26th August.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at three o'clock.

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Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

LIBRARY (JOINT) COMMITTEE REPORT.—The President laid on the Table a Report from the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament appointed to manage the Library.

The Report, with enclosures, was read at the Table by the Clerk.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—PROGRESS REPORT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Progress Report of the Select Committee on the subject of altering and amending the Constitution be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

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The Hon. J. O'Shanassy
C. Sladen
W. H. F. Mitchell
C. J. Jenner
R. Turnbull
W. Highett
J. P. Bear
T. Learmonth
A. Fraser
Dr. Wilkie (*Teller*).

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The Hon. G. W. Cole
H. M. Murphy
W. Campbell
J. McCrae
W. Degraives
W. H. Pettett (*Teller*).

The question was therefore passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That a Message embodying the resolution reported from the Select Committee be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, recommending that a Joint Committee be appointed for the objects named in such resolution; such Committee to consist of seven members from each House, nine of whom shall form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following paper:—

Education, Board of. Sixth Report (1867-68).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 25th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1868.

1. BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA BILL.—To be read a second time.

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SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 25th August.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 26th August.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at three o'clock.

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The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTORAL REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRARS.—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Return laid on the Table of this House on the 19th instant be printed.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table the following paper :—

Savings Banks—General Order of Commissioners (21st August, 1868).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable Dr. Wilkie moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable Dr. Wilkie moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

The Council adjourned at five o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1868.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 26th August.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT (2).—The Honorable W. Highett, on behalf the Chairman of the Committee to which was referred the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, brought up a report from the Committee on the Bill.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee be made an Order of the Day for the next day of meeting of the Council.

Question—put and passed.

BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable Dr. Wilkie moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable Dr. Wilkie moved, That the third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following papers:—

1. Chinese Population in Victoria—Report on Condition of (5th March, 1868).
2. Volunteer Force.—Musketry Report, 1867.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Report and Proceedings of the Committee, together with the Draft Bill prepared by the Committee, be printed.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn till Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 1st proximo.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1868.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report of Select Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. W. HIGHETT: To move (*contingent* on adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the Constitution Act Amendment Bill), for leave to introduce a Bill to alter the Qualification of Electors and Members of the Legislative Council, and to increase the number of Members thereof.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

2. BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA BILL.—To be read a third time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following papers :—

1. Land Act 1862, and Amending Land Act 1865—Report of Proceedings taken under, to 31st December, 1867.
2. Amending Land Act 1865.—Additional Regulations.—Order in Council, 31st August, 1868.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on this Bill being read, the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged, and that the Report be referred back to the Select Committee.

Question—put and passed.

BRITISH PHARMACOPEIA BILL.—The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported from the Committee of the whole Council, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable Dr. Wilkie, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable Dr. Wilkie moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to adopt the British Pharmacopœia.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be sent to the Legislative Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therewith.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. J. Jenner, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table the following paper :—

Yan Yean Water Supply—Cash and Balance Sheets for year 1867.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 8th instant.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 2nd September.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT—at half-past two o'clock.

Tuesday, 8th September.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following papers :—

1. Statistics of Colony of Victoria, 1867.—Part III.—Interchange.
2. " " " " 1867.—Part IV.—Law, Crime, &c.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—FURTHER REPORT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, as Chairman of the Select Committee to which was referred the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, brought up a further Report from the Committee on the Bill, and moved that the same be received.

The Report was received, and was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Select Committee, to which was referred "*The Bill to alter the Qualifications of Electors and Members of the Legislative Council, to increase the number of members thereof, and to provide that votes at elections for certain of such members may be recorded by means of voting papers,*" have the honor to bring up the following report :—

Your Committee have again gone through the Bill, and have further amended it in certain particulars, as set forth in the accompanying draft.

W. H. F. MITCHELL.

Committee Room.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Thursday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the business set down for Wednesday next be postponed until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ABSENCE, LEAVE OF, TO HON. T. LEARMONTH.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave of absence for one year be given to the Honorable T. Learmonth.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past four o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 10th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. HIGGETT : To move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing the names of all persons, exclusive of Members of Parliament and persons connected with the working of the railways, to whom Free Passes have been issued during the present year ; specifying the date on which each pass was issued, the period for which it was made available, and the reason why it was granted ; also the money value of each pass, and the aggregate value of the whole, calculated upon the published tariff of fares.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report of Select Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL : To move (*contingent* on the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the Constitution Act Amendment Bill), That the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 15th September:

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

RAILWAY FREE PASSES, 1868.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice, moved, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing the names of all persons, exclusive of Members of Parliament and persons connected with the working of the railways, to whom Free Passes have been issued during the present year; specifying the date on which each pass was issued, the period for which it was made available, and the reason why it was granted; also the money value of each pass, and the aggregate value of the whole, calculated upon the published tariff of fares.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- I. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY: To move, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return showing in detail how the sum of £850,000 and premium thereon, raised under the Public Loan Act, 12th October, 1865, has been expended under the head specified in said Act, viz:—
 - (1.) In completing the construction of the State Railways.
 - (2.) For the purchase of arms, guns, and ammunition, and the erection, building, furnishing, and equipment of works, ports, and ships, and the providing of all other things necessary or useful for the defence of the Colony of Victoria against invasion or attack in time of war.
 - (3.) For the construction of works for supplying water to divers mining, agricultural, and other districts, and to towns in Victoria; and for the purchase of land, materials, and plant required for or in connection therewith.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- I. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report of Select Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—(contingent)

- I. The Hon. W. H. F. MITCHELL: To move (contingent on the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the Constitution Act Amendment Bill), That the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 15th September.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PUBLIC LOAN ACT 1865 EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable J. O'Shanassy, in accordance with notice, moved, That there be laid on the Table of this House a Return showing in detail how the sum of £850,000 and premium thereon, raised under the Public Loan Act, 12th October, 1865, has been expended under the head specified in said Act, viz. :—

- (1.) In completing the construction of the State Railways.
- (2.) For the purchase of arms, guns, and ammunition, and the erection, building, furnishing, and equipment of works, ports, and ships, and the providing of all other things necessary or useful for the defence of the Colony of Victoria against invasion or attack in time of war.
- (3.) For the construction of works for supplying water to divers mining, agricultural, and other districts, and to towns in Victoria; and for the purchase of land, materials, and plant required for or in connection therewith.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—FURTHER REPORT.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the further Report of the Select Committee on this Bill being read, the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with *contingent* notice, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act for the continuation of an Expiring Law,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1868.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to explain and amend the Friendly Societies Statute 1865,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1868.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Clause 5, leave out all the words after the word "sixpence" in line 4 to the end the clause, and insert, "in the form of Schedule A or B or C to this Act annexed (as the case may require) shall be conclusive evidence in all courts of law and equity of the matters herein set forth viz. that the society mentioned in form A was completely registered or that the rules referred to in form B were completely registered or that the resolution referred to in form C appointing a trustee or trustees was duly transmitted to the registrar and deposited with the rules on the days therein respectively mentioned."

After Clause 5, insert new Schedules, A, B, and C :—

" SCHEDULE A.

" *The Registrar's Certificate of the complete Registration of a Friendly Society.*

" I hereby certify that the Society called the _____ established at _____ is completely registered and is subject to the provisions and entitled to the privileges of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies from the _____ day of _____ 18 _____

" Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ A.D. 18 _____

" Registrar of Friendly Societies.

" Friendly Societies Office, Melbourne."

" SCHEDULE B.

" *The Registrar's Certificate to Rules of a Friendly Society.*

" I hereby certify that the foregoing Rules (or extracts from Rules) of the Friendly Society called the _____ established at _____ were completely registered in accordance with the provisions of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies on the _____ day of _____ 18 _____

" Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ A.D. 18 _____

" Registrar of Friendly Societies.

" Friendly Societies Office, Melbourne."

" SCHEDULE C.

" *The Registrar's Certificate to a Resolution appointing a Trustee.*

" I hereby certify that the annexed copy (or duplicate) of a resolution of the Friendly Society called the _____ established at _____ appointing a Trustee (or Trustees) of the said society was duly transmitted to me and by me deposited with the rules of the said society on the _____ day of _____ 18 _____

" Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ A.D. 18 _____

" Registrar of Friendly Societies.

" Friendly Societies Office, Melbourne."

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that, as the resolution of the Legislative Council, a copy of which was transmitted by Message to the Legislative Assembly on the 20th of August instant, proposes a method of Legislation unknown to the British Constitution—Legislation having for centuries been carried on by means of a Bill completed and passed by one branch of the Legislature, and transmitted to the other branch for their consideration when so completed—the Legislative Assembly deem it inexpedient, in view of the proposed purpose, to accede to the recommendation of the Legislative Council for the appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 31st August, 1868.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Message from the Legislative Assembly with this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past six o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday the 16th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Message from Legislative Assembly.

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SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 22nd September.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to vest the Lines of Railway of the Melbourne and Essendon Railway Company in the Board of Land and Works and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 16th September, 1868.

MELBOURNE AND ESSENDON RAILWAY VESTING BILL.—The Honorable J. McCrae moved, That this Bill be now read a first time, printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly with amendments in this Bill being read, the Honorable J. McCrae moved, That the Council do agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly, to leave out, in clause 5, all the words after the word "sixpence" in line 4 to the end of the clause, and insert, "in the form of Schedule A or B or C to this Act annexed (as the case may require) shall be conclusive evidence in all courts of law and equity of the matters therein set forth viz. that the society mentioned in form A was completely registered or that the rules referred to in form B were completely registered or that the resolution referred to in form C appointing a trustee or trustees was duly transmitted to the registrar and deposited with the rules on the days therein respectively mentioned."

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable J. McCrae moved, That the Council do agree to insert the Schedules proposed to be inserted by the Legislative Assembly.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill.

The Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 17th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE AND ESSENDON RAILWAY VESTING BILL.—To be read a second time.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 22nd, September.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

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THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

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

ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR.—The Honorable H. M. Murphy moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That this Bill be now further considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmits to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 17th September, 1868.

The Honorable J. McCrae moved, That this Bill be now read a first time, printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

RAILWAY LOANS AND EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable J. F. Strachan, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount the Government are empowered to raise by Acts of Parliament for Railways, the amount expended to date, the estimated amount due on existing contracts, if any, and what further extension is proposed to be carried out (with estimated cost of same) under the authorized loans for railway purposes, and what liabilities still remain on the Geelong and Ballarat contracts—namely, the amount to the credit of the contractors, and the amount claimed by them and disputed by the Government.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1868.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND ESSENDON RAILWAY VESTING BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of report.
3. RAILWAYS LOAN BILL.—To be read a second time.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 22nd September.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

WRIT, ISSUE OF.—The President announced that a letter had been received from the Private Secretary, reporting, for the information of the President, that a Writ issued by the Governor on the 18th day of August last, for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the South Province, has been returned to His Excellency, by which it appears, upon the authority of the Returning Officer, that William Arthur Callander a'Beckett, Esquire, was duly elected.

WRIT, ISSUE OF.—The President announced that a letter had been received from the Private Secretary, reporting, for the information of the President, that a Writ issued by the Governor on the 31st day of August last, for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the Central Province, has been returned to His Excellency, by which it appears, upon the authority of the Returning Officer, that Thomas Turner a'Beckett, Esquire, was duly elected.

WRITS FOR SOUTH PROVINCE AND CENTRAL PROVINCE ELECTIONS RETURNED.—The President announced the receipt of the returned Writs for the elections severally in the South Province and in the Central Province.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett being introduced, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance provided for by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Constitution Act, as hereunder set forth:—

“I, WILLIAM ARTHUR CALLANDER A'BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Five hundred pounds sterling money above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the Parish of Narree Worran, in the County of Mornington, and in the City of Melbourne, in the County of Bourke, the descriptions of which lands and tenements are as follow: 1st. Parish of Narree Worran, County of Mornington, seventy acres of land, with dwelling-house and out-buildings thereon, in my own occupation; also, Allotment 3 of Section 4, City of Melbourne, having a frontage of 66 feet to Flinders street, and 66 feet to Flinders lane, by a depth of 313 feet 9 inches, together with the stores and other buildings erected thereon; also, part of allotment 8 of section 20, having a frontage of 166 feet, more or less, to Elizabeth street, and 100 feet, more or less, to Bourke street, together with twelve shops and dwellings thereon. And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to, or become possessed of, the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“W. A. C. A'BECKETT.”

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett being introduced, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance provided for by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Constitution Act, as hereunder set forth:—

“I, THOMAS TURNER A'BECKETT, of Brighton Lodge, Well street, Brighton, in the county of Bourke, Esquire, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands and tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the yearly value of five hundred pounds sterling money above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the County of Bourke and County of Grant, the description of which lands and tenements is as follows:—(1.) Part of allotment nineteen, of block fourteen, City of Melbourne, having a frontage of seventy-three feet eight inches to Little Collins street, by a depth varying from thirty-seven feet six inches to forty-seven feet six inches, with the buildings and offices thereon erected, and known as Cottenham Chambers and the Bishop's Registry; (2.) Portion one hundred and thirty-nine allotment B, part of portion one hundred and thirty-nine, allotment A, and part of portion one hundred and forty-four, allotment B,

all in the parish of Prahran, being in the whole ten acres, a little more or less, bounded on the east by the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay railway, and having a frontage to the Alma road, East St. Kilda, of about six hundred and fifty feet, together with the dwelling-house, offices, and out-buildings erected thereon; (3.) Portion of lot five, block three, of Dendy's Special Survey, Moorabbin, consisting of one acre and a half, having a frontage to Well street and Church street, Brighton, with the dwelling-house, offices, and out-buildings erected thereon; (4.) Part of portion No. 27, parish of Jika Jika, being the corner of Bridge-road and Church-street, Richmond, having a frontage of one hundred and two feet to the former, and of sixty-six feet to the latter, with the hotel known as "The Vine," and the shop and other buildings and out-offices erected thereon; (5.) Part of allotment B, portion 69, parish of Prahran, County of Bourke, forming the corner of the Brighton Road and Wellington-street, St. Kilda, having a frontage of forty feet to the former, and one hundred and eight feet to the latter, with the shops and out-buildings erected thereon; (6.) Ninety-four acres of land, more or less, part of section Six A, parish of Woornyalook, in the County of Grant; (7.) Thirty acres of land, being part of Crown portion One hundred and fifty-four, parish of Jika Jika; (8.) Portion number One, parish of Moorabbin, consisting of six acres more or less, less about three-quarters of an acre; (9.) Twenty-eight acres of land, part of portion of Twenty-four, parish of Moorabbin: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"THOS. T. A'BECKETT.

"Sept. 22nd, 1868."

PUBLIC LOAN ACT 1865 EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table a Return to the Order of the Council made on the 15th instant.

RAILWAY LOANS AND EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table a Return to the Order of the Council made on the 17th instant.

MELBOURNE AND ESSENDON RAILWAY VESTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. F. Strachan moved, That the debate be adjourned until after the disposal of the third Order of the Day.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until after the disposal of the third Order of the Day—put.

Council divided.

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The Hon. Dr. Wilkie
W. H. F. Mitchell
N. Black
J. F. Strachan
R. Turnbull
T. T. a'Beckett
W. Highett
Dr. Hope
J. P. Fawcner
J. O'Shanassy
B. Williams
R. S. Anderson (*Teller*).

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The Hon. G. W. Cole
H. M. Murphy
W. Degraives
J. McCrae
W. A. C. a'Beckett
J. Henty
A. Fraser
J. Graham
W. H. Pettett (*Teller*).

The question was therefore passed.

PETITION.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson presented a petition signed by George E. Fortescue and others, styling themselves residents of Stanley, praying the attention of the House to the want of railway accommodation in the district.

Petition received.

The petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the petition be referred to any Committee of the whole Council to which the Railway Loans Bill may be referred.

Question—put and passed.

PETITION.—The Honorable W. Highett presented a similar petition, signed by Ed. P. Date and others, styling themselves residents of Wangaratta.

Petition received.

The petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the petition be referred to any Committee of the whole Council to which the Railways Loan Bill may be referred.

Question—put and passed.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FIRST REPORT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson brought up the First Report of the Printing Committee, and moved, That the same be adopted and printed.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being called on, the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged with a view to the re-committal of the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

The President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

PUBLIC LOAN ACT 1865 EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable J. O'Shanassy, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Return laid on the Table of the House this day be printed.

Question—put and passed.

RAILWAYS LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

At twenty minutes to seven o'clock the Council was adjourned during pleasure.

At twenty minutes to eight o'clock the President resumed the Chair.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1868.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the Years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight respectively, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1868.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.—The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That this Bill be now read a first time, printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That this Bill be now read a first time, printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

MELBOURNE AND ESSENDON RAILWAY VESTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill being read, the debate was resumed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable G. W. Cole, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest the Lines of Railway of the Melbourne and Essendon Railway Company in the Board of Land and Works and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Council adjourned at half past nine o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, the 23rd instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1868.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS LOAN BILL.—To be read a third time.
2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.—To be read a second time.
3. APPROPRIATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following papers:—

1. Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns (Year ending 30th June, 1868).
2. University of Melbourne.—Report of Proceedings (Year ending 31st May, 1868).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

RAILWAYS LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged with a view to the re-committal of the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the Bill as certified was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable G. W. Cole, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill, with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therewith.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

At twenty minutes to seven o'clock the Council adjourned during pleasure.

At twenty minutes to eight o'clock the President resumed the Chair.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow—put.

Council divided.

Contents, 9.

The Hon. Dr. Wilkie
 W. H. F. Mitchell
 N. Black
 W. Highett
 R. Turnbull
 Dr. Hope
 J. O'Shanassy
 J. F. Strachan
 R. S. Anderson (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 11.

The Hon. W. H. Pettett
 G. W. Cole
 T. T. a'Beckett
 W. Campbell
 J. McCrae
 J. Graham
 W. A. C. a'Beckett
 J. Henty
 A. Fraser
 W. Degraives
 H. M. Murphy (*Teller*).

The question was therefore negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

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

Ordered.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until Thursday the 24th instant:—

“*Appropriation Bill*”—To be read a second time.

“*Constitution Act Amendment Bill*”—To be further considered in Committee.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past nine o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, the 24th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. APPROPRIATION BILL.—To be read a second time.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable J. McCrae be appointed a member of the Standing Orders Committee in room of the Honorable C. Sladen, who has ceased to be a member of this House.

Question—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the first and second Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the third Order of the Day.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the Bill as certified was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to alter the Qualifications of Members and Electors of the Legislative Council.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be sent to the Legislative Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therewith.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1868.

RAILWAYS LOAN BILL (2).—The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day to follow the other Orders of this Day.

Question—put and passed.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the Bill as certified was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable G. W. Cole, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same, with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therewith.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Amendment moved by the Honorable R. S. Anderson, That the following words be inserted in the question after the word Bill—"notwithstanding its Preamble, against which this House protests on the ground that it is not in accordance with the Form of Preamble settled and agreed upon by and between Committees of the two Houses met in conference in April, 1866, on the subject of the differences between the two Houses with reference to a Bill then before the Legislative Council intituled '*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for altering certain other Duties,*' and subsequently confirmed by both Houses—"

Debate ensued.

At twenty minutes to seven o'clock the Council adjourned during pleasure.

At twenty minutes to eight o'clock the President resumed the Chair.

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

Council divided.

Contents, 8.
The Hon. R. S. Anderson
Dr. Wilkie
W. Highett
R. Turnbull
J. O'Shanassy
N. Black
J. Graham
W. Campbell (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 8.
The Hon. W. A. C. a'Beckett
G. W. Cole
T. T. a'Beckett
J. McCrae
J. Henty
A. Fraser
W. Degraives
W. H. Pettett (*Teller*).

The President declared that he gave his voice with the Contents.

The question was therefore passed.

Question—That this Bill, notwithstanding its Preamble, against which this House protests on the ground that it is not in accordance with the Form of Preamble settled and agreed upon by and between Committees of the two Houses met in conference in April, 1866, on the subject of the differences between the two Houses with reference to a Bill then before the Legislative Council intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for altering certain other Duties,*" and subsequently confirmed by both Houses, be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight respectively, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—In pursuance of "*The Electoral Act of 1856,*" the President laid on the Table the following Warrant, appointing a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in room of the Honorable Thomas Turner a'Beckett, whose seat in the Council became vacant in rotation.

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of "*The Victoria Electoral Act, 1856,*" I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Alexander Fraser
to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, in room of

The Honorable Thomas Turner a'Beckett,
whose seat in the Council became vacant in rotation.

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Melbourne,
24th September, 1868.

PETITION.—SOUTH PROVINCE ELECTION.—The President laid before the Council a Petition signed by Nathaniel Levi, of Collins-street west, Melbourne, setting forth that the Petitioner has been informed, and believes, that William Arthur Callander a'Beckett, recently declared to have been elected for the South Province, is unqualified from sitting and voting as a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria for the said South Province, and praying that the Petition may be referred to a Committee duly authorized to inquire and report upon the same according to law; and further praying that, in the event of the said Committee reporting that William Arthur Callander a'Beckett was not at the time of the election possessed of the necessary qualification, the Legislative Council will be pleased to declare the Returning Officer's Return void as respects the said William Arthur Callander a'Beckett, and to amend the said Return to the said Writ by taking out the name of the said William Arthur Callander a'Beckett, and inserting in its place the name of the Petitioner; and declaring the Petitioner duly elected as a member of the Legislative Council for the South Province.

RAILWAYS LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair copy of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable G. W. Cole, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until half-past four o'clock to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past nine o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Friday, the 25th instant.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Friday, 25th September.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—at half-past 1 o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the second time, the Warrant appointing the Honorable Alexander Fraser a member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable G. W. Cole presented to the Council the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,

The Governor informs the Legislative Council that he has received an Address from the Legislative Assembly requesting him to cause provision to be made for the amount claimed by Sir Charles Darling as being equitably due to him from the revenue of Victoria, not exceeding £5,000, on account of lapsed emoluments when administering the Government of this Colony.

The Governor has informed the Legislative Assembly that he will take the necessary steps to give effect to their Address when he shall have ascertained the amount which Sir Charles Darling may be authorized to receive, and he recommends the Legislative Council to concur in such a provision being made.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, September 25th, 1868.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1868.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—The President informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at five o'clock p.m., to assent in Her Majesty's name to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until four o'clock on Monday next.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table the following paper :—

Estimates of Works.—Loan Act, 1868.—Alfred Graving Dock and New Main from Preston.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until four o'clock on Monday, the 28th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the petition of Nathaniel Levi be referred to the Elections and Qualifications Committee.
2. The Hon. W. HIGETT : To move, That the Legislative Council concur in the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, that a sum not exceeding £5,000 be provided for Sir Charles Darling, on account of lapsed emoluments claimed by him upon adjustment of his account with the colony of Victoria.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the third time, the warrant appointing the Honorable Alexander Fraser a member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

PAPER.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following paper :—

Cricket Reserve Mining Company.—Order in Council (14th September, 1868).

RATEPAYERS AND ELECTORS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole laid on the Table a Return to the Order of the Council made on the 30th June, 1868.

The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Return be printed.

Question—put and passed.

PETITION OF NATHANIEL LEVI.—The Honorable J. O'Shanassy, in accordance with notice, moved, That the petition of Nathaniel Levi be referred to the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

Question—put and passed.

SWEARING OF MEMBERS OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The following members of the Elections and Qualifications Committee were sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in the manner prescribed by the Electoral Act of 1856, viz. :—

The Honorable R. S. Anderson,
The Honorable A. Fraser,
The Honorable J. Graham,
The Honorable W. Highett.

SIR CHARLES DARLING.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Legislative Council concur in the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, that a sum not exceeding £5000 be provided for Sir Charles Darling on account of lapsed emoluments claimed by him upon adjustment of his account with the Colony of Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT—

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to adopt the British Pharmacopœia*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1868.

BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council agree to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill as follows :—

Preamble, line 14, after "England," leave out the words "and from time to time altered amended and republished".

Clause 1, line 1, after "England" leave out the words "and from time to time altered amended and republished".

„ line 5, after "the" leave out "several".

„ same line, leave out "pharmacopœias" to the end of the clause, and insert "pharmacopœia".

Clause 2, line 2, leave out "pharmacopœias," and insert "pharmacopœia".

„ line 4, after "Act," leave out all the words to the end of the clause.

Question—That the Council agree to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the amendments made in the Bill.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, the 29th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable G. W. Cole, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following Papers :—

1. Trade and Customs.—Accounts, 1867.
2. Public Loan Act, 1868.—Statement of Expenditure.
3. Victorian Railways.—Estimates, 1868. Other Works, and Rolling Stock—Railway Loan Act, 1868.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable G. W. Cole presented to the Council the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

Message No.

In pursuance of Section 36 of the Constitution Act the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the following amendment, which he recommends to be made in the Pharmacopœia Bill which has been presented to him for Her Majesty's assent :—Insert in the enacting clause the words "of Victoria" after "Legislative Assembly."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1868.

BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA BILL.—The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council agree to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the amendment, and to desire their concurrence therewith.

Question—put and passed.

SWEARING OF MEMBER OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable R. Turnbull was sworn at the Table by the Clerk as a member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee, in the manner prescribed by the Electoral Act of 1856.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the qualifications of Members and Electors of the Legislative Council*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1868.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable G. W. Cole presented to the Council the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

In pursuance of section 36 of the Constitution Act the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the following amendments which he recommends to be made in the Bill to alter the Qualifications of Members and Electors of the Legislative Council, which has been presented to him for Her Majesty's assent :—Preamble, omit "to increase the number of Members of such Council and it is also expedient" in the third and fourth lines; and in line 7 omit the word "the" before "Legislative Assembly."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That the Council agree to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the amendments, and to desire their concurrence therewith.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council the accompanying communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments, calling attention to a clerical error in the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the services of the Years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight respectively, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed that such error be corrected by the insertion at the commencement of the Preamble of the words "Most Gracious Sovereign," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chambers,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1868.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to report that the following clerical error has been discovered in the Appropriation Bill, which has passed both Houses of Parliament, viz., the omission of the words "Most Gracious Sovereign" in the Preamble.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

The Honorable The Speaker.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That the Council concur with the Legislative Assembly in the correction of the clerical error discovered in the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable G. W. Cole moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have concurred in the correction of the error.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Message of His Excellency the Governor, recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the qualifications of Members and Electors of the Legislative Council,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1868.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Message of His Excellency the Governor, recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act to adopt the British Pharmacopœia,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1868.

FRANS. MURPHY,
Speaker.

APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

"*An Act for the Continuation of an Expiring Law.*"

"*An Act to explain and amend the Friendly Societies Statute 1865.*"

"*An Act to vest the Lines of Railway of the Melbourne and Essendon Railway Company in the Board of Land and Works and for other purposes.*"

"*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes.*"

"*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.*"

"An Act to adopt the British Pharmacopœia."

"An Act to alter the Qualifications of Members and Electors of the Legislative Council."

The Royal Assent being read severally by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

"In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

"J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
"Governor."

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.—His Excellency came again into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber, who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in the name of Her Majesty to the following Bill—

"An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the Services of the years One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight respectively, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament and for other purposes."

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

"In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I assent to this Act.

"J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
"Governor."

A Schedule of the Bills assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

His Excellency was then pleased to speak as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I am happy to release you from your duties in Parliament, and I congratulate you that the differences between the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly have disappeared. I trust that there is now a reasonable hope of harmonious action between the two Houses of Legislature.

I desire to convey my sense of the respect for law and order which the people of Victoria have manifested during a severe and protracted political crisis, causing, necessarily, widespread pecuniary loss and embarrassment.

The Legislative Council having passed a Bill for the amendment of its constitution, which in an appreciative spirit was adopted by the Legislative Assembly without amendment, I trust that that measure, to which I have this day given Her Majesty's assent, will operate beneficially.

The high position which the Public Securities of Victoria hold on the London Stock Exchange must be a source of gratification to the country, and I trust the proposed Loans for Railway extension and other Public Works may be successfully negotiated.

The prosperity of Victoria must largely depend upon the establishment of railways and of works to secure an adequate supply of water ; and I hope that the success of the undertakings now projected will justify the expectations which you entertain.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

On behalf of Her Majesty I thank you for the liberality of your grants for the Public Service, and I congratulate you that you have been enabled, by judicious economy, to maintain the finances of the colony in a sound condition.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

During the recess my advisers will be enabled carefully to scrutinize the various Departments of the Public Service with a view to retrenchment, and to prepare those legislative measures which are so urgently required, but which have been delayed from causes already adverted to.

In relieving you from your onerous duties, I am conscious that you must be gratified to know that your labors have been productive of benefit to the country, and that, with the restoration of legislative co-operation, there has been engendered a better state of political feeling, to which I trust the reforms you have so cordially agreed to will contribute.

In the name of Her Majesty I declare this Parliament to be prorogued to Tuesday, the 17th day of November next, and it is hereby prorogued accordingly.

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President of the Council and to Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Speaker and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1868.

No. 1.—ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

Appointed 13th March, 1868.

The Hon. G. W. Cole
W. Highett
J. McCrae
J. P. Fawkner
J. P. Bear
J. Graham
A. Fraser
J. F. Strachan
R. Turnbull

The Hon. S. G. Henty
W. Campbell
H. M. Murphy
Dr. Wilkie
B. Williams
R. S. Anderson
J. O'Shanassy
W. H. F. Mitchell (*Mover*).

No. 2.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 29th May, 1868.

The Hon. Thomas Turner a'Beckett*
Robert Stirling Anderson
Nicholas Fitzgerald
James Graham

The Hon. William Highett
Robert Culbertson Hope
Robert Turnbull.

* On the 24th September, 1868, the President appointed the Honorable Alexander Fraser in room of the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, whose seat in the Council became vacant by rotation.

No. 3.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Appointed 29th May, 1868.

The Hon. J. P. Bear
R. Turnbull
W. Degraives
A. Fraser
C. J. Jenner

The Hon. H. M. Murphy
J. O'Shanassy
J. F. Strachan
C. Sladen
Dr. Hope (*Mover*).

No. 4.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. The President
W. Campbell
T. T. a'Beckett
W. Highett

The Hon. H. M. Murphy
C. Sladen* (*Mover*).

* The Honorable J. McCrae was appointed on the 24th September, 1868, in room of the Honorable C. Sladen, whose seat in the Council became vacant by rotation.

No. 5.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. The President
J. O'Shanassy
R. C. Hope

The Hon. J. P. Fawkner
W. H. F. Mitchell.

No. 6.—PRINTING.

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. R. S. Anderson
A. Fraser
J. Henty

The Hon. J. Graham
J. McCrae.

No. 7.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. J. P. Bear
R. Turnbull
C. J. Jenner

The Hon. J. Sherwin*
B. Williams.

*The Honorable R. S. Anderson was appointed on the 13th August, 1868, in room of the Honorable J. Sherwin, deceased.

No. 8.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. The President
S. G. Henty
G. W. Cole

The Hon. N. Fitzgerald
W. Degraives.

No. 9.—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. J. O'Shanassy
W. H. E. Mitchell
T. T. a'Beckett

The Hon. R. C. Hope
C. Sladen (*Mover*).

No. 10.—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

Appointed 2nd June, 1868.

The Hon. R. S. Anderson
W. Campbell
H. M. Murphy

The Hon. N. Fitzgerald
C. Sladen (*Mover*).

No. 11.—CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.*

Appointed by ballot 30th June, 1868.

The Hon. W. H. E. Mitchell
T. T. a'Beckett
J. P. Fawkner
C. Sladen
W. Highett
W. Degraives

The Hon. J. O'Shanassy
J. F. Strachan
A. Fraser
H. M. Murphy
The President.

* The Constitution Act Amendment Bill was referred to this Committee on the 30th June, 1868.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1868.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

No. 1.—CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Clause 4.—No person shall be capable of being hereafter elected a member of the Legislative Council unless he be of the full age of thirty years, and a natural born subject of the Queen, nor unless he have for one year previous to such election been legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold in possession for his own use and benefit, in lands or tenements in Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds or of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same respectively: Provided that for the purposes of this section the yearly value of any such lands or tenements as are situate in any one or more municipal district or districts shall be taken to be the yearly value at which they are rated to such municipal district or districts, and the capital value shall be taken to be ten times such yearly value.

Motion made and question put—That this clause be postponed.—(*Hon. J. McCrae.*)

Committee divided.

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The Hon. G. W. Cole
J. Henty
H. M. Murphy
J. McCrae (*Teller*).

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The Hon. J. O'Shanassy
N. Black
W. Campbell
The President
W. Degraives
R. C. Hope
W. Highett
J. F. Strachan
A. Fraser
J. Graham
R. Turnbull
W. H. F. Mitchell
R. S. Anderson (*Teller*).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1868.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—

31. The Members of Council and graduates of the University of Melbourne shall together form an electoral constituency and shall return one member to the Legislative Council, which shall henceforth consist of thirty-one members; and at every election of such member every member of Council and every graduate of the University shall have one vote.

32. Every member of the Legislative Council elected in pursuance of the provisions of the preceding section shall hold his seat for five years from the date of his election and no longer.

Motion made—That clauses 31 and 32 be omitted.—(*Hon. J. P. Fawcner.*)

Question—That the clauses proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

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T. T. a'Beckett
W. Highett
R. C. Hope
B. Williams
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J. O'Shanassy
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W. A. C. a'Beckett
J. McCrae
W. Degraives
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R. Turnbull
J. Henty
A. Fraser
J. P. Fawcner
W. H. Pettett (*Teller*).

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VICTORIA.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

DESPATCH

FROM

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SIR C. H. DARLING.

LAI'D ON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY COMMAND, 7TH JULY, 1868. ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL TO BE
PRINTED, 7TH JULY, 1868.

By Authority:

JOHN FERRER, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON,
Governor.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch this day received by him from the Secretary of State. The Governor also acquaints the Legislative Council that he has been informed by a telegraphic communication dated the 28th May last, from the Secretary of State, that since his Despatch of the 22nd May, Sir Charles Darling has written to declare his inability, under the circumstances, to accept the proposed grant, either himself or by Lady Darling.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1868.

DESPATCH FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE
COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Victoria, No. 42.

SIR,

Downing-street, 22nd May, 1868.

I enclose copies of a correspondence with Sir Charles Darling, from which you will perceive that that gentleman, on becoming aware of the views entertained by Her Majesty's Government respecting the proposed grant to Lady Darling, has requested to be allowed to withdraw his relinquishment of the Colonial Service, having been informed that the effect of such a withdrawal would be to replace him in the position of an officer who has never left the service, and has been continuously subject to its rules.

Those rules, as you are aware, prohibit the acceptance of such a grant as that which has been under the consideration of the Legislature of Victoria, which therefore Lady Darling will now be precluded from receiving.

I have, &c.,

BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

Governor the Honorable Sir J. H. T. Manners Sutton, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

ENCLOSURE 1.

Sir C. H. Darling to the Duke of Buckingham.

Cheltenham, 2, Lansdown-terrace,
14th May, 1868.

MY LORD DUKE,

I do myself the honor to transmit to Your Grace copies of letters which have passed between Sir Roundell Palmer and myself.

By a perusal of my letter of the 13th instant, Your Grace will perceive that I consider that I have an equitable claim upon the revenues of Victoria, to a sum arising from lapsed emoluments, which would, if successfully invested in any of the modes common in Australia, have now amounted to about £5000.

It will be seen also, that in consequence of my belief that I had received from the Earl of Carnarvon a *bonâ fide* intimation that I was, both officially and morally, free to accept the grant of £20,000 which the Assembly of Victoria desired to make, I failed to receive an appointment in this country of considerable value, which might have lasted during my life, and the tenure of which would not have prejudiced any claim to pension.

I submit that a sum of £10,000, being the amount of about six years' income from that appointment, would not be an unreasonable consideration for the destruction of the certain prospect which I had of receiving it.

I emphatically declare that I never conceived the idea of obtaining the grant by the relinquishment of the service until it was suggested to my mind by the perusal of Mr. Adderley's letter of the 12th October, 1866.

If Your Grace should consider that the views I have submitted are reasonable, the receipt of the two sums specified would no longer be on account of the pecuniary loss occasioned by my recall; although it is true that the claim in the one case would not have been urged if my tenure of the Government had been of the usual duration; and that in the other, the appointment in lieu of which I ask for consideration, could not have been offered had I not been rendered free to accept it by my recall.

Under these circumstances the receipt of the sums I have specified would not, I think, be in contravention of the Regulations. The case would thus be divested of its original character; and I would then ask permission to withdraw my relinquishment of my expectations connected with the service, and that my claim to pension should be allowed to take its natural course.

I am sure Your Grace will see that if the grant had never been proposed, I should have now been in the enjoyment of the office referred to, with my claim to pension unimpaired.

I beg however respectfully to add, that I am perfectly ready to abide by the result of the proceedings in the Legislature of Victoria, if Your Grace considers I am bound by the election I have already made to take that course; and under the assumption, I need scarcely say, that the power of the Crown will not be further interposed to my disadvantage.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

C. H. DARLING.

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos,
&c., &c., &c.

2.

[SUB-ENCLOSURE IN SIR C. DARLING'S LETTER TO SIR R. PALMER.]

Sir Charles H. Darling to Sir R. Palmer.

SIR,

Cheltenham, 11th May, 1868.

I think it right to make you aware, by a distinct statement proceeding directly from myself, that I believe it to be utterly impossible that you can propose and advocate the vote of censure upon Her Majesty's Government, of which you have given notice for to-morrow, without involving an act of great injustice towards me; and I thus repeat to you the declaration I have made in various forms, since my recall from the Government of Victoria, that I court and anxiously solicit the fullest enquiry into my conduct in the administration of that Government, and into all my proceedings in regard to the pecuniary grant which the Legislative Assembly of the colony have proposed to make and which forms the subject of your motion.

I confidently anticipate that your sense of what is fair and just will lead you to substitute a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into my conduct for the motion of which you have given notice.

I press this the more urgently, because some of the statements made in the House of Lords during the discussion on Friday last show what misconceptions may exist, and what misrepresentations founded upon them may be put forth in the semblance, and I will not permit myself to doubt in the confidence, of truth.

I beg to invite your attention to a letter from me which I hope will appear in the *Times* and *Daily News* of to-morrow.

The Right Honorable Sir R. Palmer, Q.C.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. H. DARLING.

3.

[SUB-ENCLOSURE.]

Sir Roundell Palmer to Sir C. H. Darling.

SIR,

6, Portland-place, 12th May, 1868.

You will see that my motion on the subject in which you are so much interested is for the present postponed.

In moving it I have no object in view in the least degree personal to yourself. The principle which I desire to maintain is, that grants of money to retiring Governors of colonies by Colonial Assemblies (unless proposed with the spontaneous approval of the Crown, on grounds of public service recognised as exceptional and meritorious by the Crown as well as by the Assembly) are not only inconsistent with the regulations of the service, but are subversive of the true relations between the colonies and the British Empire, and ought, under no circumstances whatever, to be allowed.

I much regret that, in a matter which seems to me to involve a public principle of the greatest importance, your personal feelings and interests should be at all concerned. My object, however, being (as I have said) in no degree personal to yourself, and my view of the subject being quite independent of the question whether your recall was right or wrong, I cannot be expected to give to my motion, when renewed, the form which you desire. I can only assure you that I shall endeavor most carefully to abstain from urging anything which can be needlessly injurious to your interests or painful to your feelings; and that if any just and honorable way of mitigating the loss which you have sustained in consequence of measures taken under very difficult circumstances (and, I doubt not, according to the best of your judgment at the time) can be discovered without detriment to permanent public interests, it would be very acceptable to,

Sir C. Darling, K.C.B.

Sir, &c.,
(Signed) ROUNDELL PALMER.

4.

[SUB-ENCLOSURE.]

Sir C. H. Darling to Sir R. Palmer.

SIR,

Cheltenham, May 13th, 1868.

I acknowledge with pleasure the courteous and considerate tone of the note which I have had the honor to receive from you.

I should cordially concur in the expediency and wisdom of the principle you desire to enforce if it were extended to cases of unjust degradation and injury ascertained by Parliament, or by full enquiry instituted on the part of the Crown. I believe that in the mind of the British people the desire that justice should be done in all cases, but especially in that of a public servant, is even more deeply seated than the sentiment which prompts the recognition and reward of exceptional and meritorious services.

The frankness with which you have written is my best excuse for trespassing upon your attention, I hope for a very brief space only, while I endeavor to show you that it may be difficult to found the assertion and justification of a general principle upon an individual case without injustice and even injury to the person more immediately concerned therein.

My true relation to the proposed grant at the present moment cannot be gathered from the public documents laid before Parliament.

- (1.) In the grant (£20,000) is merged an equitable claim to a sum which may be now estimated at between £4000 and £5000, arising from lapsed emoluments, which were mine by law and regulation, but which, at the commencement of my administration, for reasons purely spontaneous, and expedient at the moment, I allowed to remain undrawn; a course which I certainly should not have taken, could I have contemplated the premature and abrupt termination of my Government. I believe nobody disputes the equity of this claim, or desires to object to its practical recognition.

- (2.) Under the belief that Lord Carnarvon's letter to me, and despatch in reply to the address of the Assembly, gave a *bonâ fide* option to accept the grant if I elected to retire from the service, I forfeited not only my pension of £1000 a year, which would commence in February next, but an appointment in this country with annual emoluments of from £1500 to £2000 a year, the enjoyment of which might have commenced in January, 1867. It happened that when my recall took place the office of Representative or Agent of the Colony of Victoria in London, the duties of which are not political, but connected exclusively with public loans, emigration, and other material interests of the colony, was vacant, having been some time before resigned by Mr. Childers—it was communicated to me that, if I should not desire, or be unwilling to submit to all the uncertainty attending the prospect of re-appointment to a Colonial Government which might be opened to me in returning to England, and should feel disposed to undertake the duties of the agency, it had long been the desire of the Ministry to offer it to a gentleman possessing local and personal knowledge of the colony, and not altogether unknown in public life, and that the wish of the great majority of the Assembly and inhabitants would be gratified if I should accept the post. It is one which to me would have been most interesting and acceptable, and could have been held without prejudice to my claim to pension, although the pension would probably be subject to the operation of the seventh section of the Governors' Pensions Act.

The annual salary of the office has never been less than £1500, and would probably have been fixed at a larger amount. Without entering into a minute calculation it is not too much to say that the loss of this office and of a pension for life of £1000 a year would not be adequately compensated by the remaining £15,000 of the grant of £20,000, and that, upon these grounds alone, I am equitably entitled to more than that sum. The proposal to make the grant emanated from the Assembly, and was independent of the offer of the agency.

There are obvious reasons why I was both inclined and bound to give to it the preference, if the sanction of the Crown could be obtained.

I now venture to ask you to read the accompanying extract of a letter, addressed to me on the 28th November, 1866, by Mr. McCulloch, the Chief Secretary of Victoria, and leader of the Victorian Ministry, with whom, subject virtually to the concurrence of the Assembly, the appointment to the office of Agent in England rests.

The letter is a private one (and I must ask you to consider it as such), but, therefore, the more valuable as a testimony of the views and intentions of the writer; but, being private, I cannot make public reference to it, although I might, in various ways, have brought its substance to the knowledge of a select committee appointed to ascertain the facts of my case. It will be found, I think—

- 1st. To confirm my statement of the intention to offer to me the appointment referred to, but in regard to which other arrangements have now been announced.
- 2ndly. To show the perfect good faith in which the reference to the pleasure of the Crown respecting the grant was made.
- 3rd. To prove that the conviction produced by Lord Carnarvon's answer to the Assembly was that a *bonâ fide* option was given to me to accept and to the Assembly to pass the grant if I relinquished my claims upon the public service, or to use the words of the writer, that the "decision" of the Crown was not "unfavorable."

Now I am quite aware that these facts, which I may mention have not yet been brought to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, do not affect the principle on which the Address of the Assembly proceeds, namely, that the grant was originally meant to compensate the pecuniary loss occasioned by my recall: a principle which you condemn, but which, for my own part, I conceive to be, in its application to my case, devoid of the objection which would otherwise attach to it, from the fact that both the intended donors and donee submitted the matter to the pleasure of the Crown.

But supposing the original grant for £20,000 to be withdrawn and cancelled, if already made, I believe I have now an equitable claim upon the above-mentioned grounds to a sum little if at all short of that amount, as well as to my retiring pension—my right to which I renounced under what I believe to have been the only reasonable, nay, possible, construction which could have been put upon Lord Carnarvon's letters and despatch—a construction which all the other parties concerned have agreed to place upon it, and which I have observed with the utmost surprise that his Lordship thought fit to repudiate in his place in the House of Lords.

Nothing can be more acceptable to me than the affirmation in your proposed motion that the Crown *has* given its sanction to the grant, although I shall nevertheless endeavor to make the motion the occasion of obtaining the enquiry I so much desire, and assuring you that in offering these observations I have not the slightest design to draw you into further correspondence on the subject.

Sir Roundell Palmer,
&c., &c., &c.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) C. H. DARLING.

5.

[SUB-ENCLOSURE.]

ENCLOSURE WITH LETTER OF 13TH MAY FROM SIR C. DARLING TO SIR R. PALMER.

Extracts from a Private Letter of Mr. McCulloch to Sir Charles Darling, dated 28th November, 1866.

"I am disappointed there has been no Despatch received from the Colonial Secretary by this mail regarding the Grant to Lady Darling. I hope that it will come to hand before Parliament meets, about the 20th January. I much regret that Lord Carnarvon will not grant an investigation into all the circumstances connected with your recall. Any body of impartial men, unfettered in their enquiry, would have no difficulty in arriving at a decision entirely in your favor."

"Surely, if the Queen gets an opportunity of hearing the whole matter, she will not object to giving her permission to the grant being voted by Parliament to Lady Darling."

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"I trust you will lose no opportunity of urging the importance of the Queen being permitted to deal with the matter. We shall do nothing with the representation of the Colony in London until we have Her Majesty's decision as to the grant. I need scarcely assure you, that in the event of the decision being unfavorable, that I should not only be glad to have the opportunity of conferring the appointment on you, but of making the remuneration worthy of the position which you held in the Colony."

6.

Mr. Adderley to Sir Charles Darling.

SIR,

Downing-street, 19th May, 1868.

I am directed by His Grace the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, with enclosures.

In this letter you emphatically declare that you never conceived the idea of obtaining the grant proposed to be made to Lady Darling by the relinquishment of the service until it was suggested to your mind by the perusal of Mr. Adderley's letter of 12th October, 1866, and you further state that, under certain circumstances, you would "ask permission to withdraw your relinquishment of any expectations connected with the service," and in conclusion add that you are perfectly ready to abide by the result of the proceedings in the Legislature of Victoria if His Grace considers you bound by the election you have already made.

His Grace presumes that he is to understand from this that you made your election to "finally relinquish the Colonial Service and all the emoluments or expectations attaching to it," under a misapprehension of the views entertained by Her Majesty's Government. That being so, His Grace would not be disposed to hold that an officer of your long standing in the service should, under such circumstances, be held bound to a decision formed on mistaken or incorrect facts.

But His Grace desires me to point out to you that any application by you for permission to withdraw your previous decision must be absolute and unconditional; nor can any such application be entertained unless it is made at once, on the misapprehension being brought to your knowledge.

Such a withdrawal, if permitted, would replace you in the position of an officer who had never left the service, and has been continuously subject to its rules.

At the present time His Grace does not feel himself called upon to enter upon any discussion of the several claims and questions to which your letter refers, as he considers you to have left that service which, with its emoluments and prospects, you elected to relinquish.

If, however, you ask to withdraw that decision, and Her Majesty's Government should decide to permit such withdrawal, you will be considered to be, and to have remained, subject to all the contingencies and regulations of that service; and it would be His Grace's duty to consider any questions or applications which you might think fit to raise, and to deal with them according to the interests of the public service and the regulations which may be applicable, which this Department is bound to enforce, although it can have no desire to construe in a harsh or illiberal manner.

Sir Charles Darling.

I am, &c.,
(Signed)

C. B. ADDERLEY.

7.

Sir C. Darling to the Duke of Buckingham.

MY LORD DUKE,

Cheltenham, 21st May, 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Adderley's letter of the 19th instant.

From that communication I learn that I have been under a misapprehension as to the views entertained by Her Majesty's Government in regard to the pecuniary grant which the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, by an Address to the Queen, expressed their desire to make to Lady Darling.

Under that misapprehension, I was led to relinquish the Colonial Service, and I have now to ask the permission of Her Majesty's Government to withdraw my relinquishment, upon the ground that it was made under the misapprehension referred to.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

C. H. DARLING.

His Grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos,
&c., &c., &c.

8.

The Under Secretary of State to Sir C. Darling.

SIR,

Downing-street, 22nd May, 1868.

I am directed by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos to acknowledge your letter of the 21st instant.

Her Majesty's Government are willing to accept your withdrawal of the relinquishment of the Colonial Service, which was conveyed in your letter of the 17th of April, 1867. His Grace has accordingly communicated to the Governor of Victoria your letter of the 21st instant, in a Despatch, of which a copy is enclosed. It will be necessary that you should further write to the Secretary of State, for communication to Sir H. Manners Sutton by the next mail, a letter intimating your inability, under these circumstances, to accept yourself, or by Lady Darling, the proposed grant of £20,000.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) F. ROGERS.

Sir C. Darling.

[TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE COLONIAL OFFICE TO ALEXANDRIA, FORWARDED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, BY THE CONSUL THEREAT.]

Her Majesty's Consul at Alexandria to Sir H. Manners Sutton.

Her Majesty's Consulate, Alexandria,
30th May, 1868.

SIR,

I have just received the following telegram from the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, which His Grace has requested me to forward to Your Excellency:—

“Since my Despatch of the twenty-second of May, Sir Charles Darling has written to declare his inability, under the circumstances, to accept the proposed grant either himself or by Lady Darling.”

This telegram was dated the 28th instant.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

T. E. STANLEY,

Consul.

His Excellency Sir John Manners Sutton, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

1868.
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VICTORIA.

ELECTORAL REGISTRARS AND DEPUTY
ELECTORAL REGISTRARS.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
THE HONORABLE B. WILLIAMS.—13TH JULY, 1868.

LAI D ON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE G. W. COLE, 19TH AUGUST, 1868, AND
ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 25TH AUGUST, 1868.

COMPLETE RETURNS up to the 1st July, of all Electoral Registrars and Deputy Electoral Registrars in and for the Colony, showing their various Divisions of Provinces and Electoral Districts in which they respectively act; as also the addresses of their various offices, together with their Trades, Professions, &c.

RETURN of the Names, Addresses, Trades, and Professions, of the several *Electoral Registrars* and their *Deputies* throughout the Colony, showing the Divisions of the Electoral *Provinces* and *Districts* for which they respectively act.

[NOTE.—It has been thought expedient to bring this Return up to date, viz., 1st August, 1868.]

Province and Districts.	Divisions.	Names.	Offices.	Addresses.	Occupations.
CENTRAL :					
Collingwood ...	Abbotsford ...	Bennett, Geo. ...	Electoral Registrar	Collingwood ...	Town Clerk.
South Bourke ...	Boroondara (B) ...	Rawle, W. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Hawthorn ...	Chemist.
" ...	Boroondara (B) ...	Roebuck, J. P. ...	Electoral Registrar	Kew ...	Chemist.
North Melbourne ...	Carlton ...	Smith, Robt. ...	Electoral Registrar	Carlton ...	Painter.
East Melbourne ...	Eastern Hill ...	Thompson, W. ...	"	Mechanics' Institute	Secretary.
St. Kilda ...	Elsternwick ...	Proctor, J. ...	"	St. Kilda ...	Ironmonger.
Emerald Hill ...	Emerald Hill ...	Eville, J. ...	"	Emerald Hill ...	Town Clerk.
Collingwood ...	Fitzroy, East ...	Duke, J. ...	"	Fitzroy ...	Watchmaker.
" ...	Fitzroy, West ...	Duke, J. ...	"	Fitzroy ...	Watchmaker.
West Bourke ...	Flemington ...	Gibson, J. ...	"	Flemington ...	Surgeon.
" ...	Footscray ...	Brown, F. ...	"	Footscray ...	Journalist.
Collingwood ...	Glasshouse, North ...	Bennett, Geo. ...	"	Collingwood ...	Town Clerk.
" ...	Glasshouse, South ...	Hood, Thos. ...	"	Collingwood ...	Rate Collector.
North Melbourne ...	Hotham ...	Munce, W. R. ...	"	Hotham ...	Clerk of Petty Sessions.
Richmond ...	Jolimont ...	Bosisto, J. ...	"	Richmond ...	Chemist.
East Bourke Boroughs ...	Northcote (A) ...	Bastings, E. ...	"	Northcote ...	Storekeeper.
Collingwood ...	Quarries ...	Gilchrist, W. J. ...	"	Fitzroy ...	Barrister.
West Melbourne ...	Railway ...	Ford, W. D. ...	"	King street ...	Hat manufacturer.
North Melbourne ...	Royal Park ...	McGibbon, J. ...	"	Hotham ...	Printer and Stationer.
Sandridge ...	Sandridge ...	Clarke, E. ...	"	Sandridge ...	Town Clerk.
St. Kilda ...	South Yarra ...	Craven, J. ...	"	Prahran ...	Town Clerk.
East Melbourne ...	St. Francis ...	Pethbridge, E. ...	"	Elizabeth street ...	Draper, &c.
West Melbourne ...	St. James (A) ...	Ford, W. D. ...	"	King street ...	Hat manufacturer.
Richmond ...	St. James (B) ...	Don, J. W. ...	"	Richmond ...	Chemist.
St. Kilda ...	St. Kilda, East ...	Proctor, J. ...	"	St. Kilda ...	Ironmonger.
" ...	St. Kilda, West ...	Proctor, J. ...	"	St. Kilda ...	Ironmonger.
Collingwood ...	St. Mark's ...	Gilchrist, W. J. ...	"	Fitzroy ...	Barrister.
Melbourne (W) ...	St. Mary's ...	Warman, J. ...	"	Little Collins street	Registry Agent.
" ...	St. Patrick's ...	Warman, J. ...	"	Little Collins street	Registry Agent.
Melbourne (E) ...	St. Paul's ...	Thompson, W. ...	"	Mechanics' Institute	Secretary.
Richmond ...	St. Stephen's ...	Bosisto, J. ...	"	Richmond ...	Chemist.
Richmond ...	Swan ...	Don, J. W. ...	"	Richmond ...	Chemist.
North Melbourne ...	University ...	Holmes, J. M. ...	"	Carlton ...	House agent.
St. Kilda ...	Windsor ...	Craven, J. ...	"	Prahran ...	Town Clerk.
Williamstown ...	Williamstown, (N) ...	Smith, G. F. ...	"	Williamstown ...	Town Clerk.
" ...	Williamstown, (S) ...	Smith, G. F. ...	"	Williamstown ...	Town Clerk.

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SOUTH PROVINCE:					
Evelyn ...	Anderson's Creek	McDonald, A. ...	Electoral Registrar	Warrandyte ...	Storekeeper.
West Bourke ...	Bacchus Marsh ...	Cooper, J. S. ...	"	Bacchus March ...	Clerk of Courts.
" Bourke ...	Ballan, North ...	Cooper, S. ...	"	Ballan ...	Auctioneer, &c.
East Bourke ...	Beveridge ...	Sinclair, H. ...	"	Wallan Wallan ...	Storekeeper.
West Bourke ...	Blackwood ...	Stobie, G. ...	"	Blackwood ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
South Bourke ...	Boorandara (A) ...	Rawle, W. ...	"	Hawthorn ...	Chemist.
" ...	Boorandara (A) ...	Roebuck, J. P. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Kew ...	Chemist.
Brighton ...	Brighton, East ...	Bent, Thos. ...	Electoral Registrar	Brighton ...	Rate collector.
" ...	Brighton, West ...	Bent, Thos. ...	"	Brighton ...	Rate collector.
East Bourke ...	Broadmeadows ...	Couser, G. ...	"	Broadmeadows ...	Storekeeper.
East Bourke Boroughs ...	Brunswick ...	Grylls, G. W. F. ...	"	Brunswick ...	Solicitor.
Evelyn ...	Brushy Creek	Ewart, J. ...	"	Launching Place	Postmaster and store-keeper.
West Bourke ...	Bulla ...	Bethell, W. ...	"	Bulla ...	Storekeeper.
South Bourke ...	Bulleen ...	Lacey, J. ...	"	Templestowe ...	Farmer.
West Bourke ...	Bylands ...	Phipps, J. B. ...	"	Lancefield ...	Medical practitioner.
East Bourke ...	Campbellfield ...	Boreham, J. ...	"	Campbellfield ...	Storekeeper.
South Bourke ...	Caulfield ...	Boxill, R. ...	"	Caulfield ...	Accountant.
Mornington ...	Corinella ...	Keen, W. ...	"	The Bass ...	[Not furnished.]
" ...	Cranbourne ...	Tucker, W. J. ...	"	Cranbourne ...	Farmer.
" ...	Dandenong, East ...	Brisbane, W., Jr. ...	"	Berwick ...	Storekeeper.
South Bourke ...	Dandenong, West ...	Dobson, J. ...	"	Dandenong ...	Clerk of Courts.
East Bourke ...	Darebin ...	Emms, W. ...	"	Bundoora ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
West Bourke ...	Diggersrest ...	Mackintosh, D. ...	"	Diggersrest Station	None.
East Bourke ...	Donnybrook ...	Crichton, P. ...	"	Donnybrook ...	Postmaster and store-keeper.
Evelyn ...	Eltham ...	Page, W. A. ...	"	Eltham ...	Storekeeper.
East Bourke ...	Epping ...	Peacock, J. ...	"	Janefield ...	Teacher.
" ...	Epping ...	Mitchell, W. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Epping ...	Wheelwright and postmaster.
West Bourke ...	Essendon ...	Somerville, T. ...	Electoral Registrar	Essendon ...	Civil Service.
South Bourke ...	Gardiner ...	Henry, T. G. ...	"	Gardiner ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
West Bourke ...	Gisborne ...	Dixon, H. R. ...	"	Gisborne ...	Auctioneer.
East Bourke ...	Heidelberg ...	Durham, R. G. ...	"	Heidelberg ...	Clerk to Road Board.
Mornington ...	Kangerong ...	Haldan, A. ...	"	Dromana ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
West Bourke ...	Keilor ...	Ely, R. G. ...	"	Keilor ...	Clerk.
" ...	Kororoit ...	Puller, W. ...	"	Maidstone ...	Clerk to Road Board.
" ...	Lancefield ...	Phipps, J. B. ...	"	Lancefield ...	Medical practitioner.
" ...	Lancefield ...	White, W. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Rochford ...	Auctioneer, &c.
" ...	Melton ...	Ferris, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Melton ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
South Bourke ...	Mordialloc ...	Wells, Henry ...	"	Cheltenham ...	Farmer.
" ...	Mulgrave ...	May, Edwd. ...	"	Mulgrave ...	Farmer.
East Bourke Boroughs ...	Northcote (B) ...	Bastings, E. ...	"	Northcote ...	Storekeeper.
South Bourke ...	Nunawading ...	Clisby, W. ...	"	Box Hill ...	Teacher.
" ...	Oakleigh ...	Barr, J. ...	"	Oakleigh ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
East Bourke Boroughs ...	Pentridge ...	Narracott, J. ...	"	Pentridge ...	Surveyor.
East Bourke ...	Plenty ...	Dignan, T. ...	"	Epping ...	Teacher, &c.
" ...	Preston ...	Blackie, J. ...	"	Preston ...	Druggist.
Mornington ...	Snapper Point ...	Armstrong, W. ...	"	Mornington ...	Clerk of Courts.
Evelyn ...	St. Andrews ...	Armstrong, S. ...	"	Kangaroo Ground	Farmer.
" ...	St. Andrews ...	Furmstone, G. V. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Healesville ...	Saddler.
West Bourke ...	The Gap ...	Barling, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	The Gap ...	Teacher.
" ...	Tullamarine ...	Cousins, J. ...	"	Tullamarine ...	Butcher.
East Bourke ...	Whittlesea ...	Cookson, C. ...	"	Whittlesea ...	Schoolmaster, &c.
West Bourke ...	Wyndham ...	Haynes, T. ...	"	Wyndham ...	Secretary Shire Council.
Evelyn ...	Yan Yean ...	Higgs, J. ...	"	Yan Yean ...	Teacher.
SOUTH WESTERN:					
South Grant ...	Anakie ...	Brazier, C. ...	Electoral Registrar	Anakie ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
Geelong, West ...	Ashby, North ...	Sayers, W. F. ...	"	Newtown and Chilwell	Town Clerk.
" ...	Ashby, South ...	Sayers, W. F. ...	"	Newtown and Chilwell	Town Clerk.
South Grant ...	Ballan, South ...	Tanner, J. ...	"	Ballan ...	Commission agent, &c.
" ...	Ballan, South ...	Sylvester, G. B. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Morrison's ...	Postmaster.
Ballarat East ...	Ballarat East Proper	Stocks, J. D. ...	Electoral Registrar	Ballarat East ...	Grocer.
Ballarat West ...	Ballarat West Proper	Christy, D. ...	"	Ballarat ...	Assistant Mining Registrar.
South Grant ...	Barrabool ...	Garratt, J. M. ...	"	Geelong ...	House and land agent.
" ...	Batesford ...	Smith, H. A. ...	"	Batesford ...	Postmaster.
Geelong, East ...	Barwon ...	Matthews, J. E. ...	"	Geelong ...	Farmer and contractor.
South Grant ...	Bellarine ...	McWilliams, A. ...	"	Bellarine ...	Surveyor.
Grenville ...	Buninyong ...	Oliver, D. ...	"	Buninyong ...	Clerk of Courts.

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South Grant ...	Burnt Bridge ...	Sylvester, G. B. ...	Electoral Registrar	Morrison ...	Postmaster.
Polwarth and South Grenville South Grant ...	Colac ...	Dunderdale, G. ...	"	Colac ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Connewarre ...	Todd, T. T. ...	"	Connewarre ...	Farmer.
" ...	Egerton ...	Witherden, E. O. ...	"	Egerton ...	Storekeeper.
Geelong, East Grenville ...	Geelong, North ...	Matthews, J. E. ...	"	Geelong ...	Farmer, &c.
" ...	Gordon ...	Young, R. H. ...	"	Ballan ...	Secretary Shire Council.
" ...	Gordon ...	Mars, C. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Gordon ...	Storekeeper.
Polwarth and South Grenville Grenville ...	Inverleigh ...	Campbell, D. ...	Electoral Registrar	Inverleigh ...	Schoolmaster.
" ...	Italian Gully ...	Coleman, J. F. ...	"	Italian Gully ...	Mining Registrar.
" ...	Italian Gully ...	Cutter, H. J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Scarsdale ...	Town Clerk.
Geelong, East ...	Kardinia ...	Matthews, J. E. ...	Electoral Registrar	Geelong ...	Farmer, &c.
South Grant Grenville ...	Little River ...	Blair, J. ...	"	Little River ...	Secretary Shire Council.
South Grant ...	Linton ...	McNiece, R. ...	"	Linton ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
" ...	Maddingley ...	Cooper, J. S. ...	"	Bacchus Marsh ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Modewarre ...	Moran, A. T. ...	"	Modewarre ...	Surveyor.
Grenville ...	Mount Misery ...	Coleman, J. F. ...	"	Italian Gully ...	Mining Registrar.
" ...	Mount Misery ...	Russell, John ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Bulldog ...	Storekeeper.
South Grant ...	Mount Moriac ...	Ryland, J. H. ...	Electoral Registrar	Mount Moriac ...	Farmer.
" ...	Queenscliff ...	Jordan, R. ...	"	Queenscliff ...	Schoolmaster.
Grenville ...	Rokewood ...	White, W. H. ...	"	Rokewood ...	General storekeeper.
Ballarat West Grenville ...	Smythe's Creek ...	Nicholson, W. B. ...	"	Smythe's Creek ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Smythesdale ...	Thorne, J. ...	"	Smythesdale ...	None.
" ...	Smythesdale ...	Garvey, J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Springdallah ...	Herdsmen.
Ballarat East ...	South Road ...	Stocks, J. D. ...	Electoral Registrar	Ballarat East ...	Grocer.
South Grant ...	Steiglitz ...	Goulden, B. ...	"	Steiglitz ...	Hotelkeeper.
" ...	The Leigh ...	Campbell, D. ...	"	Inverleigh ...	Schoolmaster.
" ...	Wallington ...	McWilliams, R. ...	"	Kensington ...	Postmaster.
Ballarat East Ballarat West ...	Warrenheip ...	McMahon, C. ...	"	Warrenheip ...	Farmer.
" ...	Western Road ...	Christy, D. ...	"	Ballarat ...	Assistant Mining Registrar, &c.
South Grant Polwarth and South Grenville	Winchelsea, East Winchelsea, West	Forsyth, R. N. ... Forsyth, R. N. ...	" "	Winchelsea Winchelsea	Rate collector, &c. Rate collector, &c.
Ballarat West ...	Winter ...	Wall, J. ...	"	Sebastopol ...	Town Clerk.
" ...	Winter ...	Starling, J. M. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Ross's Creek ...	Teacher, postmaster, &c.
Grenville ...	Woody Yalok ...	Crowe, A. W. ...	Electoral Registrar	Pitfield ...	Schoolmaster.
WESTERN:					
Ararat ...	Ararat (B) ...	McGibbony, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Ararat ...	Watchmaker.
Dundas ...	Balmoral ...	Wood, C. ...	"	Balmoral ...	Fellmonger.
Belfast ...	Belfast ...	Wheeler, W. E. ...	"	Belfast ...	Clerk of Courts.
Normanby ...	Branxholme ...	Best, Jabez ...	"	Branxholme ...	Deputy Registrar, Births, &c.
" ...	Bridgewater ...	Douglass, W. ...	"	Bridgewater ...	Rate Collector.
Ripon and Hampden ...	Burrumbeet ...	McKie, J. ...	"	Burrumbeet ...	Schoolmaster.
" ...	Camperdown ...	Walls, J. ...	"	Camperdown ...	Builder.
" ...	Carnham ...	Graham, Jr. G. ...	"	Minersrest ...	Contractor.
Villiers and Heytesbury	Caramut ...	Ewing, R.* ...	"	Caramut ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
Dundas ...	Casterton ...	Cue, Geo. ...	"	Casterton ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
Ararat ...	Cathcart (B) ...	Flatteley, T. ...	"	Cathcart ...	Storekeeper.
Ripon and Hampden ...	Darlington ...	Hodgson, S. D. ...	"	Darlington ...	Chemist, &c.
Dundas ...	Dartmoor ...	Desmond, P. ...	"	Dartmoor ...	Police Constable.
Normanby ...	Digby ...	Mercer, R. J. ...	"	Digby ...	Postmaster.
Dundas ...	Hamilton, North ...	Garton, R. ...	"	Hamilton ...	Clerk of Courts
Normanby ...	Hamilton, South ...	Garton, R. ...	"	Hamilton ...	Clerk of Courts.
Dundas ...	Harrow, South ...	Creagh, B. B. ...	"	Harrow ...	Clerk of Courts.
Villiers and Heytesbury	Heytesbury, East Heytesbury, West	Walls, John ... Anderson, J. ...	" "	Camperdown Allansford ...	Builder. Storekeeper.
Normanby ...	Heywood ...	Ullithorne, W. ...	"	Heywood ...	Poundkeeper.
" ...	Heywood ...	Munt, C. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Macarthur ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Heywood ...	McLean, D. ...	"	Narrawong ...	Teacher.
Ripon and Hampden ...	Lismore ...	Walls, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Camperdown ...	Builder.
" ...	Minersrest ...	Graham, Jr. Geo. ...	"	Minersrest ...	Contractor.
" ...	Mortlake ...	Despard, S. ...	"	Mortlake ...	Secretary Shire Council.
Villiers and Heytesbury	Mount Rouse ...	Baxter, P. D. ...	"	Penshurst ...	Deputy Registrar, Births, &c.
" ...	Moyne ...	Irwin, J. H. ...	"	Rosebrook ...	Schoolmaster.
Portland ...	Portland ...	Atkinson, E. ...	"	Portland ...	Town Clerk.
Ripon and Hampden ...	Raglan ...	Minchin, C. W. ...	"	Beaufort ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Skipton ...	Elder, A. M. ...	"	Skipton ...	Postmaster.

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Ripon and Hampden ...	Streatham ...	Noble, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Streatham ...	Electric Telegraph manager.
" ...	Terang ...	Lang, Matthew ...	"	Terang ...	Storekeeper.
Villiers and Heytesbury	Tower Hill ...	Norman, C. ...	"	Koroit ...	Postmaster and store-keeper.
"	Wangoom ...	Raingill, T. ...	"	Warrnambool ...	Actuary, Savings' Bank.
Warrnambool ...	Warrnambool ...	Raingill, T. ...	"	Warrnambool ...	Actuary, Savings' Bank.
Ripon and Hampden...	Wickliffe ...	Harriott, G. ...	"	Wickliffe ...	Timber merchant.
Villiers and Heytesbury	Woodford ...	Patison, J. M. ...	"	Woodford ...	Storekeeper.
"	Woodford ...	McKie, P. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Woolsthorpe ...	Storekeeper.
"	Yambuk ...	Doherty, O. ...	Electoral Registrar	Yambuk ...	Schoolmaster.
<i>NORTH-WESTERN:</i>					
Creswick ...	Amherst ...	Smith, J. P. ...	Electoral Registrar	Amherst ...	Storekeeper.
"	Amherst ...	Murphy, J. M. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Majorca ...	Clerk of Courts.
"	Amherst ...	Andrews, J. ...	"	Talbot ...	Town Clerk.
Avoca ...	Amphitheatre ...	Walker, R. ...	"	Amphitheatre ...	Teacher.
Ararat ...	Ararat (A.) ...	McGibbony, J. ...	"	Ararat ...	Watchmaker.
"	Armstrongs ...	McOuat, J. ...	"	Armstrongs ...	Storekeeper.
Avoca ...	Avoca ...	Coffin, J. ...	"	Avoca ...	Clerk of Courts.
Creswick ...	Back Creek ...	Wood, W. ...	"	Back Creek ...	Secretary Shire Council.
Maldon ...	Baringhup, East ...	Humffray, H. O. ...	"	Baringhup ...	Schoolmaster.
Maryborough	Baringhup, West ...	Lawrence, R. G. ...	"	Baringhup ...	Postmaster.
"	Baringhup, West ...	Torneltz, A. H. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Eddington ...	Storekeeper.
Dalhousie ...	Broadford (B) ...	Woolnough, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Broadford ...	Storekeeper and post-master.
"	Broadford (B) ...	McCulla, M. J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Pyalong ...	Farmer.
"	Campaspe ...	Adamson, F. E. ...	Electoral Registrar	Malmsbury ...	Stationer.
"	Campaspe ...	O'Connor, M. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Redesdale ...	Storekeeper and post-master.
"	Campaspe ...	Lilley, C. ...	"	Woodend ...	Town Clerk.
Crowlands ...	Campbells ...	Matthews, W. ...	Electoral Registrar	Moyston ...	Storekeeper.
Maldon ...	Campbell's Creek ...	Osborne, W. T. ...	"	Campbell's Creek ...	Miner.
"	Campbell's Creek ...	Curle, R. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Castlemaine ...	News agent.
Maryborough	Carisbrook ...	Read, G. ...	Electoral Registrar	Carisbrook ...	Town Clerk.
Kyneton Boroughs	Carlsruhe ...	Bodkin, J. ...	"	Kyneton ...	House and land proprietor.
Castlemaine	Castlemaine ...	Curle, R. ...	"	Castlemaine ...	News agent.
Ararat ...	Cathcart (A) ...	Flattley, T. ...	"	Cathcart ...	Storekeeper.
"	Cathcart (A) ...	Cameron, J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Moyston ...	Commission agent.
Castlemaine	Chewton ...	Lamb, John ...	Electoral Registrar	Chewton ...	Bootmaker.
Creswick ...	Clunes ...	McLennan, L. ...	"	Clunes ...	Farmer.
Avoca ...	Cochrans ...	Lyndon, G. W. ...	"	Bealiba... ...	Storekeeper.
Creswick ...	Greswick ...	Roycraft, J. ...	"	Creswick ...	News agent.
"	Daylesford ...	Hart, W. G. ...	"	Daylesford ...	Deputy Registrar,
Avoca ...	Dunolly ...	Miskelly, J. ...	"	Dunolly ...	Births, &c.
Mandurang...	Elysian Flat ...	McColl, H. ...	"	Sandhurst ...	Clerk of Courts.
Creswick ...	Franklin ...	Draper, A. ...	"	Franklinford ...	Commission agent.
Castlemaine	Fryerstown ...	Mercer, W. ...	"	Fryerstown ...	News agent.
"	Elphinstone ...	Cahill, P. ...	"	Elphinstone ...	Medical practitioner.
Creswick ...	Glenlyon ...	Hart, W. G. ...	"	Daylesford ...	Baker.
"	"	"	"	"	Deputy Registrar,
"	"	"	"	"	Births, &c.
Crowlands ...	Glenorchy ...	Wallace, J. ...	"	Glenorchy ...	Clerk of Courts.
"	Glenpatrick ...	Walker, R. ...	"	Amphitheatre ...	Bootmaker.
"	Great Western ...	Paice, T. ...	"	Great Western ...	Teacher.
Castlemaine	Guilford ...	James, J. A. ...	"	Guilford ...	Farmer.
"	Harcourt ...	Hayden, H. ...	"	Harcourt ...	Stationer.
"	Harrow, North ...	Creagh, B. B. ...	"	Harrow ...	Teacher.
Wimmera ...	Heathcote (A) ...	Lee, R. ...	"	Heathcote ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
Rodney ...	Horsham ...	Bolton, S. ...	"	Horsham ...	Town Clerk.
Wimmera ...	Inglewood ...	McNaughten, A. ...	"	Horsham ...	Clerk.
Avoca ...	Jericho ...	Lidster, J. ...	"	Inglewood ...	Clerk.
"	Kilmore ...	Barry, E. ...	"	Jericho ...	Town Clerk.
Kilmore ...	Kingower ...	Roy, P. ...	"	Kilmore ...	Quartz crusher.
Avoca ...	Kingston ...	Cane, A. R. ...	"	Kingower ...	Clerk of Courts.
Creswick ...	Kyneton ...	Weigall, H. ...	"	Kingower ...	Merchant.
Kyneton Boroughs	Korong ...	Rinder, B. ...	"	Mount Prospect ...	Farmer.
Avoca ...	Laplough ...	O'Neill, D. ...	"	Kyneton ...	Clerk of Courts
"	Lexton ...	Nicholls, T. ...	"	Korong ...	Poundkeeper.
Creswick ...	"	"	"	Laplough ...	Storekeeper.
"	"	"	"	Lexton ...	Secretary Shire Council.

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Sandhurst ...	Long Gully ...	Pentreath, P. ...	Electoral Registrar	Long Gully ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Lockwood ...	McEspie, J. ...	"	Lockwood ...	Postmaster.
Crowlands ...	Malakhoff ...	Puddicombe, W. H. ...	"	Landsborough ...	Stationer.
Maldon ...	Maldon ...	Naukwell, R. ...	"	Maldon ...	Surveyor.
" ...	Maldon ...	Mahony, J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Walmer ...	Farmer.
" ...	Maldon ...	Curle, R. ...	"	Castlemaine ...	News agent.
Kyneton Boroughs ...	Malmsbury ...	Adamson, F. E. ...	Electoral Registrar	Malmsbury ...	Stationer.
Mandurang ...	Mandurang ...	Marrack, G. P. ...	"	Mandurang ...	Schoolmaster.
" ...	Marong ...	Tulloch, J. T. ...	"	Sandhurst ...	Statistician.
Maryborough ...	Maryborough ...	Cameron, C. ...	"	Maryborough ...	Draper.
Wimmera ...	Mildura ...	Sunderland, Cons. ...	"	Cowana ...	Mounted Constable.
Avoca ...	Moliagul ...	Leck, R. ...	"	Moliagul ...	Storekeeper.
Mandurang ...	Mount Hope ...	Burridge, J. W. ...	"	Echuca ...	County Court Officer.
Castlemaine ...	Muckleford ...	Nicolai, E. ...	"	Muckleford ...	Farmer, &c.
Crowlands ...	Navarre ...	Blair, Wm. ...	"	Barkly ...	Storekeeper and post-master.
Avoca ...	Newbridge ...	Irvine, T. ...	"	Tarnagulla ...	Skilled valuer.
Maldon ...	Newstead ...	Blair, R. ...	"	Newstead ...	Bootmaker.
Crowlands ...	Pleasant Creek ...	Ord, M. ...	"	Pleasant Creek ...	Commission agent.
Mandurang ...	Pyramid Creek ...	Tulloch, J. T. ...	"	Sandhurst ...	Statistician.
Dalhousie ...	Reedy Creek (A) ...	Davis, G. ...	"	Reedy Creek ...	Storekeeper.
Sandhurst ...	Sandhurst ...	Buchan, D. ...	"	Sandhurst ...	Deputy Registrar, Births.
Avoca ...	Sandy Creek ...	Irvine, T. ...	"	Tarnagulla ...	Skilled valuer.
Murray Boroughs ...	Seymour (A) ...	Guild, A. ...	"	Seymour ...	Hotel and storekeeper.
Creswick ...	Smeaton ...	Cane, A. R. ...	"	Mount Prospect ...	Farmer.
" ...	Smeaton ...	Dockery, A. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Clunes ...	Storekeeper and post-master.
" ...	Smeaton ...	Lowry, S. H. ...	"	Ullma ...	Storekeeper.
Sandhurst ...	Spring Creek ...	Buchan, D. ...	Electoral Registrar	Sandhurst ...	Deputy Registrar, Births.
Crowlands ...	St. Arnaud ...	Bolger, M. ...	"	St. Arnaud ...	Clerk of Courts.
Creswick ...	Strangways ...	Draper, A. ...	"	Franklinford ...	News agent.
" ...	Strangways ...	Nokes, F. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Strangways ...	Miner.
Crowlands ...	Swan Hill ...	Gummow, B. ...	Electoral Registrar	Swan Hill ...	Medical practitioner.
Castlemaine ...	Taradale ...	Orwin, T. ...	"	Taradale ...	Mining registrar.
Maryborough ...	Taringower ...	Kyd, J. ...	"	Newstead ...	Storekeeper.
Dalhousie ...	Tylden ...	Hogan, J. ...	"	New Kyneton ...	Hotel and storekeeper.
" ...	Tylden ...	Baker, W. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Trentham ...	Acting Clerk Petty Sessions.
" ...	Tylden ...	Lilley, C. ...	"	Woodend ...	Town Clerk.
Castlemaine ...	Vaughan ...	Chapman, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Vaughan ...	Schoolmaster.
Mandurang ...	White Hills ...	Wall, J. E. ...	"	White Hills ...	Deputy Registrar, Births.
Kyneton Boroughs ...	Woodend ...	Lilley, Chas. ...	"	Woodend ...	Town Clerk.
EASTERN:					
South Gippsland ...	Alberton ...	Kelsall, E. ...	Electoral Registrar	Palmerston ...	Clerk of Courts.
Murray Boroughs ...	Avenel ...	Campion, W. ...	"	Avenel ...	Storekeeper.
Ovens, The ...	Beechworth ...	Drury, A. ...	"	Beechworth ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Belvoir ...	Bambrick, J. ...	"	Woodonga ...	Police sergeant.
Murray Boroughs ...	Benalla ...	Crofton, H. ...	"	Benalla ...	Clerk of Courts.
Murray ...	Benalla ...	Crofton, H. ...	"	Benalla ...	Clerk of Courts.
Dalhousie ...	Broadford (A) ...	Batten, F. ...	"	Seymour ...	Farmer.
Ovens, The ...	Buckland ...	Martin, A. L. ...	"	Morse's Creek ...	Clerk of Courts.
Murray Boroughs ...	Euroa ...	De Boos, J. ...	"	Euroa ...	Store and Innkeeper.
North Gippsland ...	Eastern ...	Pepper, W. ...	"	Stratford ...	Schoolmaster.
" ...	Eastern ...	Fairley, J. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Dargo ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Eastern ...	Travis, J. ...	"	Grant ...	Mining registrar.
" ...	Eastern ...	Kerr, C. C. ...	"	Bainasdale ...	Poundkeeper.
Rodney ...	Echuca ...	Burridge, J. W. ...	Electoral Registrar	Echuca ...	County Court Officer.
" ...	Heathcote (B) ...	Alsop, W. H. ...	"	Heathcote ...	Secretary Sh. Cl.
Ovens, The ...	Indigo ...	Mulligan, J. ...	"	Chiltern ...	Clerk of Courts.
Murray ...	Longwood ...	Dore, F. ...	"	Longwood ...	Civil Service.
" ...	Longwood ...	Campion W. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Avenel ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Mansfield ...	McLatchey, A. ...	Electoral Registrar	Maindample ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Mansfield ...	Power, W. G. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Jamieson ...	Brewer.
" ...	Mansfield ...	Wekey, S. ...	"	Gaffney's Creek ...	Deputy Registrar, Births.
" ...	Mansfield ...	Blythman, C. ...	"	Wood's Point ...	Bailiff.
Dalhousie ...	Merton ...	Nolan, B. ...	Electoral Registrar	Merton ...	Bootmaker.
" ...	Merton ...	Alloway, J. K. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Alexandra ...	Commission agent.

RETURN of Names, &c., of Electoral Registrars and Deputies throughout the Colony, &c.—*continued.*

Province and Districts.	Divisions.	Names.	Offices.	Addresses.	Occupations.
<i>EASTERN—continued.</i>					
North Gippsland ...	Middle ...	Quinan, R. ...	Electoral Registrar	Sale ...	Clerk Petty Sessions.
Murray ...	Mitta Mitta ...	Newman, N. P. ...	"	Snowy Creek ...	Miner.
Ovens, The ...	Myrtle Creek ...	Blacketer, J. ...	"	Myrtleford ...	Storekeeper.
Murray ...	Omeo ...	Phipps, W. ...	"	Omeo ...	Acting Clerk Petty Sessions.
South Gippsland ...	Palmerston ...	Duncan, D. ...	"	Palmerston ...	Commission agent.
Dalhousie ...	Reedy Creek (B) ...	Davis, G. ...	"	Reedy Creek ...	Storekeeper.
Murray Boroughs ...	Seymour (B) ...	Guild, A. ...	"	Seymour ...	Hotel and storekeeper.
Murray ...	Seven Creeks ...	Fevoy, John ...	"	Violet Town ...	Postmaster.
" ...	Snowy Creek ...	French, A. ...	"	Snowy Creek ...	Storekeeper.
The Ovens ...	Stanley ...	Stubbins, Thos. ...	"	Stanley ...	Chemist.
South Gippsland ...	Tarraville ...	Hall, A. ...	"	Tarraville ...	Chemist.
Murray ...	Tarrawingee ...	Ely, A. L. ...	"	Wangaratta ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Tarrawingee ...	Bridge, R. B. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	El Dorado ...	Chemist.
Dalhousie ...	Tallarook ...	Guild, A. ...	Electoral Registrar	Seymour ...	Hotelkeeper.
Murray ...	Wahgunyah ...	Brown, Donald ...	"	Wahgunyah ...	Clerk, &c.
Murray Boroughs ...	Wangaratta ...	Shields, W. ...	"	Wangaratta ...	Telegraph Mgr.
Rodney ...	Waranga ...	Hicks, Henry ...	"	Rushworth ...	Saddler.
North Gipps Land ...	Western ...	Williams, J. ...	"	Rosedale ...	Storekeeper.
" ...	Western ...	Gadd, Chas. ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Russell's Creek ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
" ...	Western ...	Mann, Robt. ...	"	Donnelly's Creek ...	Hotelkeeper and storekeeper.
" ...	Western ...	McGlone, J. ...	"	The Jordan ...	Police constable.
" ...	Western ...	Nicholson, J. C. ...	"	Walhalla ...	Stationer.
Murray Boroughs ...	Wodonga ...	Bambrick, J. ...	Electoral Registrar	Wodonga ...	Police sergeant.
Gippsland, South ...	Woodside ...	Hall, A. ...	"	Tarraville ...	Chemist.
The Ovens ...	Woolshed ...	Gannell, E. ...	"	Woolshed ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
" ...	Yackandandah ...	Maynard, G. ...	"	Yackandandah ...	Clerk of Courts.
" ...	Yackandandah ...	Brown, John ...	Deputy Electoral Registrar	Hillsborough ...	Storekeeper and postmaster.
Dalhousie ...	Yea ...	Arthur, J. V. ...	Electoral Registrar	Yea ...	None.

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PUBLIC LOAN ACT 1865 EXPENDITURE.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
THE HONORABLE J. O'SHANASSY.—15TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

LAI D ON THE COUNCIL TABLE, AND ORDERED TO BE PRINTED, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1868.

A RETURN showing in detail how the sum of £850,000 and premium thereon, raised under the *Public Loan Act* 1865, has been expended under the head specified in said Act, viz :

- (1.) In completing the construction of the State Railways.
- (2.) For the purchase of arms, guns, and ammunition, and the erection, building, furnishing, and equipment of works, ports, and ships, and the providing of all other things necessary or useful for the defence of the Colony of Victoria against invasion or attack in time of war.
- (3.) For the construction of works for supplying water to divers mining, agricultural, and other districts, and to towns in Victoria ; and for the purchase of land, materials, and plant required for or in connection therewith.

1.—COMPLETING the construction of the State Railways.—Approximate Statement of Expenditure of £250,000.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PERMANENT WAY AND WORKS.						
Cornish and Bruce, on settlement of claims under their contract for the completion of the line to Sandhurst ; amount not previously charged	92,000	0	0			
Land, &c., main line	570	0	0			
Engineering (field office) and expenses incurred in trial, Bruce and Others v. The Queen	10,000	0	0			
Permanent way, Williamstown line	1,700	0	0			
Permanent way, Ballarat line	1,300	0	0			
Engineering expenses, Ballarat line	1,000	0	0			
Geelong line (liquidation of mortgage bonds)	74,000	0	0			
Repairs, engineering, &c.	11,900	0	0			
Extension from Sandhurst to Echuca	10,000	0	0			
				202,470	0	0
STATIONS AND BUILDINGS.						
Sheds and workshops at Williamstown	1,700	0	0			
Melbourne station (old)	1,500	0	0			
Melbourne station (new)	6,500	0	0			
Williamstown pier and breakwater	1,700	0	0			
All other stations	1,500	0	0			
				12,900	0	0
STORES, PLANT, MACHINERY, ETC.						
Machinery and tools for workshops	3,000	0	0			
Engines and other rolling stock	24,000	0	0			
Remittances for plant, stores, &c., for general use	10,000	0	0			
				37,000	0	0
				£252,370	0	0
	Including premiums on £250,000 at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. nearly... 1,123					

W. H. WRIGHT, Secretary.

2.—RETURN showing Expenditure for Defence Purposes out of £100,000 raised under the *Public Loan Act*.

	£	s.	d.
Ordnance and appurtenances	22,807	16	7
Ordnance stores	3,425	13	10
Munitions of war, and small arms' ammunitions ...	11,497	15	1
Small arms	5,255	18	9
Accoutrements for small arms	130	7	6
Freight and insurance	2,663	7	11
Miscellaneous stores	341	10	5
Salaries and wages	682	3	1
Clothing	8,574	1	0
Books	52	12	6
Incidentals	1,910	5	11
H.M.V.S. "Nelson"	2,799	4	8
	£60,140	17	3

Treasury, Melbourne,
22nd September, 1868.

E. S. SYMONDS,
Under Treasurer.

3.—FOR the Construction of Works for supplying Water to divers Mining, Agricultural, and other districts, and to Towns in Victoria; and for the purchase of Land, Materials, and Plant required for or in connection therewith.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Proceeds of Debentures	492,148	5	0						
„ Sundry receipts	2,379	13	8						
	£494,527	18	8						
Castlemaine and Sandhurst—									
Construction of works				310,201	2	6			
Land—purchase of				14,276	6	3			
Materials and plant				5,303	8	10			
							329,780	17	7
Geelong—									
Construction of works				59,041	10	9			
Materials—pipes				66,461	4	2			
							125,502	14	11
Echuca—Construction of tank, &c.							2,752	10	11
Ballarat—Advance to Ballarat Water Commissioner							15,000	0	0
Ovens Surveys				4,875	19	9			
Maryborough „				3,874	6	4			
Raywood „				1,360	16	9			
Smythesdale „				1,305	6	0			
Bacchus Marsh, &c. „				3,790	16	9			
Daylesford „				2,675	3	7			
Hamilton „				192	12	0			
Wallan Wallan „				199	2	2			
Heathcote „				47	11	0			
Clunes „				595	3	7			
Sebastopol „				3	10	0			
							18,920	7	11
Salaries and Contingencies, Head Office, to be apportioned to the several schemes ...							2,571	7	4
							£494,527	18	8

H. O. CHRISTOPHERSON,
Chief Engineer.

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RATEPAYERS AND ELECTORS.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
HONORABLE W. HIGHETT.—30TH JUNE, 1868.

LAI'D ON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE G. W. COLE, AND ORDERED BY THE
COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

A RETURN of Ratepayers and of Persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers in the City of Melbourne, the Town of Geelong, and in all Boroughs, Shires, and Road Districts in the Colony of Victoria; also a Return, showing the Classification of Electors for the Provinces.

RETURN OF RATEPAYERS, ETC.—CITY, TOWN, AND BOROUGHS.

* [Reference having been made to several of the Town Clerks to explain the apparent discrepancy between the numbers given in the 1st and 2nd columns, it has been ascertained that the difference is to be accounted for in some instances by disfranchisement for non-payment of rates; and in others, by reason of one and the same person having several properties, but only one vote.]

City, Town, and Boroughs.	* Total Number of Persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers.	* Total Number of Ratepayers on the Rate last made.	Number of persons rated under £25.	Number of persons rated at from £25 and under £50.	Number of persons rated at from £50 and under £100.	Number of persons rated at from £100 and under £150.	Number of persons rated at from £150 and under £200.	Number of persons rated at from £200 and under £300.	Number of persons rated at £300 and upwards.	Total Number of persons entitled by the con- stitutional qualifications to vote at elections of Mem- bers of the Legislative Council.
Melbourne	10,060	10,060	4,645	2,335	1,433	675	272	344	356	See separate Return—"Classification of Electors."
Geelong	1,775	2,966	2,253	350	243	68	22	16	14	
Amherst	239	527	388	74	46	13	2	4	...	
Ararat	303	483	167	77	36	13	5	3	2	
Ballarat	3,091	4,756	3,426	798	338	94	48	28	24	
Ballarat East	2,416	3,290	2,734	274	167	62	28	15	10	
Beechworth	567	567	373	92	69	18	5	4	6	
Belfast	331	470	380	45	28	8	4	1	4	
Brighton	560	604	326	111	102	44	9	7	5	
Brown's and Scarsdale	425	526	468	42	15	1	...	...	...
Brunswick	660	1,196	978	135	63	17	1	...	2	
Buninyong	232	317	246	39	25	3	4	...	...
Carisbrook	193	438	361	51	18	4	3	...	1	
Castlemaine	685	2,513	455	82	82	34	14	9	9	
Chewton	650	673	602	49	19	3	...	...	...
Chiltern	362	301	303	39	19	...	...	...	1
Clunes	665	959	792	105	50	9	2	1	...	
Craigie	432	512	437	53	19	3	...	...	...
Creswick	498	718	609	55	35	8	5	4	2	
Daylesford	576	1,298	1,078	152	44	10	10	2	2	
Dunolly	253	398	289	50	30	15	9	4	1	
Echuca	337	403	225	72	59	16	22	2	7	
Eaglehawk	1,188	1,372 ^a	995	119	40	16	9	6	3	
Emerald Hill	2,202	2,625	1,940	427	182	20	4	2	2	
East Collingwood	3,057	4,830	4,351	296	133	35	9	2	4	
Essendon and Flemington ^b	377	348	220	58	41	10	15	3	1	
Footscray ^c	279	1,220	1,105	81	21	6	3	1	...	
Fitzroy	2,527	2,455	1,662	871	405	93	23	9	6	
Guildford	248	324	279	26	14	3	1	1	...	

(a) This is the total assessment to the last rate made in April current.

(b) This return is compiled from the List of Ratepayers for 1867-8. A court for the revision of the burgess list for 1868-9 will be held between the 14th and 20th July, after which new rolls will be made out.

(c) In addition to the particulars here given, a large quantity of land alienated from the Crown, and since subdivided, is not represented, as the numbers of owners are unknown, or into how many lots the original Crown allotments have been subdivided and sold cannot be found or positively ascertained.

RETURN OF RATEPAYERS, &c.—*continued.*

City, Town, and Boroughs.	Total Number of Persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers.	Total Number of Ratepayers on the Rate last made.	Number of persons rated under £25.	Number of persons rated at from £25 and under £50.	Number of persons rated at from £50 and under £100.	Number of persons rated at from £100 and under £150.	Number of persons rated at from £150 and under £200.	Number of persons rated at from £200 and under £300.	Number of persons rated at £300 and upwards.	Total Number of persons entitled by reason of professional qualifications to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Council.
Hamilton ...	412	509	330	91	51	24	7	4	2	
Hawthorn ...	518	624	361	122	92	31	11	5	2	
Heathcote ...	186	395	317	43	23	10	...	1	...	
Hotham ...	1,793	2,580	2,081	381	94	24	...	1	one firm	
Inglewood ...	223	335	256	55	15	6	...	3	...	
Jamieson ...	127	127	118	16	7	4	1	1	...	
Kew ...	323 ^d	364	150	103	73	22	8	4	4	
Kilmore ...	270	452	398	54	25	13	2	2	...	
Malmsbury ...	234	395	291	62	29	10	1	1	1	
Maryborough ^e ...	593	655	498	82	50	17	2	5	1	
Newtown and Chilwell ...	461	1,519	1,375	68	66	19	6	2	1	
Portland ...	425	537	404	72	29	15	8	7	2	
Prahran ...	2,393	2,841	1,752	588	346	97	31	25	12	
Queenscliff ^f ...	152	195	135	26	23	5	4	2	...	
Rutherglen ...	158	158	108	34	12	4	...	...	...
Richmond ...	3,042	3,725	3,027	478	142	29	10	2	2	
Raywood ...	81	170	153	12	4	1	...	...	...
Sale ...	358	483	218	77	46	9	5	2	1	
Steiglitz ...	189	241	205	19	8	6	2	1	...	
Sandhurst ...	2,416	5,083	4,082	580	249	77	30	33	32	
Sandridge ...	772	1,615	1,416	91	69	21	5	6	7	
Sebastopol ...	1,020	1,229	1,100	96	27	6	...	...	...
Smythesdale ...	161	224	165	36	15	4	4	...	...
South Barwon ...	328	340	235	62	18	6	3	3	1	
St. Arnaud ...	284	320	238	35	28	12	3	3	1	
St. Kilda ...	1,108	2,019	1,056	370	319	191	40	33	10	
Taradale ...	485	520	425	44	39	11	...	1	...	
Tarnagulla ...	214	401	330	45	13	6	2	2	3	
Wangaratta ^g ...	220	263	183	39	23	11	2	3	2	
Warrnambool ...	514	600	436	97	44	12	5	3	3	
Woodpoint ...	274	537	287	97	53	39	25	19	17	
Woodend ...	204 ^h	349	273	40	25	6	4	1	...	
Williamstown ...	723	1,905 ⁱ	1,633	202	56	11	2	...	1	
Totals ...	55,849	78,859	56,123	11,175	5,889	2,060	752	643	569	

See separate Return—"Classification of Electors."

(d) This number is, as nearly as can be ascertained, on the roll to come into force on the 1st August, 1868, and on which the figures now given are based. The number on the roll now in force is 301.

(e) This number is according to the present roll.

(f) This return is made up from the last rate without taking account of the revision court. The defaulters are, however, omitted under the heading of "Persons qualified to vote as Ratepayers."

(g) The number of persons qualified to vote as ratepayers is taken from the burgess list which was revised on the 15th July, 1868.

(h) This number is subject to alteration on revision.

(i) For 2182 properties. Upwards of 300 on the rate-book are unknown owners and absentees.

RETURN to an Order of the Legislative Council for a Classified List of Ratepayers in Shires and Road Districts.

(Where blanks occur, the returns have not been received.)

S. Shire. D. Road District.	Shire or Road District.	Total Number of Persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers.	Total Number of Ratepayers on the Rate last made.	Number of persons rated under £25.	Number of persons rated at from £25 and under £50.	Number of persons rated at from £50 and under £100.	Number of persons rated at from £100 and under £150.	Number of persons rated at from £150 and under £200.	Number of persons rated at from £200 and under £300.	Number of persons rated at £300 and upwards.
S.	Alberton ...	310	392	254	72	43	13	8	1	1
D.	Alexandra ^a ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S.	Ararat ...	747	1,455	881	319	170	22	14	12	37
S.	Avoca ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S.	Avon ...	511	833	531	136	112	22	9	10	13
D.	Bacchus Marsh and Maddingley ...	396	517	329	103	58	19	6	2	...
S.	Bairnsdale ...	253	545	310	114	70	16	8	8	19
S.	Ballan ...	823	1,104	819	176	64	18	6	11	10
S.	Ballarat ...	813	1,060	356	197	306	83	56	43	19
S.	Bannockburn ...	429	527	329	105	48	25	10	5	5
S.	Barrabool ...	535	675	439	149	61	8	7	9	2
S.	Beechworth ...	869	1,553	1,360	124	55	11	2	...	1
S.	Belfast ...	709	1,162	734	209	123	26	22	14	34
S.	Bellarine ...	505	980	789	97	66	19	6	1	2
S.	Berwick ...	286	452	293	80	55	13	5	2	4
S.	Bet-bet ...	459	949	758	118	40	12	9	6	6
D.	Boroondara ...	211	279	150	74	38	8	5	2	2
D.	Braybrook ...	225	286	179	61	28	8	2	2	6
S.	Bright ...	415	1,235	1,087	79	46	9	5	6	3
D.	Broadmeadows ...	275	275	121	49	42	35	11	9	8
S.	Bulla ...	178	199	101	25	26	20	10	10	7
D.	Bungaree ...	715	1,111	876	174	48	5	1	5	2
S.	Buninyong ...	1,494	2,597	2,227	240	72	35	15	5	3
D.	Bylands and Glenburnie ...	177	210	130	52	17	8	1	2	...
D.	Campbell's Creek ...	335	409	333	38	34	2	1	...	1

(a) For the Alexandra Road District the returns are not obtainable, the Board having only recently been formed.

SHIRES AND ROAD DISTRICTS—*continued.*

S. Shire. D. Road District.	Shire or Road District.	Total Number of persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers.	Total Number of Ratepayers on the Rate last made.	Number of persons rated under £25.	Number of persons rated at from £25 and under £50.	Number of persons rated at from £50 and under £100.	Number of persons rated at from £100 and under £150.	Number of persons rated at from £150 and under £200.	Number of persons rated at from £200 and under £300.	Number of persons rated at £300 and upwards.
D.	Caulfield	152	262	154	56	28	11	9	3	1
S.	Colac	414	551	327	113	62	15	6	2	26
D.	Connewarre	102	128	67	41	13	1	3	2	1
S.	Corio	344	535	328	114	51	15	9	5	13
S.	Cranbourne	222	410	299	54	29	13	3	7	5
S.	Creswick	1,089	1,261	681	216	230	88	23	14	9
D.	Dandenong	114	181	126	35	13	3	3	...	1
D.	Donnybrook and Wallan-wallan	183	209	119	35	29	10	9	1	6
S.	Dundas	611	648	332	134	85	13	19	14	51
D.	Echuca	67	88	25	15	9	5	7	8	19
D.	Eltham	189	266	175	41	36	10	...	3	1
D.	Epping	441	524	332	113	62	15	7	2	3
D.	Franklin and Yandoit	371	810	652	94	47	12	4	1	...
D.	Fryer's	301 ^a	941	861	59	16	3	1	...	1
D.	Gardiner	226	289	153	62	48	15	8	3	...
D.	Gisborne (United)	282	513	356	65	43	32	8	4	5
S.	Glenelg	567	631 ^b	348	157	73	15	9	1	28
S.	Glenlyon	386	646	470	88	57	23	6	1	1
D.	Greensborough	80	119	71	34	8	3	1	2	...
S.	Grenville	836	1,726	1,428	181	76	12	16	3	10
S.	Hampden	580	811	781	13	6	5	3	2	1
D.	Heidelberg	175	287	158	64	26	19	7	8	5
S.	Huntley	334	639	497	79	41	11	3	5	3
D.	Indigo	64	168	113	45	6	3	...	1	...
D.	Kangerong	78	134	95	20	12	4	2	...	1
D.	Keilor	117	196	135	19	19	12	4	2	5
S.	Korong	258	665	580	39	23	9	3	8	3
S.	Kyneton	1,183	1,844	1,273	308	185	54	15	5	4
D.	Lancefield	253	253	110	56	49	17	9	10	2
S.	Leigh	259	474	464	4	2	1	1	2	...
S.	Lexton	225	425	259	72	58	15	4	2	15
D.	Loddon East	306	408	217	127	52	6	...	...	6
S.	Maldon	1,125	1,746	1,344	263	98	21	7	7	6
S.	Mansfield	245	292	148	59	50	14	3	9	9
S.	Marong	681	1,365	1,047	173	96	31	6	5	7
D.	Melton	186	287	195	35	28	12	4	2	11
D.	Meredith	199	434	351	52	16	5	2	1	7
S.	Metcalfe	395	587	397	109	55	11	6	3	6
D.	Moorabbin	536	564	263	149	37	10	2	2	1
S.	Mortlake	303	352	147	103	49	12	9	4	28
D.	Mount Eliza	237	413	316	54	26	7	5	3	2
S.	Mount Rouse	313	329	153	71	49	16	4	6	30
S.	McIvor	146	583	471	49	32	10	4	8	9
S.	Newstead	466	677	484	91	86	11	...	3	2
D.	North Harrow	36	87	47	8	7	2	5	1	17
S.	North Ovens	218	447	297	79	54	10	3	1	3
D.	Nunawading	231	287	201	60	19	5	...	1	1
D.	Oakleigh and Mulgrave	265	359	251	83	15	10	...	...	...
S.	Oxley	347	523	259	139	92	19	7	5	2
D.	Pentridge	261	371	263	72	28	4	3	1	...
S.	Portland	527	627	332	152	76	19	7	7	34
D.	Pyalong	129	244	78	126	34	3	2	...	1
S.	Ripon	916	1,231	896	171	90	31	8	4	31
D.	Rutherglen	257	560	452	60	26	11	5	5	1
S.	Saint Arnaud	240	313	188	51	42	13	8	4	7
D.	Seymour	191	227	130	49	25	8	5	7	3
D.	Springfield ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S.	Stawell	961	1,327	1,049	142	82	22	10	8	14
S.	Strathfieldsaye	394	896	732	114	32	10	2	4	2
D.	Swan Hill	62	63	13	9	6	7	6	7	15
S.	Talbot	447	753	573	106	54	9	4	3	4
D.	Templestowe	160	203	139	38	19	5	1	1	...
S.	Tullaroop	557	957	674	217	43	10	4	4	5
D.	Upper Plenty or Morang	219	294	208	47	32	2	3	2	...
D.	Upper Yarra	108	133	60	34	19	7	3	2	8
S.	Waranga	274	811	582	123	74	15	6	4	7
S.	Warrnambool	672	1,239	608	345	167	58	12	20	29
D.	Whittlesea	104	148	86	27	21	9	1	2	2
D.	Willowmavin	87	108	87	20	...	1	...	...	...
S.	Wimmera	122	148	60	21	19	10	9	5	24
S.	Winchelsea	303	453	270	98	50	8	2	4	21
D.	Woodend, Newham, & Rochford	209	294	165	57	50	15	4	2	1
D.	Woodstock	96	96	37	36	11	6	4	1	1
S.	Wyndham	212	333	189	65	34	15	5	4	21
S.	Yackandandah	475	750	536	125	56	18	5	7	3
100	Total	36,391	57,758	40,240	9,226	5,015	1,429	607	455	786

(a) The number of ratepayers in this District returned to Electoral Registrars as qualified to vote is 860; the number given must therefore be held to mean voters for the District Board.

(b) In addition to this number there are 170 properties charged to "Owner," being lands once selected but since forfeited.

SUMMARY.

	Total Number of persons qualified to Vote as Ratepayers.	Total Number of Ratepayers on the Rate last made.	Number of persons rated under £25.	Number of persons rated at from £25 and under £50.	Number of persons rated at from £50 and under £100.	Number of persons rated at from £100 and under £150.	Number of persons rated at from £150 and under £200.	Number of persons rated at from £200 and under £300.	Number of persons rated at £300 and upwards.
Melbourne	10,060	10,060	4,645	2,335	1,433	675	272	344	356
Geelong... ..	1,775	2,966	2,253	350	243	68	22	16	14
Boroughs	44,014	65,833	49,225	8,490	4,213	1,317	458	283	199
Shires and Road Districts ...	36,391	57,758	40,240	9,226	5,015	1,429	607	455	786
Grand Totals	92,240	136,617	96,363	20,401	10,904	3,489	1,359	1,098	1,355

RETURN showing the Classification of Electors for the Provinces of the Colony of Victoria to 12th May, 1868.

Provinces.	Number of Electors.						
	General Roll Revised October, 1867.	Supplementary Roll Revised April, 1868.	Total.	Qualifications.			Indefinite, or not specified.
				Freehold.*	Leasehold and Occupying Tenant.*	Professional, and Educational, and Official.	
Central... ..	3,373	38	3,411	1,758	1,152	466	35
South	1,774	17	1,791	1,201	301	219	70
South Western	2,004	27	2,031	1,234	426	360	11
Western	980	11	991	625	164	140	62
North Western	2,402	23	2,425	1,679	292	349	105
Eastern... ..	943	22	965	684	106	137	38
Totals	11,476	138	11,614	7,181	2,441	1,671	321

* It is possible that the Freehold column may include some leaseholders, and the Leasehold, &c., column some freeholders, it being difficult in many cases to determine from the Rolls to which class the qualification belongs.

J. MOORE.

1868.

VICTORIA.

PROGRESS REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ON

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT,

AND

REPORT

ON THE

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL;

TOGETHER WITH

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

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TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with *amended* notice, moved, That the subject of altering and amending the Constitution be referred to a Select Committee of ten members, with power to call for witnesses and papers, and that the Committee have power to sit during the adjournment of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That such Committee consist of the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, J. F. Strachan, C. Sladen, A. Fraser, J. O'Shanassy, W. Degraives, J. P. Fawkner, H. M. Murphy, W. Highett, and the Mover.

Two members required that the Committee should be formed by ballot.

The Clerk having reported that the Honorables W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, J. P. Fawkner, C. Sladen, W. Highett, W. Degraives, J. O'Shanassy, J. F. Strachan, and the Honorable A. Fraser had received more votes than any other members had received—and that the Honorables H. M. Murphy and J. Sherwin had an equality of votes—the President declared the Honorables W. H. F. Mitchell, T. T. a'Beckett, J. P. Fawkner, C. Sladen, W. Highett, W. Degraives, J. O'Shanassy, J. F. Strachan, and the Honorable A. Fraser to be members of the Committee, and decided that the Honorable H. M. Murphy should serve on the Committee.

The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable the President be also a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill being called on, the Honorable H. M. Murphy moved, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on the Constitution.

Question—put and passed.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—PROGRESS REPORT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed on the 30th June, to which Committee was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, brought up a Progress Report from the Committee.

The Report was read at the Table as follows :—

The Select Committee of your Honorable House, appointed on the 30th June, to whom was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, inform your Honorable House that they have agreed to the following resolution :

That it is deemed desirable by this Committee to ask for the co-operation of the Legislative Assembly in altering and amending the Constitution by the action of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT.—SELECT COMMITTEE.—PROGRESS REPORT.—The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That the Progress Report of the Select Committee on the subject of altering and amending the Constitution be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Contents, 10.

The Hon. J. O'Shanassy
C. Sladen
W. H. F. Mitchell
C. J. Jenner
R. Turnbull
W. Highett
J. P. Bear
T. Learmonth
A. Fraser
Dr. Wilkie (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 6.

The Hon. G. W. Cole
H. M. Murphy
W. Campbell
J. McCrae
W. Degraives
W. H. Pettett (*Teller*).

The question was therefore passed.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved, That a Message embodying the resolution reported from the Select Committee be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, recommending that a Joint Committee be appointed for the objects named in such resolution ; such Committee to consist of seven members from each House, nine of whom shall form a quorum.

Question—put and passed.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1868.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT (2).—The Honorable W. Highett, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee to which was referred the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, brought up a report from the Committee on the Bill.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee be made an Order of the Day for the next day of meeting of the Council.

Question—put and passed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT.—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Report and Proceedings of the Committee, together with the Draft Bill prepared by the Committee, be printed.

Question—put and passed.

PROGRESS REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of your Honorable House, appointed on the 30th June, to whom was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, inform your Honorable House that they have agreed to the following resolution :—

That it is deemed desirable by this Committee to ask for the co-operation of the Legislative Assembly in altering and amending the Constitution by the action of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

W. H. F. MITCHELL.

Committee Room,
19th July, 1868.

REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE, to which was referred the subject of altering and amending the Constitution, to which Committee was referred the "*Bill to alter the Qualifications of Electors and Members of the Legislative Council to increase the number of Members thereof and to provide that votes at Elections for certain of such Members may be recorded by means of Voting Papers,*" have the honor to bring up the following Report:—

Your Committee have gone through the Bill, and have amended it in certain particulars, as set forth in the Draft Bill accompanying their Report.

J. F. PALMER.

Committee Room,
26th August, 1868.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1868.

Members present :—

The Hon. J. O'Shanassy		The Hon. C. Sladen
T. T. a'Beckett		The President
W. H. F. Mitchell		W. Highett.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell was appointed Chairman of the Committee. Committee deliberated.

The Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell left the committee room.

The Honorable C. Sladen was moved into the Chair.

Committee adjourned till Wednesday, the 12th proximo, at two o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1868.

Members present :—

The Hon. The President		The Hon. C. Sladen
W. Highett		W. Degraives.

No business was transacted.

[The Members who attended desired it to be recorded that they left the committee room to attend the funeral of the late Honorable John Sherwin, Member of the Council.]

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1868.

Members present :—

		The Hon. W. H. F. Mitchell, in the chair;
The Hon. H. M. Murphy		The Hon. C. Sladen
J. O'Shanassy		W. Highett
T. T. a'Beckett		J. F. Strachan.
The President		

Committee deliberated.

The Honorable J. O'Shanassy moved—That it is deemed desirable by this Committee to ask for the co-operation of the Legislative Assembly in altering and amending the Constitution by the action of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

The Chairman was ordered to report the foregoing resolution to the Council in a Progress Report.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the Committee do now adjourn until two o'clock to-morrow, then to take into consideration the Bill referred to the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1868.

Members present :—

		The Hon. W. H. F. Mitchell, in the chair;
The Hon. W. Highett		The Hon. H. M. Murphy
J. O'Shanassy		The President.
C. Sladen		

Committee deliberated.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the Bill referred to the Committee be taken into consideration clause by clause.

Preamble and clauses 1 and 2 postponed.

Clause 3—read and agreed to.

Clause 4—agreed to. The Honorable J. O'Shanassy desiring it to be recorded that he did not vote on the clauses of the Bill.

Clause 5—agreed to.

Clause 6—agreed to.

Clause 7.—The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the words "teaching in a common school" be added after the word "schoolmaster" in the 5th line.—Agreed to.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the words "for the general province hereinafter mentioned" be struck out, and the words "in the province in which such male person shall reside."—Agreed to.

Clause 7 as amended—agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 13—agreed to.

Clause 14—agreed to.

The Honorable H. M. Murphy left the Committee room.

Clauses 15 and 16—agreed to.

Clause 17.—The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the words "hereafter elected" be struck out.

Question—put and passed.

Further consideration of the clause postponed.

Clause 18—agreed to.

Clause 19—agreed to.

Committee adjourned till two p.m. on Tuesday, 25th instant.

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1868.

Members present :—

The Hon. W. H. F. Mitchell, in the chair ;

The Hon. The President
W. Highett

The Hon. C. Sladen.

Committee deliberated.

Clause 20—agreed to.

The Honorable A. Fraser entered the Committee room.

Clauses 21 and 22—struck out.

Clause 23.—The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the clause stand thus:—The members of the Council and the graduates of the University of Melbourne shall together form an electoral constituency, and shall return one member to the Legislative Council, which shall henceforth consist of Thirty-one members ; and, at every election of such member every member of the Council and every graduate of the University shall have one vote.—Agreed to.

Clause 24.—The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the clause stand thus:—Every member of the Legislative Council, elected in pursuance of the provisions of the preceding section, shall hold his seat for five years from the date of his election, and no longer.—Agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 43 struck out.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That the word “ sixth ” be struck out, and the word “ third ” inserted instead in clause 44.—Agreed to.

Clause 44 as amended—agreed to.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved, That clause 45 be adopted as follows:—The first writ for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the said University shall be issued within three months after the passing of this Act.—Agreed to.

Clauses 46, 47, and 48—agreed to.

Part VI., Clause 49.—Words, “ and to proceedings at and concerning the election of members to serve in the said Council for the General Province,” struck out.

Clause as amended agreed to.

The Honorable H. M. Murphy entered the Committee room.

Clause 50—agreed to.

Clause 51.—“ Members,” in line 3, struck out, and “ the member ” inserted ; “ for the general province and ” struck out.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Preamble considered.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the word “ greater ” be omitted.—Agreed to.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the words “ a member ” be inserted instead of “ members.”—Agreed to.

The Honorable C. Sladen moved—That the words “ general province and for the ” be omitted.—Agreed to.

Preamble as amended agreed to.

Clause 1.—“ 1868 ” to be inserted instead of “ 1867.”

” Part III.—“ Member ” inserted instead of “ members.”

” Part IV. struck out.

” Part V. made Part IV.

” “ General province and ” struck out.

” Part VI. made Part V.

Clauses to be re-numbered throughout the Bill.

Clause 2—agreed to.

Clause 7 re-considered.—Words “ teaching in a common school ” struck out.

” After “ colony,” in line 8, words “ under an Act of the Legislature,” inserted.

” line 16, “ such ” struck out, “ a ” inserted instead. After “ member,” the words

“ to the said Council for the University of Melbourne ” inserted.

The Committee adjourned until two p.m., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1868.

Members present :—

The Hon. The President, in the chair ;

The Hon. J. F. Strachan

The Hon. W. Highett.

Draft Bill as amended laid on the Table.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the words “ for the first time,” in clause 17 be omitted—Agreed to.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That, in the title, all the words after “ thereof ” be omitted—Agreed to.

The Honorable W. Highett moved, That the word “ and ” be inserted after the word “ Council,” in the title.

—Agreed to.

Chairman ordered to report the Bill as amended.

Draft Report read and agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Draft Bill as prepared by Select Committee.)

A B I L L

To alter the Qualifications of Electors and Members of the Legislative Council, and to increase the number of Members thereof.

WHEREAS it is expedient to reduce the property qualification required to be possessed by Members of the Legislative Council, and to increase the number of Members of such Council, and it is also expedient to alter the qualification of the persons entitled to vote in the election of Members of the said Council, and to afford facilities for voting to the electors by this Act declared entitled to vote at elections of a Member to serve in the said Council for the University of Melbourne: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):

Preamble.

1. This Act shall come into operation on the _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight. It shall be called and may be cited as "*The Legislative Council Amendment Act 1868.*" and is divided into parts as follows:—
 - PART I.—Qualification of Electors, ss. 3-13.
 - PART II.—Qualification of Members, ss. 14-20.
 - PART III.—Additional Member, ss. 21-22.
 - PART IV.—Proceedings at and concerning elections for University of Melbourne, ss. 23-27.
 - PART V.—Miscellaneous Provisions, ss. 28-30.

Commencement and title of Act.

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2. The

Repeal of Acts.
First Schedule.

2. The several parts of Acts mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act to the extent to which such parts of Acts are in and by the said Schedule expressed to be repealed, shall be and the same are hereby repealed; but all acts matters and things had done or happened under the enactments hereby repealed or any of them shall be of the same force and effect, and all offences against and punishments and penalties incurred under the said enactments or any of them, may be dealt with inflicted and enforced upon and against all persons liable thereto, in like manner as to each case herein-mentioned as if no such repeal had taken place. All acts proceedings matters and things which at the time of the commencement of this Act have under the enactments hereby repealed or any of them been begun and are pending shall respectively be continued carried on and completed under and in pursuance of the provisions of this Act in the like behalf.

PART I.—QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS.

Persons naturalized
to be deemed na-
tural born.

3. Every male person of the full age of twenty-one years, if he be a naturalized or denizen subject of Her Majesty, and if he have resided in Victoria for twelve months previous to the first day of January or July in any year, and if he have been naturalized or made denizen at least three years next preceding that day, and if he be not subject to any legal incapacity, shall for the purposes of this part of this Act be deemed and taken to be a natural-born subject of Her Majesty.

Freeholders to vote
in elections for
the Council.

4. Every male person of the full age of twenty-one years, if he be not subject to any legal incapacity, and if he be a natural-born subject of Her Majesty, and seised at law or in equity for his own life or for the life of another, or for any larger estate of lands or tenements in any city town borough shire or road district in Victoria rated to such city town borough shire or road district at not less than fifty pounds a year, or subject as hereinafter mentioned of lands or tenements in Victoria not situate in any city town borough shire or road district of the clear value of one thousand pounds or of the clear yearly value of one hundred pounds, shall subject to the provisions of this Act and of "*The Electoral Act 1865*" be qualified to vote in the election of members of the Legislative Council for the electoral province in which such lands or tenements are respectively situate.

Lessees may vote
at such elections.

5. Every such male person as aforesaid, if he be entitled as lessee or assignee for the unexpired residue of any term originally created for a period of not less than five years to any lands or tenements in any city town borough shire or road district in Victoria rated to such city town borough shire or road district at not less than fifty pounds a year, or subject as hereinafter mentioned to any lands or tenements in Victoria not situate in any city town borough shire or road district of the clear yearly value of one hundred pounds over and above all rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same, shall subject to the provisions of this Act and of "*The Electoral Act 1865*" be qualified to vote in the election

election of members of the Legislative Council for the electoral province in which such lands or tenements are situate.

6. Every such male person as aforesaid if he occupy as tenant any lands or tenements in any city town borough shire or road district in Victoria, rated to such city town borough shire or road district at not less than fifty pounds a year, or subject as hereinafter mentioned any lands or tenements in Victoria not situate in any city town borough shire or road district for which he shall be *bonâ fide* liable to a yearly rent of not less than one hundred pounds shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and "*The Electoral Act 1865*" be qualified to vote in the election of members of the Legislative Council for the electoral province in which such lands or tenements are situate.

Occupiers may vote at such elections.

7. Every such male person as aforesaid if he be resident in Victoria and be a graduate of any University in the British dominions or a barrister at law solicitor or conveyancer or a legally qualified medical practitioner or a minister of any church or religious denomination, or a schoolmaster possessing testimonials that he is duly qualified to teach under the Commissioners of Education of Great Britain and Ireland, or the like testimonials that he is qualified under some competent board appointed by the Government of this colony under an Act of the Legislature, or an officer or retired officer of Her Majesty's land or sea forces not on actual service, or a retired officer of the East India Company's forces, or if he have matriculated at the University of Melbourne but not have taken a degree, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and of "*The Electoral Act 1865*," be qualified to vote in the election of members of the Legislative Council in the province in which such male person shall reside: Provided that when the University of Melbourne is entitled to return a member to the said Council no person who is entitled to vote in the return of a member to the said Council for the University of Melbourne shall be entitled to vote under the provisions of this section of this Act as being a graduate of any university.

Graduates professional men military and naval officers and matriculated students may vote at such elections.

8. The lands or tenements in respect of which any person shall be qualified to vote as aforesaid shall not be required to be the same lands or tenements, but may be different lands or tenements owned held or occupied in immediate succession by such person, but after the expiration of five years from the passing of this Act no person shall be qualified to vote in respect of any lands or tenements unless the same are situate within some city town borough shire or road district.

Premises owned or occupied in succession sufficient.

But after five years must be in some city, town, &c.

9. No public or parliamentary tax nor any municipal or other rate or assessment shall be deemed to be any charge payable out of or in respect of any lands or tenements within the meaning of this Act.

What not to be deemed charges.

10. Where any such lands or tenements as aforesaid are jointly owned or held by two or more such male persons as aforesaid as such owners lessees or assignees as aforesaid, if the rating or the clear value or clear yearly value as the case may be of such lands or tenements is of

Joint owners or lessees.

of an amount which when divided by the number of such owners lessees or assignees will give a sum of not less than the amount in that behalf hereinbefore required for each and every such owner lessee or assignee, each of such owners lessees or assignees shall be qualified to vote as aforesaid in respect of such lands or tenements so jointly owned or held but not otherwise. 5

Joint occupiers.

11. Where any such lands or tenements as aforesaid are jointly occupied by two or more such male persons as aforesaid as such tenants as aforesaid, if the rating or *bonâ fide* rent as the case may be of such lands or tenements is of an amount which when divided by the number of such tenants will give a sum of not less than the amount in that behalf hereinbefore required for each and every such tenant, each of such tenants shall be qualified to vote as aforesaid in respect of such lands or tenements so jointly occupied but not otherwise. 10

Mortgagees and trustees.

12. No mortgagee of any lands or tenements unless he is in the actual possession or in receipt of the rents and profits thereof shall be qualified to vote for or by reason of any mortgage estate therein; but the mortgagor in actual possession or in receipt of the rents and profits thereof shall be qualified to vote for the same notwithstanding such mortgage; and no trustee of any lands or tenements shall in any case be qualified to vote for or by reason of any trust estate therein, but the *cestui que* trust in actual possession or in receipt of the rents and profits thereof, though he may receive the same through the hands of the trustee, shall be qualified to vote for the same notwithstanding such trust. 15 20

Elector to have one vote only for the same province.

13. No person shall be entitled to more than one vote for any one and the same province notwithstanding he may have a plurality of qualifications within such province. 25

PART II.—QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

Qualification members.

14. No person shall be capable of being hereafter elected a member of the Legislative Council unless he be of the full age of thirty years, and a natural born subject of the Queen, nor unless he have for one year previous to such election been legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold in possession for his own use and benefit, in lands or tenements in some city town borough shire or road district in Victoria of the value of two thousand five hundred pounds or of the annual value of two hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same respectively, and rated to such city town borough shire or road district at not less than two hundred and fifty pounds a year, or subject as hereinafter mentioned, in lands or tenements in Victoria, not situate in any city town borough shire or road district of the value of five thousand pounds, or of the annual value of five hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same respectively: Provided that after the expiration of five years from the passing of this Act no person shall be qualified to be elected by virtue of any lands or tenements which shall not be situate within some city town borough shire or road district. 30 35 40 45

15. No

15. No judge of any court of the said colony appointed during good behaviour nor any minister of any religious denomination, whatever may be his title rank or designation, shall be capable of being elected a member of the Legislative Council.

Judge or minister of religion not to be a member.

5 16. No person who has been attainted of any treason or convicted of any felony or infamous offence within any part of Her Majesty's dominions shall be capable of being elected a member of the Legislative Council.

Traitor or felon not to be a member.

10 17. Every member of the Legislative Council shall before taking his seat in the said Council in each and every session of Parliament make and subscribe a declaration in writing in the form set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, and shall deliver the same to the clerk of the said Council at the place where and while the said Council is sitting with the President in the chair; and the said clerk shall file and keep every such declaration with the other records of his office.

Declaration by members.

Second Schedule.

15 18. If any Member of the Legislative Council hereafter elected sit or vote in the said Council in any session of Parliament before he has in the same session made such declaration as aforesaid he shall be liable for every day on which he shall so offend to pay the sum of two hundred pounds to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Penalty for sitting before making declaration.

20 19. If any Member of the Legislative Council knowingly and wilfully make any false declaration respecting his qualification as aforesaid he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and if he be thereof lawfully convicted he shall suffer the like pains and penalties as by law are incurred by persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

False declaration.

25 20. If any person by this Act disabled or declared to be incapable to sit or vote in the Legislative Council be elected and returned as a member to serve in the said Council, such election and return may be declared by the said Council to be void, and thereupon the same shall become void to all intents and purposes; and if any person so elected and returned contrary to the provisions of this Act sit or vote as a member of the said Council he shall be liable to pay the sum of two hundred pounds, to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Election of member incapable to sit to be declared void.

Penalty for such person sitting.

PART III.—ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

40 21. The members of the Council and the graduates of the University of Melbourne shall together form an electoral constituency and shall return one member to the Legislative Council, which shall henceforth consist of thirty-one members; and at every election of such member every member of the Council and every graduate of the University shall have one vote.

University of Melbourne to return one member.

45 22. Every member of the Legislative Council elected in pursuance of the provisions of the preceding section shall hold his seat for five years from the date of his election and no longer.

Additional members to sit for five years.

PART IV.

PART IV.—PROCEEDINGS AT AND CONCERNING ELECTIONS FOR UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

- Governor to issue writ. 23. Every writ for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the University of Melbourne shall be issued by the Governor directed to the Vice-Chancellor of the said University, and may be in the form in the Third Schedule to this Act, and such Vice-Chancellor shall thereupon in due course of law proceed to election, and after such election certify the same together with the writ according to the directions thereof. 5
- Third Schedule.
- First election. 24. The first writ for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the said University shall be issued within three months after the passing of this Act. 10
- Nomination of candidate. 25. At any election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the University of Melbourne all the provisions of "*The Electoral Act 1865*" respecting the nomination of candidates shall relate and be applied to the nomination of candidates for the said University; and for the purpose of carrying such provisions into effect the Vice-Chancellor of the said University shall have all the powers and perform all the duties by the said Act given to or imposed upon the returning officer of any province mentioned in the said Act, and the polling shall continue for one day only, and the poll shall commence at nine o'clock in the morning on the day in that behalf named in the writ and shall, unless lawfully adjourned, finally close at four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. 15 20
- Polling.
- Vice-Chancellor to appoint additional polling places, *pro* Vice-Chancellors &c. for conducting the poll. 26. At every such election the Vice-Chancellor of the said University shall have power to appoint any number of polling places not exceeding three in addition to the Senate House, and to direct at which of such polling places the members of the Council and Graduates shall vote; and also to appoint any number of *pro* Vice-Chancellors, any one of whom may receive the votes and decide upon all questions during the absence of such Vice-Chancellor; and such Vice-Chancellor shall have power to appoint any number of poll clerks and other officers for the proper conduct of such election. 25 30
- University to make statutes for regulating election. 27. The Council of the said University shall prior to the first election of a member for the said University make and may from time to time alter, subject in every case to the approval of the Senate of the said University, a Statute or Statutes or regulations (so as the same be not repugnant to any existing law or to the provisions of this Act) for regulating the mode of voting and conducting the poll at elections of members to serve in the Legislative Council for the said University: Provided that in every such Statute or regulation in force for the time being provision shall be made for taking the votes of the electors of the said University by ballot or secret voting, and for recording the votes of such of the said electors as desire so to vote by means of written voting papers. 35 40 45

PART V.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

28. All the provisions of "*The Electoral Act 1865*" except in so far as the same are varied by this Act, and except also where the same are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act shall relate and be applied to the registration of electors by this Act qualified or entitled to vote in the election of members to serve in the Legislative Council for any province; and this Act shall be construed with and as part of "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"

This Act to be construed as part of "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"

29. If any election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council shall take place after the passing of this Act and before the general electoral rolls to be hereafter made in this present year shall come into operation, such election shall be held and taken in all respects as if this Act had not been passed; and every person who but for the passing of this Act would be entitled to vote at such election shall be entitled to vote thereat anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any election before new electoral rolls in force not to be affected by this Act.

30. All laws Statutes Acts ordinances and usages now in force respecting the election of members to serve in the Legislative Council shall be and remain in full force, and shall apply to the election of the member to serve in the said Council for the University of Melbourne except so far as the said laws Statutes Acts ordinances or usages are repealed or altered by this Act or are inconsistent with any of the provisions hereof.

All election laws to remain in force except where superseded by this Act.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Section 2.

Date of Act.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
18 and 19 Vict. c. 55 Schedule (1)	<i>"The Constitution Act"</i>	Sections 4 7 33 and Schedule A and so much of section 26 as relates to any person being elected and returned or sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Council.
29 Vict. No. 279 ...	<i>"An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Electors and Elections of Members to serve in Parliament."</i>	Sections 5 6 and 7.

SECOND

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Section 17.

I do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands and tenements in Victoria, situate in the parish of _____ in the county or reputed county of _____ the description of which lands and tenements is as follows [*here insert description by metes and bounds*]. And I further declare that the said lands and tenements are of the value of _____ pounds sterling, and that the same are unencumbered [*or subject only to a mortgage (or mortgages) to secure the payment of the sum of _____ and interest (or subject only to a charge of an annuity or rent charge of _____ per annum the present value of which is _____ (or as the case may be) and save as aforesaid are unencumbered*]. And I further declare that the said lands and tenements are rated in the rate books of the city of Melbourne [*or town of Geelong (or as the case may be)*] for the now current year at the sum of _____ [*or are not situate within any city town borough shire or road district (a).*] And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned or to sit as a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Section 23.

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

To the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne,

GREETING—

We command you that you proceed according to law to the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council for the said University: And We do hereby appoint the _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord _____ to be the day before which nominations of candidates at and for the said election are to be made: And We do further command you that in the event of the said election being contested, the poll shall be taken on the _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord _____ at the Senate House of the said University, and such other polling places not exceeding three, as you may for that purpose appoint. And that this Our Writ with the name of the person so elected indorsed hereon by you shall be returned to Us here on the _____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord _____

Witness His Excellency _____ the Governor and Commander
in-Chief of the colony of Victoria at Melbourne, the _____ day of
in the _____ year of Our reign.

(a) After the expiration of five years from the passing of this Act these words are to be omitted from the form of declaration.

1868.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

LAI'D UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE R. S. ANDERSON, AND ORDERED BY
THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1868.

By Authority:

JOHN FERRES, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

REPORT.

In pursuance of the Order of your Honorable House, your Committee have had referred to them the several Papers mentioned in the following Table, upon which your Committee beg to report as appears by such Table :—

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Health Officer.—Report of, for year ending 31st December, 1867	"	"	"
Industrial Schools.—Report of Inspector for year 1867	"	"	"
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Sanatory Station.—Report of Chief Medical Officer (to 31st December, 1867)	"	By Command	"
Electric Telegraph.—Report of General Superintendent (to 31st December, 1867)	"	"
Statistics of Victoria.—Agricultural and Live Stock, for year ending 31st March, 1867	"	"
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Friendly Societies, Registered—Return of (1867)	"	"
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Lands sold and leased (1st July, 1866, to 31st December, 1866)	"	"
Lands sold and leased (1st January, 1867, to 30th June, 1867)	"	"
Lands excepted from mining operations at Ballarat.—Order in Council (11th November, 1867)	"	"
Castlemaine Mining District—Divisions of.—Order in Council (4th December, 1867)	"	"
Polling Places, Castlemaine Mining District (4th December, 1867)	"	"
Steiglitz County Court—Appointment of.—Order in Council (27th January, 1868)	"	"
Message from His Excellency the Governor, enclosing Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State	2nd June, 1868	By Command	"

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Mining Leases.—Rent and Labor Covenants.— Order in Council (16th March, 1868)	2nd June, 1868	By Command	No order made..
Mining Lease, Ballarat East, refused.—Order in Council (16th March, 1868)	"	"	"
Mineral Leases.—Order in Council (2nd March, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining Leases.—Regulations.—Order in Coun- cil (2nd March, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining operation authorised, Castlemaine (20th December, 1867)	"	"	"
Mining on Reserved Land, Sandhurst, refused, (27th January, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Castlemaine Divisions.—Order in Council (4th December, 1867)	"	"	"
Mining operations—Land excepted from—Bal- larat.—Order in Council (11th November, 1867)	"	"	"
Mining District, Gippsland—Division of.— Order in Council (20th December, 1867)	"	"	"
Mining District, Gippsland—Polling Place.— Order in Council (20th December, 1867)	"	"	"
Mining District, Ararat and Maryborough— Additional Polling Places.—Order in Coun- cil (10th February, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Ballarat—Polling places.— Order in Council (10th February, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Maryborough—Polling places. —Order in Council 27th January, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Gippsland—Polling places.— Order in Council (13th January, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Castlemaine—Polling place.— Order in Council (6th January, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining Districts—Polling places for, altered.— Order in Council (24th February, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining District, Ararat—Polling places.— Order in Council (27th January, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors' and Registrars' Reports (quarter ending 31st March, 1868)	"	"	"
Water Supply Department.—Report (31st December, 1867)	"	"	"
Geological Survey Report (31st December, 1867)	"	"	"
Imports and Exports—General Summary of (1867)	"	"	"
Criminal Statistics.—Persons taken into cus- tody, 1867	9th June, 1868	By Command	"
Pilot Board—Accounts of (year ending 31st August, 1866)	"	"	"
Statistics—Colony of Victoria.—Population (Part I, 1867)	"	"	"
Richmond Rifle Corps.—Rule	"
Statistics of the Colony of Victoria, 1867, Part 2.—Accumulation	16th June, 1868	By Command	"
Supreme Court.—Reg. Gen. (30th May, 1868)	"	"
Lands sold and leased (Land Act 1862) Return of (1st July to 31st December, 1867)	23rd June, 1868	By Command	"
Equatorial Telescope.—Letter from Lieut. Col. Pasley, communicating opinion of the Royal Society in England	"	"	"

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Education, Board of—General Regulations (15th June, 1868)	9th July, 1868	No order made.
Education, Board of—General Regulation (22nd June, 1868)	"	"
Mining operations on Reserved Lands at Tara-dale authorized.—Order in Council (29th June, 1868)	7th Aug., 1868	By Command	"
Mill Site within Public Reservoir Reserve, Yackandandah, authorised.—Order in Council (20th July, 1868)	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors' and Registrars' Reports for quarter ending (30th June, 1868)	"	"	"
Instructions as to duties of Agent General (4th August, 1868)	19th Aug., 1868	... ..	"
Library (Joint) Committee Report (with enclosures)	20th Aug., 1868	... ..	"
Education, Board of.—Sixth Report (1867-68)	"	By Command	"
Savings Banks.—General Order of Commissioners (21st August, 1868)	25th Aug., 1868	... ..	"
Chinese Population in Victoria.—Report on Condition of, (5th March, 1868)	26th Aug., 1868	By Command	"
Volunteer Force.—Musketry Report	"	"	"
Land Act 1862, and Amending Land Act 1865 —Report of Proceedings taken under, to 31st December, 1867	1st Sep., 1868	"	"
Amending Land Act 1865.—Additional Regulations.—Order in Council (31st August, 1868)	"	"	"
Yan Yean Water Supply.—Cash and Balance Sheets for year 1867	"	"
Statistics of Colony of Victoria, 1867—Part III.—Interchange	8th Sep., 1868	By Command	"
Statistics of Colony of Victoria, 1867—Part IV.—Law, Crime, &c.	"	"	"

ROBERT S. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
22nd September, 1868.

